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## Lindsey withdraws from Borough Council race

Citing "personal reasons and interest in pursuing other things," Republican Borough Councilman Chester Lindsey has officially withdrawn from seeking re-election. Lindsey is currently completing his first term on the Council. The Councilman confirmed that he was not entirely sure that he wanted to run back in April when he originally filed as a candidate. Lindsey stated that he was concerned at that time about holding the Republican position on the ballot. It is now up to Republican Municipal Chairman Ted Trump to replace Lindsey. According to Trump, several people are being interviewed. The Republicans will now be faced with running two political newcomers, although Republican candidate Louis Jung served on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education for 12 years. The Republicans will challenge Council President Maryanne Connelly and former Councilman Bruce Walsh.

Contacted for their reactions:

Former Mayor Patricia M. Kuran - "Chet Lindsey has been a very conscientious councilman. I supported Chet's candidacy when he first ran for Council. The Democrats had just lost a candidate and we were to name a replacement. If we had named a replacement can-

didate and that person won the election, we would have had one-party government which I feel is unhealthy. As a long-time resident and active Lion, I knew Chet would do his very best if elected. I supported him and was not disappointed."

Councilman Andrew MacDonald - "I can't say that I'm totally surprised. I believe that Councilman Lindsey brought a new perspective to the council. He was not shy about asking questions. Councilman Lindsey also had

an excellent attendance record.

Republican Municipal Chairman Ted Trump - "I was not really surprised at Councilman Lindsey's decision. Having served as a councilman and mayor, I know how time consuming a job it is. We are currently interviewing people and expect to run a replacement candidate. Even though both will be political newcomers, sometimes expertise means more than experience."

## Council opposes water rate hike

Council President and Police Commissioner Maryanne Connelly praised both the Fanwood Police and Fire Departments for their efforts during the recently held 'National Night Out'. "Once again, Fanwood showed how special it is. With the cooperation of the Fire Department, Police Dog 'Officer McGruff' rode atop the Fire truck and handed out balloons to children whose homes had an outside light on. In addition, three special prizes were awarded to Borough residents. It is in everyone's best interests to be on the alert for possible criminal activity and to assist the police as much as possible," stated Councilwoman Connelly.

Connelly also complimented auxiliary police officers Captain Jesse Pate, Sgt. Jack Ross, Patrolmen Robert Mielke and Joseph Grebe. In addition to special functions, these officers assist with weekly municipal court proceedings and animal licensing. Unlike most other communities, Fanwood does not pay their auxiliary police.

In other business, Councilman Frank Rossi introduced a resolution which harshly criticized the Elizabethtown Water Company's 14.8 percent proposed increase. In addition to increasing residents' water bills, the Borough will also face increased usage and fire hydrant fees which if approved "will have to be

## Scotch Plains Township Council Meeting

At the August 12th meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Council at the Municipal Building, a bid by the Valley Paving Company to resurface and improve municipal tennis courts at Kramer Manor and Green Forest Park was accepted. The work will cost \$156,900.00, of which all but \$6,900.00 is to be funded through capital funds. The balance will come from the Recreation Tennis Escrow Account. It had been noted by many who use the facilities that the courts were seriously in need of repair, and many of them were unusable. Work is scheduled to begin on Monday and will take approximately 12 weeks until the courts are playable.

Earlier in the meeting, Scotch Plains Police Chief Robert Luce honored

special Police Officer Russell Gottlick. Gottlick, on his own time, completed 138 hours of special training in 1989 to become a Class 1B police officer. Then he heard about an opportunity to receive his training for a class 2 officer but when he went to Chief Luce to volunteer, he was told that there were no funds to finance the \$475.00 the training costs. Gottlick paid for the training out of his own pocket and put in the additional 362 hours required. Luce not only commended Gottlick for his efforts but also that he was going to do his best to scrape up the \$475.00 and remunerate him for the "time you spent away from your family and loved ones."

The Council said it was asking the County to waive any interest

payments due and grant a grace period until Scotch Plains can collect its taxes from its residents. The delay in the approval of municipal budgets was caused by the delay in Trenton and was only just approved. Tax bills were being sent out as of last Friday, and local property owners have 15 days from the postmarked date on the envelope in which to pay their taxes without penalty.

In other business, a liquor license, heretofore issued to Christine Lee's Sleepy Hollow Inn, Inc. at 1900 Raritan Rd., was transferred to the 1900 Park Place Corp., trading as Park Place Diner.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, September 8, at the Municipal Building at 8:30.

## Traditional Italian Festival to highlight Labor Day weekend

Mama mia, that's Italian.

And everything will be, at the 18th Annual Labor Day Italian Festival. It will be held from 5 to 11 pm September 4th to September 7th, on the grounds of St. Bar-

tholomew's Church, Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains.

The festival, hosted by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter of UNICO National in conjunction with St. Bartholomew's Church,

celebrated the community's Italian-American Heritage.

The "Italian Festa" was begun as a festival honoring St. Nicholas, the patron saint of the sizable Italian-American population in Scotch Plains, emigrants from Montozoli in the Italian province of Chieti, according to UNICO representative Nat Buro. Years ago, the celebration included fireworks and a parade through town. The festival was resurrected after a 10-year hiatus in an effort to revive the traditions of the Italian-American ethnic population and to share those traditions with the rest of the community. The event has been held without interruption since 1975.

During the festivities, the church parking lot is transformed into an old fashioned street festival. Booths will offer Italian delicacies including mussels, clams, pizza, calzone, zeppoli, pasta, steak sandwiches, meatball sandwiches, pepper and sausage sandwiches, and Italian pastries, including cannoli.

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