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## MEMORIAL DAY MAY 31, 1993

### Grass dumpers beware!

Although most people are aware that disposing of household trash anywhere other than in their own container is illegal, many seem to think it is perfectly all right to dump grass clippings along the roadside, in commercially-owned dumpsters, and down storm water drains to name just a few spots. IT IS NOT. This activity is against the law in Scotch Plains and results in financial and environmental problems for the township and its residents. If you will not or cannot cut grass more frequently, and leave the clippings on your lawn, you must pay your solid waste hauler to dispose of it for you or be willing to transport it to a certified grass recycling facility - there are no other options. The fine for illegally dumping grass or any other household waste is \$500 to \$1,000.00. If you see this activity occurring and can identify those involved or have noted a license plate number, you are urged to contact either the police, 322-7100 or the Dept. of Public Property, 322-6700 ext. 243. All calls will be kept confidential.

### Optimists to honor school crossing guards

On Tuesday, June 8, 1993, at 7:00 pm, in conjunction with our Respect for Law Week, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Optimist Club will be honoring school crossing guards Elaine Speth, Catherine Brandauer and Marion McGinn for their dedicated service to the Scotch Plains community and its school system and former school crossing guard Irene Jeter for her dedicated service to the Borough of Fanwood and its school system.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Optimist Club will hold a dinner-award ceremony at the Pantagis (Snuffy's) Restaurant, located at Park and Mountain Avenues, Scotch Plains, N.J. The cost of the dinner is \$17.00.

Anyone wishing to attend the affair, please contact Arnold Stewart, President, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Optimist Club at (908)-754-8413.

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## Scotch Plains adopts 1993 Municipal Budget

By a unanimous vote, the Scotch Plains Township Council adopted the 1993 Municipal Budget. It represents an increase over 1992 of 4%. The action was taken at the regularly scheduled Council meeting at the Municipal Building this past Tuesday evening. The vote was able to be taken only because at 4:30 that afternoon, the State notified the Township that the budget was acceptable and could be voted upon. Only one resident, Mr.

Ken Anderson, had any comments to make regarding the budget. Because of technical difficulties, the meeting had to be taped for TV and so there were no phone-in calls able to be taken.

It was announced that the annual spring clean-up will begin on Monday, June 7, in area #1 on the north side and it will continue throughout the month, as it has in the past. It was also resolved that the annual Township auction will take place on Saturday, June 5, at the police garage. Mayor

Papen will be the auctioneer and equipment no longer needed will be disposed of. Items may be inspected at 9:00 AM and the auction will commence an hour later. The Mayor stated that there will be many wonderful bargains and that residents should avail themselves of this opportunity.

A resolution commending Alice Klouse upon her retirement after 18 years of working for Scotch Plains was adopted and a copy presented to her. She was

lauded for her service by the Council and Township Manager Tom Atkins. Councilman Alan Augustine congratulated the work being done for "Project Graduation" which "safeguards the lives of the graduating class from the high school." The gathering for the seniors will occur the night of June 22 and will go into the morning. It provides dancing, sports and games at the YMCA and winds up with a breakfast.

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## Memorial Day ceremonies to honor nation's war casualties

Memorial Day pays tribute to those American military personnel of all wars who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country. These fallen heroes will be honored with several events in Fanwood and Scotch Plains on Memorial Day - Monday, May 31st.

Memorial Day observances will begin with the laying of wreaths at

the Fanwood Memorial Library at 9:00 am. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade will follow this ceremony. Starting at 10:00 am from LaGrande Park in Fanwood, the Parade will proceed through the center of Fanwood, moving along Martine Avenue onto Park Avenue and ending past the Municipal Building in Scotch Plains.

Ceremonies will conclude with the presentation of wreaths at the Veterans Monument at Park Avenue and Front Street immediately after the Parade.

The Parade, which has a rich tradition of support from the people of Fanwood and Scotch Plains, will be led by the local veterans associations - Veterans of Foreign

Wars Post 10122 and American Legion Post 209. Forty civic, school and community organizations will follow. Eleven musical groups will also participate.

Although the Parade is an exciting event, especially for the younger spectators and participants, let us not forget the meaning of Memorial Day and the solemnity of this occasion. On this special day, take some time to remember those men and women who died for America in order to preserve the freedoms which we enjoy today.

### Steve McAlindin to serve as Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day Parade

The Committee for the 1993 Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade has announced the selection of Stephen J. McAlindin as Parade Grand Marshall.

A 37-year resident of Scotch Plains, Mr. McAlindin was raised in Newark where he graduated from St. Benedict's Prep. Steve interrupted his college studies in 1942 to enlist in the United States Navy.

After attending boot camp in Newport, RI and submarine training in New London, CT, he was assigned to sea duty aboard the submarine USS Gurnard. With the rank of First Class Quartermaster, Steve's responsibilities included

navigation and signaling.

Submarine duty was quite hazardous. The United States lost 51 submarines during World War II, approximately one out of every four vessels.

Spending 60-72 days at a time at sea, Steve and his shipmates participated in naval battles in the Pacific Ocean, South China Sea, Java Sea, Celebes Sea, Sulu Sea and Indian Ocean. Mr. McAlindin's submarines were credited with the sinking of 25 enemy ships.

During his military service, Steve was the recipient of the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, America Theatre Ribbon, Philippine Liberation

Ribbon (2 stars), Submarine Combat Insignia, Please turn to page 12

### For those who did not return

If you are able  
Save for them a place  
Inside of you...  
And save one backward glance  
When you are leaving  
For the places they can no longer go...  
Be not ashamed to say you loved them,  
Though you may or may not have always...  
Take what they have left  
And what they have taught you  
With their dying  
And keep it with your own...  
And in that time  
When men decide and feel safe  
to call the War insane  
take one moment to embrace  
Those gentle heroes  
You left behind...

Maj. Michael Davis O'Donnell  
From Vietnam January 1, 1970  
Reported Missing in Action  
March 24, 1970