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# A look back at 2008

## Fallen officer brought tragedy home for an entire community

Belleville said a tearful farewell to a police officer remembered as a dedicated family man as much as a fine police officer in 2008.

As taxes again rose on beleaguered property owners, officials explained that much of what is increasing costs is out of their control, while calling on municipal department heads to trim spending for 2009.

For the schools, voters barely passed the school budget, while the two Board of Education members elected were immediately thrust into leadership positions on the board. An interim superintendent of schools was hired after the former superintendent left after several years to take a position in Hackensack.

The interim superintendent immediately instituted a strategic planning program meant to bring the township together and give residents a hand in bringing the school district up to date with teaching and technology.

School uniforms were mandated for all elementary students, with plans to expand to the middle and high schools as early as next fall. The uniforms caused some anger and frustration among a handful of parents who came out to school board meetings trying to understand the specifics of what apparel is allowed and whether the official school seal can be put on the clothing for less money.

A battle for control of the local Republican leadership saw an ugly fight featuring lawsuits and the unseating of one longtime woman leader in favor of another, a former mayor.

Other stories that will continue on through 2009 include the terms for members of the library board, and continuing efforts to improve the municipal stadium, with plans to install a synthetic turf field for football and soccer for athletes of all ages.

As for the loss of a police officer, Sept. 11th has been a day of remembrance for the United States over the last seven years but in Belleville and Nutley it took on an even greater importance this year.

The Nutley Holy Family Church held a funeral mass for Belleville Police Officer Kenneth Santucci last on Sept. 11th in one of the most impressive and emotional services the church has ever held.

Santucci was killed the Saturday before in a car accident while responding to a report of a suspicious person in the area at 8:00 a.m. He was 32 years old and was the first officer killed in the line of duty in Belleville since 1951. Police Chief Joseph Rotonda said, "Words alone can't fill the void of

his passing. This terrible accident has taken from us a great police officer and a great family man. We are going to miss him greatly and will honor the life he gave to us.

The service began with policemen arriving on motorcycle from countless different townships and cities including Newark, Paterson, Fort Lee, Wildwood, East Orange, Jersey City, Hoboken and Egg Harbor. The officers were met with a universal salute from the already 200 plus officers that were standing at attention in front of the church. All the arriving officers traveled under a giant American flag that was held high by one Nutley Fire Truck and one Belleville Fire Truck at the church lot entrance.

The widow of Santucci recalled a man who could always make her laugh, sharing hilarious remembrances. She also talked about the wonderful gift he is leaving for his unborn daughter, and like any widowed spouse longed for more time with her husband.

In an exclusive interview with the Belleville Times, Tricia Santucci said her husband was "a wonderful family man who would rather stay home with his kids than be anywhere else."

She said the family would often take walks and end up at Holy Family Church, lighting candles for others in need.

Yearly vacations took them to Wildwood in mid-August, and Kenneth coached his seven-year-old son Kenny's Little League team. His love of football was well known, both watching and tossing the ball with his two sons, including two-year-old Anthony.

"Anthony has the demeanor of his father," Tricia said. "He's very tough."

