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## Township participates in telephone books recycling

The Township of Scotch Plains (through the Solid Waste/Recycling Office) will be participating in the New Jersey telephone books recycling program. Facilities will be provided at the Department of Public Works, 2445 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains where you can bring your old phone book/directories, for recycling.

### Date/Time:

Saturday, April 25 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon  
Sunday, April 26 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM  
Monday thru Friday April 27 - May 1 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Saturday, May 2 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon  
Sunday, May 3 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM

This service is not restricted to Scotch Plains residents; local communities are also welcome. This program is sponsored by Bell Atlantic Corp. and Union County Utilities Authority. NOTE: No magazines or catalogs will be accepted. We reserve the right to refuse any non-conforming materials.

## Free Rabies Clinic

Free Rabies Clinics for cats and dogs sponsored by the Scotch Plains Health Department, Wednesday evening, April 15th, 1992, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Northside Firehouse (rear of Municipal Building) and Wednesday evening, May 13th, 1992, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Southside firehouse (corner of Martine Ave. & Raritan Rd.). Dogs must be accompanied by an adult able to control the animal. Revaccination is not necessary for 3 years unless the dog is aged 3 months to 11 months, thus requiring revaccination the subsequent year. Cats must be contained in a "cat carrier" or a box and accompanied by an adult. Cats require an initial inoculation and revaccination the subsequent year before a 3 year cycle begins. 1992 dog licenses will be available at the clinic. \$6.20 if dog is spayed or neutered, \$9.20 if not. For further information please call 322-6700, ext. 309. Cats will be inoculated the 1st hour (6:30 to 7:30) at both clinics.

## Surplus foods distributed to eligible families

Government surplus foods will be distributed to eligible Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents on Tuesday or Wednesday April 14 or 15. In order to receive these commodities, all eligible residents must pre-register for 1992. Pre-registration may be done at St. John's Baptist Church on Morse Ave. any day or at the Scotch Plains Welfare Department 430 Park Avenue on Tuesday February 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

You must pick up the food from the site where you pre-registered. All recipients must present their card. Proof of income must be shown or participation in the following programs: AFDC, Food Stamps, WIC, Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability or whose incomes are as follows:

Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$ 969
2	1299
3	1628
4	1958
5	2288
6	2618

The food will be distributed at St. Johns from 10 am to 2 pm and at the welfare department from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on the days mentioned above.



## Helping hands sought for township clean-up

On Saturday, May 2, 1992, from 10 AM to 12 PM, neighborhood, volunteer, service, social and school groups will be working together to clean up the litter that accumulates in various parts of Scotch Plains. Contributions from the municipality's Clean Communities grant, sponsored by the New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, will be made to groups for their assistance during the anti-litter clean up project.

From 12 until 3 PM, the 1992 Clean Communities Advisory Committee will be holding an environmental fair: SCOTCH PLAINS -TREAT IT RIGHT WITH BRIGHT IDEAS. The fair, a celebration of bright, environmentally right, ideas will take place at Union Catholic Regional High School on Martine Avenue immediately following the litter pick up. Lunch will be served to participants and guests and exhibits, videos, and demonstrations by en-

vironmental, corporate and school groups will be featured.

A completed form and a waiver signed by each participant from your organization should be

returned no later than April 3, 1992 to: Clean Communities Coordinator, Scotch Plains Department of Public Property, 2445 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

For further information, please call 322-6700 ext. 243, Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Information packets will be mailed to the contact person listed on your form.

## Traveling down memory lane



Former Scotch Plains Mayor Mauro Checchio

School. There was no U.S. 22, but rather a state highway known as Route 29. The south side of town consisted mainly of farms and some local contractors.

The end of World War II affected us as it did many other towns in the area. Outside developers began to put up small, inexpensive houses on slabs with no basements or garages. The town was desperately in need of strategic planning for its future. A master plan had to be put in place, implemented through zoning control and strong structural and personal management to withstand the outside pressures of inevitable development. Also, the infrastructure such as sewers, roads, utilities, parks, etc. had to be considered.

We needed to preserve the integrity of Scotch Plains' colonial beginnings, its historical immigrant influx and its "small town" peacefulness, along with anticipating the coming onslaught of the move from the cities to the suburbs.

I: How do you think they did?

M.C.: I think our local officials responded intelligently, and in a way to meet our social obligations and still preserve the cultural and aesthetic

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## School Election Workers are still needed

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education is in need of School Election workers for the annual School Election to occur April 7. Workers will be employed from approximately 1:30 to 9:30 pm; and the rate of pay is \$5.77 per hour.

Anyone interested in such employment must be a registered voter and cannot be employed by the Board of Education. Workers are also asked to participate in a one and one-half to two-hour informational workshop prior to the election. Workshops will be conducted Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 2, at 10 am and 1 pm at 2345 South Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Those who would like to become election workers or substitute workers are asked to call Mrs. Marlene Wirth at the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, 232-6161 ext. 22.

(This is the fourth in a series of interviews with former mayors of Scotch Plains. Mauro Checchio served as a township committeeman for 9 years and was mayor during 1958-9.)

Interviewer: Having lived here most of your life, what was Scotch Plains like when you were young?

M.C.: My family and I all grew up here. Scotch Plains, in those days, was a small, rural town. It had blacksmith shops still, and there were only two schools, the old School 1 and the high school which is now Park Middle