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CRAFT FAIR OFFERINGS...A member of the Parents Guild of Union Catholic High School admires holiday items which will be on sale at the guild's annual Craft Fair on Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, located at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. More than 100 crafters will be displaying seasonal, decorative and functional crafted items. A variety of refreshments including gourmet desserts in the "The Potpourri of Sweets" room will be available for purchase throughout the day. There is no charge for admission. For additional information, please call 889-1600.

Borough Council to Vote Tuesday On Advanced Training for Engineers

Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rate Hike Scheduled for October 26

By MARIA VARGA
Specially Written for The Times

The Public Works Association has recommended that Fanwood engineers have advanced training in their areas of expertise and that state requirements concerning the level of expertise needed in the field become more stringent. The Borough Council will vote on this matter at its Wednesday, October 12 meeting. It was also announced on the Octo-

Sports Car Show To Be November 6 At Union Catholic

The Parents Athletic Board of Union Catholic Regional High School will host a Sports Car and Comic Show at the school at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 6.

The special guest will be former Mets star Ed Kranepool who will sign autographs between noon and 3 p.m. Flats and balls will be available as well as bats and Jerseys.

The admission price of \$2 entitles visitors to special drawings. Raffle tickets for a 20-inch color television, and Giants and Jets football tickets will be sold for \$1 throughout the day. Refreshments will be available and there is ample parking. Children under six will be admitted free.

For vendor information or directions, please call 381-5098 or 925-3823.

Utilities Authority Seeks To Sever Recycling Pact

Superior Court Judge to Make Ruling This Month

A Union County Superior Court Judge is expected to rule sometime this month on whether the county's utilities authority will be released from its contract with a private recycling firm.

Superior Court Judge John M. Boyle released Scotch Plains from its contract this past summer with the firm Advanced Recycling Technology Systems of Linden. However, the judge did not say in his decision if the utilities authority was also released from its agreement.

The authority subcontracts its recycling operation to Advanced Recycling to serve Westfield, Berkeley Heights, Garwood, Roselle Park, Springfield and New Providence. Mountainside and Clark have their own private contracts with the firm while Rahway has been given free service as the host community for the county's garbage incinerator.

Scotch Plains was released from its contract after its attorneys were successful in suing the township did not want to continue to do business with a firm whose owners had pleaded guilty to fraud.

James C. Maddaluna and Frank Capone are the owners of Linn-River Associates, the parent company of Advanced Recycling and the Automated Modular System manufacturer in Linden.

They pleaded guilty to defrauding county taxpayers of \$2 million by failing to report income from the

ber 5 Borough Council agenda meeting, that Elizabethtown Water Company has notified the council of a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 26, to address a rate increase which the Board of Public Utilities has opposed.

The Mayor, Mrs. Linda d. Stender, stated that she has requested a meeting with a representative of the Elizabethtown Water Company concerning the cause and the long term solution to the rust found in the pipes on Shady Lane. While the flushing of the pipes has proved effective, an alternative solution to the problem is being sought.

In other business, an amendment to the 1994 salary ordinance for the Construction Official will be voted on by the council on October 12. This previously budgeted expense was necessary because the Planning and Zoning Committee have increased the working hours of the official.

The following resolutions will be voted on at the October 12 meeting:

- A resolution to appoint a new police officer to replace an officer who is retiring in November.
- A resolution to award the bid for the dump truck and plow the borough seeks to purchase.
- A resolution authorizing the Borough Clerk to receive bids for the renovation of La Grande Park, which is contingent upon the Planning Board's approval for any changes.

Borough Engineer Richard Marsden introduced a resolution to

extend the bidding date for the reconstruction on Second Street and Helen Street. This extension would enable the council to actively seek and obtain a more competitive bid. If approved, the extension will allow bidding to continue until Saturday, April 1, 1995.

The Borough Council has just received the summary of recommendations concerning the traffic issue on Helen Street which residents had previously brought before the council. Notice will be given of a meeting which will serve to inform the public of the conclusions and recommendations of this study. No date has been set for this meeting.

The ongoing scheduling and office space conflicts between the Municipal Court and the Construction Office were discussed. Several possible solutions were suggested; however, no decision was made. It was decided that the Planning and Zoning Committee would address this matter and come up with specific recommendations to the board.

Mr. Marsden stated all but one of the conditions made in the Fanwood conditions of approval letter relating to the Dean Oil clean up project had been agreed to. The condition not accepted was that an outside consultant be hired to review the discharge material. This was opposed because it was viewed as a duplication of efforts since the Middlesex County Utilities Authority would also be monitoring the discharge.

Other issues such as the construction truck route and capacity and flows and Mr. Marsden stated the "issues were worked out."

Councilman Louis C. Jung questioned what specific standards were being used to monitor the quality of the discharge. Mr. Marsden did not have this information but stated he would present it at the next meeting.

A 1989 resolution which stated that trees should not be planted between the sidewalk and curb was discussed. Several residents have approached the council on this issue because they would like to plant trees.

It was decided that the Shade Tree Commission will review and approve on an exception basis the planting of these trees. The commission will set minimum guidelines and all requests will be subject to the governing body's approval.

report is total revenues, the transfer station was allowed to charge higher disposal rates.

Advanced Recycling Officials contend its operation is entirely separate from Linn-River and Automated Modular and is being unfairly treated. They say Advanced Recycling offers the lowest recycling rates in the county.

The utilities authority's contract with Advanced Recycling expires in 1997.



A TOURING WE WILL GO...A 16-house tour, sponsored by the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board and the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, all over the county. The Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains, above, is one of the houses on the tour. A complete tour guide, map and a picture of each of the tour sites appears on Pages 6 and 7.