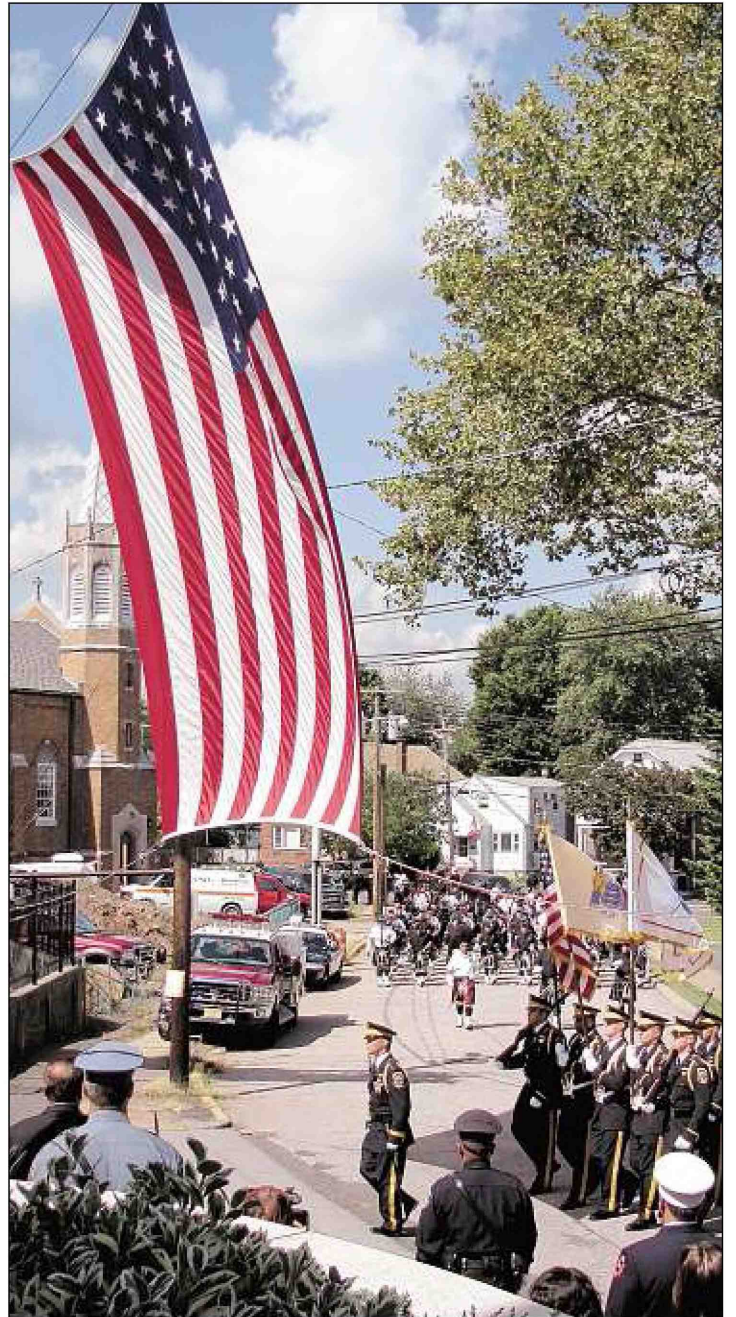
No conversation about Kenneth goes very far, however, without talking about him being "a funny guy," as Tricia put it.

"It can be pretty hard to make me laugh, but he could always make light of a situation, and he always made me laugh," she said.

One of his last acts before his death was to choose the name for his unborn daughter, and Tricia spoke what any widowed spouse would likely say, they she would just like one more day with her husband.

With the local, national and world economies all in dire straits, local officials are already meeting with township department heads to hear their plans for cost cutting and then demanding even more reductions.

Police and fire chiefs had the longest and most involved conversations with the township council and manager at the Dec. 8 work session. All other departments, including the Department of Public Works, also were given the



LOUIS CAMPOS/BELLEVILLE TIMES

An honor guard enters Nutley's Holy Family Church on Sept. 11, when services were held for Belleville Police Officer Kenneth Santucci. The young policeman died Sept. 6 in a car crash while responding to a call. The tragedy was among the year's most important stories in Belleville.

same treatment.

As for the schools, the zero tax increase school budget passed by a narrow margin of 65 votes, while two candidates heavily involved in the schools bested two other involved parents to win two, three-year terms as Board of Education trustees in the April Belleville school elections.

With a recent low in the percentage of registered voters actually participating, the budget passed 739 to 676. Turnout was just 11.2 percent of all registered voters.

Joseph Longo garnered the most votes with 1,211, followed closely by running mate Bill Freda, with 1,119 votes. Ralph Vellon and Barbara Lozaw, running as a ticket, trailed with 670 and 753 votes.

Thanks in large part to a \$4 million increase in state aid, the budget keeps the tax levy at exactly the same level as last year. The budget calls for all-day kindergarten, the addition of three physical education teachers, the restoration of an elementary school guidance counselor, and the inclusion of more bilingual education. Also included are new computers at the high school and middle school libraries, along with selected special education classroom computers, and the replacement of physical education lockers at the middle and high schools.

A few weeks later, Longo and Freda were surprisingly chosen from among the board members

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**Dec. 28**  
 ■ Police arrested and charged Diego Tapia, 21, of Belleville with driving while intoxicated at 10:28 p.m. The suspect's vehicle was stopped for a motor vehicle violation near DeWitt Avenue and Lloyd Place after police noticed the vehicle had sustained damage. After police suspected that the suspect might be under the influence, field sobriety tests were administered, all of which the suspect failed. He was then taken into custody and later released on his own recognizance.

■ An attempted burglary was reported to a residence in the 30 block of Parkside Drive. Entry was apparently gained by removing a window screen in the basement. Nothing was reported missing. Police have no suspects and an investigation is continuing.

**Dec. 27**  
 ■ Police arrested and charged Darin Mott, 42, of Nutley with possession of narcotics paraphernalia at 10:13 p.m. Police stopped the suspect's vehicle for a motor vehicle violation. A computer check found him to have outstanding warrants from Bloomfield and Lyndhurst totaling \$590. A subsequent search turned up the para-

phernalia. Bail was set at \$200.

