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LET THERE BE LIGHTS!



Picture above (left) Mayor Joan Papen, Scotch Plains Traffic Sgt. Bill Bedson, and PTA Council Safety Chairman Jane Lorber during the turn-on operations of the new traffic lights at the corners of Cooper and Terrill Roads and Westfield Road and Mountain Avenue.

The traffic lights were initially proposed by the PTA Council several years ago. Mayor Papen remembers receiving a call from the State in 1976 when she was president of the PTA Council informing her that the New Jersey Department of Transportation had approved the lights and funding for the project.

The lights were then incorporated into a county project which also included five lights in other communities and resulted in the unusually long hold up.

Originally, a third light for the corner of West Broad Street and Martine Avenue was in the package. That light will now be included in the reconstruction of West Broad Street which is now in progress.

FANWOOD LISTENING POST

The monthly Fanwood Listening Post will be held on Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting will take place at Borough Hall.

IT'S VACATION TIME

Due to scheduled vacations at THE TIMES, copy deadline for the July 24th issue, will be Friday at 12 noon.

VILLAGE GREEN SUMMER SERIES FEATURES GUITARIST KEN SEBESKY

The Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee presents Ken Sebesky and his band on Thursday, July 17, at 8:00 p.m. on the Sevell Stage adjacent to the Municipal Building on Park Avenue.

Mr. Sebesky, son of prominent jazz arranger Don Sebesky, has earned a reputation as a New York studio guitarist. His group will be performing a mixture of contemporary and standard jazz and jazz/rock compositions. Featured are John Conte on bass, currently touring with Blood Sweat and Tears; Scott Healy on keyboards, and Tom Baker on drums.

The audience is advised to bring folding chairs and, in case of rain, this performance will be rescheduled. The Committee would like to thank Budget Print of Westfield for their sponsorship.

Scotch Plains Council acts on Mama Rosa's neglect

by Sharon Pachler
Scotch Plains Municipal Manager Tom Atkins expressed his "extreme displeasure" with the owners of Mama Rosa's Restaurant for their failure to clean up the site following a fire that destroyed the establishment in early Spring. Although a small amount of work has been done, the owners have neglected to eliminate the safety hazards, according to a resolution passed Tuesday night by Council. The resolution authorized the township attorney to institute County Superior Court action, if necessary, in order to force the owners to comply with clean-up regulations.

Atkins stated that although \$500 in fines have been collected from these owners, this is not the objective of the township. "We will put a lien on the property if we have to in order to get the area cleaned up. There is no reason I know of that it should have taken this long."

The public meeting in-

cluded Deputy Mayor Irene Schmidt's status report on recycling in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Having received a commitment from the College Club, the North Avenue Recycling Center will be open an additional Saturday. The Center is now available to residents on the first, third, and fourth Saturdays of each month. "Recycling is really catching on," she said, "and citizens are more aware each day." Union County has mandated each community to establish a recycling plan to alleviate the solid waste disposal crisis. Schmidt urged continued use of the joint community recycling site so that the volunteer operating organizations may benefit. She has called a meeting July 22 with carters to determine how they plan to serve the municipality once a mandatory plan is in effect.

An ordinance was adopted that evening to prohibit right hand turns on red during school hours at the lights on Mountain and Westfield

Rd. and Terrill and salaries of crossing guards Cooper Rds. Also approved on first reading was an ordinance to increase the salaries in the hopes of attracting more people to these positions.

S.P. diver named All-American



ALEXSANDRA BUCKLEY

"My friends think that all my dedication to diving will bring me to the Olympics. They don't understand how many good athletes there are out there." Maybe not. But Alexandra Buckley's friends are definitely on to something. Needing scores from an 11-dive meet to qualify for the title of All-American, and able to participate in only one such meet last season, Ali was aware of perfection necessary in each of those dives. Ranked number 31, Ali received Honorable Mention - the only freshman in the United States to even be considered and the only girl from New Jersey.

A member of the Morningside Muggers Diving Team in addition to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Diving Team, her practices range from 2½ hours a day four days a week in winter to 6½ hours a day five days a week in summer. Despite this hectic schedule and the demands of adjusting to high school, Ali joined

the marching band and took part in the Student Leadership Conference, knowing somehow that a person must go in several directions to succeed at life as well as at diving.

Her current goal is the Jr. Olympic Pre-Qualification meet to be held this August in Pennsylvania where she must place in the top five to qualify for National competition. "I've been to Nationals for the past 3 years," she said. "Hopefully this will be my fourth year...I think about this meet every night." The pressure to perform comes from Ali and is always with her.

Ali placed ninth on the 3 meter spring board last year at Nationals and tenth on the one meter board. But having come in first at both the Canadian Exchange meet and last year's Garden State Games, she knows how it feels to be in a class by herself and is anxious to feel it again.

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Flood control urged by Fanwood

by Sharon Pachler

A resolution was approved by Fanwood's Council last week reaffirming borough support of the Water Resources Conservation, Development and Infrastructure Improvement and Rehabilitation Act of 1985. Omnibus water resources and conservation legislation have been passed by the House of Representatives and the US Senate. The Senate bill, however, as it pertains to the Green Brook, would only protect a portion of the basin "and ignores those portions...where the greatest potential for human injury exists," according to this resolution. It encourages members of the Conference Committee to support the bill as it relates to the Green Brook sub-basin.

Council also showed their support for a constitutional amendment on

the Mount Laurel rulings. Decisions made by the Supreme Court concerning Fanwood's fair share of low and moderate income housing units have caused much concern regarding growth within the borough. A resolution passed that evening states that these NJ Supreme Court decisions have 'degraded the authority of local officials to determine what is best for the community' and supports "efforts to place a constitutional amendment before the voters..."

"20 and out" early retirement benefits for police and fire personnel were opposed by Council members at this July public meeting. According to Councilman Andrew MacDonald, adoption of this plan would result in great cost increases to the borough. Copies of this resolution will be sent to Fanwood's legislative representatives.