FOURTEEN FIRMS PICK UP BIDDING FORMS Township Council Rejects Only Bid Gotten to Handle Recycling Needs, Citing Fraud

Township Manager Says Contract Will Be Relet
In December With Slightly Different Specifications

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council at its Tuesday meeting formally rejected a bid by Advanced Recycling Technology Systems of Linden for the township's recycling contract. The council's vote was unanimous, acting on the recommendation of Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins to reject the bid.

While 14 firms picked up specifications and bidding documents, Advanced Recycling was the only one to submit a bid. Mr. Atkins stated, "It is difficult to judge the merits of the bid when only one bid is submitted."

The recycling contract will be rebid on December 9. It is hoped by rebidding more competition will be generated. This would, it is hoped, be translated into a better contract price for the taxpayers of Scotch Plains.

The specifications will be slightly modified this time. Firms will either submit one bid per household with Scotch Plains to keep the recycling revenue and/or bid with the vendor to keep the revenue. Mr. Atkins said the Union County Utilities Authority is investigating the possibility of regionalizing the program, making the recycling program a county-wide operation.

While Mr. Atkins does not feel it would be cost effective — thinking the private sector more

so — Scotch Plains will investigate starting its own municipal recycling program.

Advanced Recycling had submitted a bid of \$24.23 per household annually. The figure was the same as last year's contract. Officials noted the total contract price would exceed \$184,000, as there are 7,594 households in Scotch Plains.

The current contract with Scotch Plains is in litigation.

Advanced Recycling has appealed a lower court decision which held that Scotch Plains may void the current contract. The current contract expires this month.

The decision was handed down in July by Union County Superior Court Judge John M. Boyle. Advanced Recycling's principal owners, James C. Maddaluna, Jr. and Frank Capone, also own

Linn-River Associates.

Linn-River Associates, Mr. Maddaluna and Mr. Capone, have pled guilty to defrauding Union County taxpayers of over \$2 million.

Officials said the amount bid by Advanced Recycling and the quality of service are not at issue. By rejecting the firm's bid for the recycling contract, the Township Council said they seek to avoid the merest hint of impropriety.

Officials also stated it is possible that Advanced Recycling may seek legal action against Scotch Plains for rejecting its bid.

The township will consult with its legal department over what course of action to follow. The Township Manager stressed that, by law, Scotch Plains is free to reject any bid.

Scotchwood Glen Gets One-Way Designation

Hearing on October 25; Candidates Night, October 26

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY
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The Scotch Plains Town Council introduced an ordinance on Tuesday, October 11, designating Scotchwood Glen a one-way street. The resolution was put on the agenda after an approval letter was received by the town from the state Department of Transportation.

In March the council passed an ordinance making the street, which has six homes on it, a one-way street. This action was disallowed by state officials on the grounds that no prior approval was sought from the Department of Transportation. Officials also stated the recently enacted 25 miles-per-hour speed limit on Lake Avenue may be in jeopardy.

A resolution regarding the sale of 12 holiday candy canes to the Township of Garwood was approved by the council. The council said six candy canes remain for purchase. Those municipalities or persons interested in purchasing the six holiday candy cane decorations are advised to call 322-6700.

In other business, the council approved a resolution urging the State Assembly to adopt a bill which would lift burdensome mandates from the municipalities. Councilwoman, Mrs. Joan Papen, reminded those in attendance that this bill would "be helpful to municipal governments."

"The state mandates programs which it does not fund," she said.

Township Attorney, Donald T. DiFrancesco, who sponsored the senate version of the bill, said the mandates have been present for a long time and "we have passed no new ones."

Applications from Joseph Corea of the New Jersey Nostalgia Hobby shop, located on Park Avenue, to erect

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Book Fair Bonanza Set At Township Jewish Center

Saturday Event to Offer Hanukkah Gift Items

"Judaism has always had a love affair with books and the written word. In fact, Jews are known as the people of the book," a spokesman said. "It is with this sense of joy and celebration that the Jewish Community Center Book Fair Committee, headed by Mrs. Suzanne Okrend, is offering Book Fair Bonanza Day on Sunday, October 16, at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, from noon to 4 p.m. as a kick-off to its Jewish Book Fair which will run through October 19," the spokesman explained.

On this day there will be a myriad of activities: Actual hands-on paper making demonstrations, storytelling for all ages to The Torah Factory; a workshop which will give children a chance to make parchment from raw hide, whittle feathers into quills and write in the ancient Jewish calligraphy on real parchment.

"There will be a mini-Boutique at which participants will be able to purchase early Hanukkah gifts and, of course, there will be refreshments available for purchase as well," the spokesman said.

Children's author, Mrs. Linda Milstein, whose latest book is *The Miami Nanny Stories*, will be there to

tell some of her stories and sign her books.

"The wonderful Sefer Safari reading program will be there, too, and you will be able to enroll in that exciting Jewish story adventure. And, of course, there will be the Jewish Book Fair, this year run by Barnes and Noble, with a wide array of preschool, youth and adult books," the spokesman said.

Hanukkah wrap, gelt, dreidles and other goodies for Hanukkah, which this year begins the night of November 27, will also be available.

The day is geared for children ages 3 through 11 and their parents. For more information, please call 889-8800.



CRAFTY SANTA...Santa Claus will appear at "Crafts Galore" on Saturday, October 22, at the First United Methodist Church at 1171 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children's pictures can be taken with Santa. This annual event will host more than 40 crafters featuring jewelry, hand-knits, floral wreaths, dried arrangements, ceramics, Victorian teddy bears, dolls and ornaments. A homemade hot lunch will be offered. Ample off-street parking is available and admission is free.

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