■ A burglary and theft were reported from a residence in the 80 block of Belmont Avenue at 4:51 p.m. Entry was gained by forcing open the front door. An old decoration rifle was reported missing. The value of the rifle was unknown. Police have no suspects and an investigation is continuing.

**Dec. 26**  
 ■ Police arrested and charged Mujahideen Abdullah, 19, and Abubakir Muhammad, 21, both of Newark with theft of a motor vehicle at 11:58 p.m. After police conducted a motor vehicle check on a white, four-door 1991 Lexus, it was determined that the vehicle was stolen. After police lost sight of the vehicle following a pursuit of the suspects from Washington Avenue and Joralemon Street south into Newark, the car was reported to have crashed in Newark. The two suspects were then apprehended, charged and an unknown amount of bail was set.

**Dec. 25**  
 ■ A burglary and theft was reported to a garage in the 130 block of Cedar Hill Avenue at 7:44 a.m. The resident said that entry was gained to the garage and a tool chest and power tools were

reported missing. The value of the items was not known. Police have no suspects and an investigation is continuing.

**Dec. 24**  
 ■ An attempted motor vehicle theft was reported near Dow Street and Howard Place at 12:38 a.m. The victim said the door sensor to their 2008 white Infinity G37 was broken. No other damage was reported and entry was not gained. Police have no suspects and an investigation is continuing.

■ A cell phone theft was reported from a business at Twin Towing, 35 Mill St. at 6:45 p.m. The victim said they put the phone down while using the public restroom and later discovered it was stolen.

**Dec. 23**  
 ■ A burglary and theft was reported to a residence in the 60 block of Tiona Avenue at 11:11 p.m. There were no signs of forced entry. Reported stolen was a laptop valued at \$1,000 and two jewelry rings with a total value of \$8,000.

*Editor's note: Accounts that indicate charges pending against an individual do not imply guilt or innocence.*

## Belleville Middle School receives baby grand

Santa Claus came a bit early to Belleville Middle School's Music Department this year, when the school was given a baby grand piano, donated by The Mandarin Oriental Hotel in New York City.

"The piano, an Essex, is in beautiful condition," said Robert Gizzi, BMS music teacher.

It had been housed in the Presidential Suite in the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. Recently, the hotel remodeled the suite and looked for a new home for the expensive instrument.

It was offered to several New York City schools that turned it down because of its size.

BMS Vice Principal Robert Silvera had a contact, who put him in touch with Rudy Tauscher, the hotel's general manager and area vice president.

And so it was that the baby grand piano came to BMS just in time for the holiday concert season.

The Mandarin not only donated the piano but arranged for delivery and set up at no cost to the school. The hotel also included a quilted

"The administration, faculty and students of BMS are extremely grateful for the hotel's generosity and for giving a great piano a second life in a new home."

**Carmine Guinta**  
 BMS Principal

leather cover to protect the fine finish.

"The administration, faculty and students of BMS are extremely grateful for the hotel's generosity and for giving a great piano a second life in a new home where it will be appreciated for many years to come," said BMS Principal Carmine Guinta.

The Mandarin Oriental Hotel is located at Columbus Circle and 60th Street in New York.

*Submitted by Dawn Buccino*

## To Your HEALTH



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### UPPER THORACIC HUMP

As we age, there is sometimes a tendency for the neck and head to shift forward in relation to the shoulders, making the upper back more rounded and noticeable. The area is sometimes referred to as the "hump pad," a result of the body depositing fat over the exposed area. The hump can contribute to pain in the arm, hand, neck, shoulder and back. It also can affect breathing. Upper thoracic hump is a description of the hump pad's location. Experts have found that patients with this problem - a result of what is called hyperkyphotic posture - have a higher rate of morbidity, mostly because of an increased rate of heart disease.

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## Two die as tree hits vehicle; on way to see local family

BY JEFF FRANKEL  
 for Belleville Times

Minutes from their destination, a tree crashed into a car driven by a Massachusetts family on the Garden State Parkway in Bloomfield early Christmas morning, killing two of the four passengers.

Joel Baudouin, 42, of Arlington, Mass., his mother Marie Vernet, 72, and Baudouin's two children, Rachele 13, and Cassies, 11, were heading to Baudouin's brother's home in Belleville, where the fam-

ily was planning to spend Christmas.

Shortly after leaving the Brookdale Service area on Dec. 25 around 1 a.m., a 40-foot tree came crashing down onto the front of the car, most likely killing Baudouin and his mother instantly, according to Chief Joe Intile of the Bloomfield Fire Department. Authorities said the car was traveling in the center lane.

The two daughters in the backseat were injured and pulled from the wreckage by rescue workers near the East Passaic overpass, Intile said.

As of last Friday afternoon, the girls were listed in stable condition at University Hospital in Newark. Police said Rachele Baudouin broke her right leg in the accident while her sister suffered minor injuries.

Police said the family was on its way to visit Joel Baudouin's brother, Othniel Baudouin. A woman who answered the door of Baudouin home on Ralph Street declined to speak on the matter. The home is located down the block from Belleville's School No. 9 elementary school.

*The author is a staff writer at Bloomfield Life.*

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# Pension proposal called 'crazy' by town manager

BY MEGHAN GRANT  
Of Belleville Times

Gov. Jon Corzine announced a proposal at the NJ League of Municipalities conference in Atlantic City last month to help towns during the economic recession, but Belleville's Township Manager thinks otherwise. Corzine's proposal would allow municipalities and counties to temporarily defer 50 percent of their April 2009 payment into the employee pension system, the Public Employees Retirement Systems (PERS) and the Police & Fire Retirement Systems (PFRS).

The plan would require action by the Legislature before going forward, and would only be temporary, with phased in higher payments in the years following 2009. Municipalities would have to make 60 percent by 2011, 80 percent by 2011, and requiring a full 100 percent contribution by 2012.

The governor stated he believes relieving the burden of payment from towns and counties will leave money available for other much-needed spending, cutting the normally gross \$1 billion dollar contribution in half for the upcoming year.

"By taking this unusual, but necessary step," Corzine said in a press release statement, "my intent is to help our municipalities get through this necessary period and, at the same time, dramatically reduce the pressure on property taxes."

He stated he wants the results of the deferral to be in the form of direct aid to residents. The state has undertaken a number of money-saving actions, anticipating the \$1.7 billion in cuts for the upcoming year.

The requirement to make up the deferred payments in coming years, Township Manager Victor Manning, said, will ultimately hurt the town, and relies on the assumption that the economy will recover enough in the next three years to support being able to repay the pension system.

He said he believes taxes are up in part due to past waivers and that small municipalities such as Belleville will not benefit from this proposed plan as much as larger cities would. His assessment of the plan led him to consider it to be "crazy."

The proposal is supported by Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, who is asking the Senate and Assembly to approve of the plan. He said he is confident in the measure due to estimate that it would save the county \$14 million in 2009, with municipalities and counties returning to 100 percent contributions in three years.

DiVincenzo said he supports the included provision that would require the county and towns to pay back the amount deferred. In a press release, he indicated the county's pension cost estimate for 2009 will rise to \$6.5 million.

According to estimates released by the State Division of Pension & Benefits, Belleville will retain \$399,356 from their usual PERS contribution, and \$1,845,805 from the PFRS for the looming April 2009 payment.

This estimation doesn't include early retirement incentives due prior to April, and already has the Non-Contributory Life Insurance, or NCLI, subtracted from the total deferral.

Currently the proposal is in its drafting stage, and will be formally introduced to the Legislature during a session once it is completed.

Other measures are underway in Essex County to help the financial situation. In a press conference, DiVincenzo announced that the county faces a \$105 million gap in the preliminary 2009 budget.

In response, he's proposing a number of measures to ensure a balanced budget, proposing to stabilize salaries and institute co-payments for employees' medical and prescription benefits, and subsequently announced a plan to eliminate 150 county jobs.

## Storage pods subject to rules

BY MEGHAN GRANT  
Of Belleville Times

The most recent township council meeting saw the passing of a resolution to regulate storage pods in Belleville.

Storage pods are large, metal rental containers used to transport and store furniture or personal belongings, the most popular of which are distributed by the PODS, or Portable On Demand Storage, company.

The ordinance regulates the handling of these units, which more and more people in the area have been using. It establishes rules as to the designated locations for pods, back no less than 10 feet from the front lot line, on a durable, maintenance-free surface.

The resolution set a 90-day limit

on how long they could be left in one place, hoping to prevent them from becoming long-term fixtures, and banned dangerous substances and explosives from being stored within them.

Residents who wish to rent pods are required to secure a permit from the Construction Department before putting one on their property.

It also establishes a \$150 fee for the permit, and fines for those who don't remove their pod after three months, above a minimum \$100 and under a maximum of \$1,000. Special rules were proposed for construction pods as well.

Originally, a resolution concerning storage pods was read at a council meeting back in July, but was tabled prior to its scheduled public hearing on Aug. 12.

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## HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

Belleville School No. 3 performed a holiday concert for their parents and grandparents on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Fifth graders sang, under the direction of Mrs. Mateyka, the music specialist. In between of the holiday songs lines from the tale "Twas the Night before Christmas" where spoken. See additional picture on page 13.

## Council takes care of new business from budget, body armor to repairs

BY RICHARD DICKON  
Of Belleville Times

The Township Council has transferred budget appropriations totaling more than \$150,000, approved the replacement of body armor for police, awarded a bid for repair and maintenance of overhead doors used by the township and reappointed the assistant township clerk in recent official business.

A resolution was passed authorizing the transfer of 2008 budget appropriation accounts. Officials said that because of unforeseen demands that have arisen in various departments, there is a need for more money to fulfill various expenditures. Because there are other accounts with money over and above the money stated in the 2008 budget deemed necessary for those accounts, a series of transfers of budget accounts have been

made.

Being taken from current fund appropriations within the state mandated caps on spending include: \$40,000 from the recreation department, \$99,000 and \$14,000 from streets and sewers, \$2,575.69 from shade tree and \$11,000 from the zoning board.

That money is going to the current fund within the caps as follows: \$40,000 to recreational seasonal; \$45,000 to buildings and grounds; \$12,000 to vehicle maintenance; \$42,000 to public works water; \$16,575.69 to vehicle maintenance and \$11,000 to the planning board.

Such transfers are common as the township gets to late November. In this case the transfers were approved on Nov. 25.

Elsewhere, the township officially requested that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of

items of additional revenue in the 2008 budget years of \$10,834.13 for the Body Armor Replacement Fund. This was done pursuant to state law.

Next, the council passed a resolution awarding the bid for the repair and maintenance of overhead doors. Bids were received, opened and publicly read on Nov. 13. The only bid received was from Capozzi Overhead Doors of Nutley. Labor per hour for mechanics on regular time is \$65 an hour, with \$70 for overtime. For a "helper," the rate is \$60 an hour for regular time and \$65 for overtime. The company will charge for the cost of materials plus a percentage of 20 percent, according to the resolution.

Finally, Mary Docherty was appointed Deputy Municipal Clerk for a one-year term to expire Jan. 13, 2010.

## Quinton Street residents garner parking help

BY RICHARD DICKON  
Of Belleville Times

Eighteen residences on Quinton Street will be issued exclusive parking permits to help allow sufficient parking on the street for the residents who do not have driveways. Tickets and fines will be assessed to anyone parking on the street without a permit, but the permit system will not guarantee those with permits a space.

The township council determined that as a result of increased business and commercial traffic and parking on Quinton, residents

have difficulty finding parking spaces suitably close to their homes.

Police officials conducted a traffic study that showed that only four residences on the street have access to a driveway and that residential parking on the street is difficult, officials said.

So certain parking areas on the eastern side of Quinton Street will be set aside for residential parking between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Notice of the change will be made by signs advising the public that the eastern side is designated for permit parking, officials said.

One permit per household will be issued for a total of 18, but this will not guarantee each of those 18 a parking space on any given day.

The fees for the permit are \$25 for a semi-annual permit and \$50 for an annual permit. The permits will be affixed as a decal to the motor vehicle in the lower right hand corner of the rear window.

Any person violating the 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. permit parking only ordinance will, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50 for each violation.



## Neighbors continue to help neighbors

It is easy to become mired in the calamities of the year. It is tempting simply to withdraw from the world and its problems.

The current list includes foreclosures, homelessness, layoffs, hunger, corrupt politicians, bankrupt banks, two endless wars, rising costs of everything except gasoline. Given the state of this year, we could just shut the door, unplug the television set and listen to soothing music.

But many of you didn't do that. Many of you did what you always do around this time, and some of you did it for the first time: You volunteered, you gave anonymously or you helped a stranger. You saw there were people in need, and you came to their aid.

We want to thank you for your generosity. And we urge others to do the same.

North Jersey has always had many people willing

to volunteer. That's what Janet Sharma says. She's executive director of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County. This year there were more than 5,000 people in need – families and individuals, children and the elderly – who were part of the center's holiday giving program. "There was a real outpouring of support from the community," Sharma said last week. People gave presents and gift cards for supermarkets or department stores. One man called the day before Christmas Eve, too late to match a gift with a child's request. So he dropped off \$2,000 in supermarket gift cards.

Help can be given in other ways, too. In Paterson's Northside neighborhood, where foreclosures and the terrible economy bump up against chronic gun violence and drug abuse, a pastor has set out to give residents hope. Rev. Stafford Miller of St. Philip's

United Methodist Church and volunteers have tied purple ribbons around trees, through fences and on storefronts. Purple is the color of royalty. Miller wants neighbors to see the ribbons and feel peace and joy.

If you served food to the homeless, volunteered at a shelter, helped students in school, sang at a senior center, donated coats, gave toys to children who otherwise wouldn't have had any or tied a purple ribbon on a fence in a struggling neighborhood, thank you. You have made our communities better this holiday season.

Unfortunately, people are in need all year around. Please remember them as winter gives way to spring, and spring to summer, and help then, too.

— *The Record*

## Share a hug today with someone that you love



**LIFE IN SILVER LAKE**  
CHARLES BURKE

Walter Winchell, that's me and my wife, wish all my loyal readers a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

My friend Rita Charles sent

this to me and I would like to share it with all of you.

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I thought this would be a great thing for the holiday... Share a hug today with your parents, children, family and friends.  
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And remember, we love Silver Lake.

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### NAUGHTY OR NICE

Santa made his annual visit to Belleville at State Fair, Main Street, on Tuesday, Dec. 23 to see if the children in the area have been naughty or nice. Nice children received a certificate, from Santa's magical North Pole computer, stating they have been good and are entitled to holiday treats. The Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade Committee sponsored the event.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

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to be board president and vice president, respectively.

With the superintendent, just two days before outgoing Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Kliszus left the district for a job in Hackensack, the school board selected Melindo Persi to serve in the position until a permanent replacement is chosen.

Persi will be paid at a rate of \$750 per diem for each day he serves, according to School Board Administrator Edward Appleton, who said a permanent replacement could be named before the end of the school year or Persi could be asked to continue into the 2009-2010 school year.

The last-minute pick came because a divided school board could not agree on who should lead the district.

School Board President Joseph Longo reiterated that he was part of a three-person board committee that first interviewed the candidates, but the committee's recommendation did not have the necessary votes, and that unnamed candidate was not chosen.

Reflecting the split, board member Carmen Bucco still voted against Persi's hiring, the only board member to vote no. Board member William Villano was forced to recuse himself because his brother, Dennis Villano, is assistant superintendent and was presumed to be a candidate for the interim superintendent's position.

Persi was very busy very soon. He moved to have residents looking for a say in the future direction of the Belleville public school system heard an orientation about "managing school improvement" using collaborative strategic planning, with just a few residents commenting about the plans.

One resident said she was anxious to help, another said that vocational training for students not going to college is needed, and another asked about the cost of planning.

All residents were invited to an orientation session outlining the District Strategic Planning Process Dec. 1 in the Belleville High School auditorium.

School officials said the purpose of the strategic planning orientation was for "the community stakeholders to become familiar with the process and to volunteer to

become members of various committees."

The committees will develop a plan for the school district for years to come, officials said.

According to a statement, Dr. Dan Stelluto, the facilitator of the process, "Strategic Planning is a school community engagement process that helps all constituencies focus on a common mission and vision for their school system, and identifies strategies and actions that motivate and inspire all to work together to make the vision happen."

The Board of Education held a retreat in late October to begin the process of the strategic plan as part of a full day of programs, including team building and the setting up of an education foundation.

The school uniform questions continue. Plans are advancing to extend the requirement of school uniforms from the public elementary schools to the middle and high schools next fall.

At the Dec. 15 public Board of Education meeting, Interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi said a group of residents has volunteered to help with the change.

The next step is for someone for the Board of Education side to become involved, he said.

In the meantime, every attempt is being made to end the confusion about the introduction of school uniforms in grades one through six.

Persi previously spoke about the letter that went home with all students on Oct. 3 and explained that all that can be done to accommodate perplexed parents.

He said the board decided to move ahead with the policy, but there seems to be some ambiguity, so the letter addresses five areas that have been cited by parents as being confusing.

First, the program became effective Oct. 15, but a grace period is being allowed for having the district's official logo on that date.

While Persi said the district prefers that all outfits have the logo, that will be not mandatory until Jan. 1.

After that the next item is hooded sweatshirts, many of which were purchased by some parents who did not understand that they are not allowed to be worn all day in school. So, hooded sweatshirts may be worn as outerwear but must be removed once inside the building, Persi said.

Next, pants for students in Pre-K and kindergarten may have elas-

tic wait bands but if they have belt loops, a belt must be worn at waist level, he said.

Finally, if a family qualifies for assistance through the free or reduced lunch program, a verification form must be completed and returned to the principal of that child's school.

Persi said overall the change is going well, and officials have had fairly good compliance.

The district is looking at a way to download the logo and make iron-on logos for use by parents at a vastly-reduced rate or for free, something that the school Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) may help parents do.

He said the board is saying that it realizes there is a period of adjustment, and reasonable people come up with reasonable solutions, but added that the program benefits parents by saving them money and taking away the competition for the latest clothing.

Belleville's version of the Hatfields versus the McCoys ended another chapter of ugly, accusatory campaigning for control of the local Republican Party, with the winning and losing sides coming nowhere near conciliatory tones following the June 3 primary. In fact, the winning side contested one of the district leaders' absentee ballots in Superior Court.

Township Republicans have a new chairwoman, former mayor Angie Paserchia, after the existing leadership group was beaten in the district leader elections on primary night, June 3. Paserchia beat Michael Perrone by a two to one margin in the reorganization meeting.

With the-ex-chairwoman and the former chairman trading barbs throughout the primary season, the two spoke about the change, as did the likely new GOP chairwoman, former mayor Angie Paserchia. She unseated longtime GOP Chairwoman Antoinette "Toni" Marone, who took the defeat with good humor but vowed that her side would win back control in the future.

After nearly five years of work the Belleville Police Department finally has a new communication center.

The project, which was spearheaded by Deputy Chief Charles Hood, has given the department a whole new look both aesthetically and technically.

Some of the new features include a brand new 9-1-1 system,

a new radio console and a digital recording system along with video surveillance that will be throughout the entire building.

Belleville said a fond farewell and best of luck on May 12 to a local Marine about to ship off to Iraq this month.

Mayor Raymond Kimble and the Belleville Board of Education honored Lance Corporal Joe Mac Dizon, a Marine with the reserve Marines from Company G, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment. Dizon, a graduate of the Belleville High School class of 2005 and a student at Norwich University in Northfield, VT, is scheduled to deploy in Iraq this month.

Dizon said he will miss his friends and family during his deployment and "I'll miss my hometown, which I love the most."

The county Prosecutor's Office and Belleville police acted cooperatively to make an arrest and a major drug seizure in May.

The arrest was made by members of the Prosecutor's V.I.P.E.R. Task force, the Belleville Police Department Narcotics Squad and U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE).

Terreke Branch, 31, of Newark was been arrested and charged with third degree possession of cocaine and heroin, first degree possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute. He was also arrested and charged with third degree possession of heroin with the intent to distribute, third degree possession of cocaine and heroin with the intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school and endangering the welfare of a child.

The battle for control of Belleville's Republican Party took a turn for one side, with the current chairwoman regaining six candidates for the June 3 primary but admitting she might be unseated by

the challenge from a longtime former chairman. The contentious moves will likely last until Republican County Committee members are elected in the primary election.

Representatives for one slate of candidates for county committee sued the township clerk because a representative for the other faction of candidates had successfully challenged the qualifications of eight of the rival's candidates.

An 18-year-old female Belleville High School student faced jail time after she was arrested for making two bomb scare phone calls involving the high school on Friday, May 23, according to Police Capt. Mark Minichini.

The first call was made at 10:08 a.m. to 911 and stated that there was a bomb at BHS, Minichini said. A second call was made directly to the high school's main office minutes later, after police cars had already been dispatched and the Essex County Sheriff's Department's canine unit was in transit with bomb sniffing dogs, he said.

The two phone numbers used were retrieved and found to have both been lent to Jessica Matos, 19, a BHS senior.

Ralph Vellon, who ran unsuccessfully for the school board in April and said he plans to run again next year, continued to push a plan to improve communication among school officials, parents and residents, and the new school board president promised to take a fresh look at the plan.

When Vellon brought the plan to the school board during the election season, the board took no action and the president of the Consolidated Home and School associations was angered that her groups were included without their

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knowledge.

At a May school board meeting, Vellon reiterated that there are "concerns among community members" that parents and teachers need to become more involved with the administration at the upper levels before conflicts take place about new policies.

In a move not seen in at least a decade and a half, the Board of Education heard two proposals from companies who both wanted to gain the contract for health insurance covering school personnel.

After some school board members and residents questioned whether the existing insurance carrier is giving the school district the best service and premium prices, the board sought bids from area companies, and the only two companies that showed an interest were heard.

LDP Consulting of Lambertville, the current carrier, and IMAC Insurance Management and Consulting of Belleville each sent representatives to pitch the benefits of using their companies to only four out of the seven school board members. In a mood that stirred major controversy with teachers, IMAC was chosen.

Local emergency response officials expressed pride and satisfaction with the speed, professionalism and thoroughness of the reaction to the "microburst" wind and rainstorm that left more destruction in a 15-minute span than most officials said they'd ever seen.

There was more property damage in Nutley, but widespread blackouts from significant damage to power lines and transformers in both Nutley and Belleville on June 10.

A coordinated effort among local police, fire and EMS personnel, assisted by county and state law enforcement agencies, assured that relative order and safety prevailed among the chaos that thrust its way through the towns a little after 9 p.m. With only one minor injury reported within the two townships, luck and other forces seemed to protect residents from any physical harm, according to officials.

Earlier in June Belleville opened its first economic growth office in an effort to further the economic evolution the council has planned for the township.

The grand opening, which took place June 4th at the office location along Washington Avenue across from Town Hall, marked the beginning of what could be a long-standing service in Belleville and many other municipalities in the area. Nicholas Tomaselli of Tomaselli Funding, the company responsible for the "eGrowth" program coming to town said his office will serve as a resource center for all interested in starting a new business and will also help current business owners in the municipality. Offered for residents and business owners will be a free 15-minute consultation and a copy of their "Common Sense Business Guide."

The horrendous wind and rain "microburst" storm that hit Nutley and Belleville on June 10 led to

some changes for schools in both towns, with Nutley needing to formally request a waiver from the state and Belleville changing the date for high school graduation.

Nutley Superintendent of Schools Joseph Zarra said the state would approve a waiver for the district to have one less school day than the 180 required, in deference to the storm.

In Belleville, the decision was simpler, with the only change being the moving of graduation from Wednesday, June 25 to Friday, June 27, according to Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dennis Villano. Belleville closed schools on June 11 and 12. Middle school graduation was moved to June 26, he said.

For one early summer afternoon, all Silver Lake residents were invited to indulge in free ice cream, thanks to the local civic association.

The Silver Lake Civic Association was mailed a flier from Edy's Ice Cream asking that the group compose an essay of 350 words or less. The topic: "Why our neighborhood deserved an 'ice cream salute,'" according to Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke, president of the SLCA.

Silver Lake was among 1,500 sections of towns across America to earn a "salute," she said. The gift includes 12 cartons of ice cream, plus all the ingredients for "a party in a box," including tablecloths and spoons, Burke said.

So Burke's Heckel Street block, between Lawrence and Jeraldo streets, was closed off from noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 19.

The Belleville Library Board case, which has been dormant for the past few months, was thrown back in the spotlight in July.

The case, which will decide the fate of the old library board and the newly instated board, was brought back before a judge and moved one step closer to a decision.

The original lawsuit, which was filed back in November by the old library board members, was a response to Mayor Ray Kimble adopting a new ordinance on Nov. 24, 2006 that allowed the mayor and council to appoint new members to the board as they see fit. Kimble replaced four of the existing seven members following the adoption of the ordinance on the grounds that the old board members had not taken an oath of office, rendering their offices vacant. Former board president David Hinchey was among the four members replaced.

A century ago, the word constable was synonymous with a police officer. Today, most towns still have constables, but their duties are very different.

In Belleville, Police Chief Joseph Rotonda said there are six constables that are appointed by the Township Council. In Nutley, they are appointed by the mayor.

In Nutley, the handful of constables are appointed by the mayor, according to Mayor Joanne Cocchiola.

Rotonda said the constables perform a variety of functions in 2008, but are not involved in direct police work or even paid through the police department.

A year after a devastating fire gutted a 41-unit apartment complex at 1-7 Rutgers Pl., the Zoning Board confirmed that the 41st unit is allowed as a rental, even though it may have served for years as a superintendent's residence.

Even as reconstruction of the apartment complex was under

way, the zoning board found no reason not to allow the 41st housing unit, after hearing from longtime occupants.

The four-alarm fire that displaced more than 50 residents into the rain with no place to live May 1, 2007 was ruled accidental, but the entire two and a half story apartment building at 7 Rutgers Court was virtually destroyed.

Zoning Board Chairman Ottilio "Jerry" DelGuercio said the board's approval of certification to allow the apartment was easy once the testimony had been heard.

Aug. 5, residents locked their doors and turned on their outside lights, holding block parties to send the message to criminals that they are united to fight crime.

A number of block parties were scheduled for this year's National Night Out, created to increase awareness of fighting crime and keeping neighborhoods safer in Belleville, while police officials planned to try and visit each location hosting festivities for the night.

Belleville joined cities nationwide for the 25th "America's Night Out Against Crime."

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, neighborhoods throughout the township were invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the national crime/drug prevention event, according to Sgt. Gerard Corbo.

The Belleville Mobile Precinct, with Community Police Officers including Corbo, were out and about all night long. They compiled a list of people who will be throwing block parties, picnics and barbecues, Corbo said.

Construction on a Lowe's Home Improvement Center in Belleville was coming closer to reality.

The Planning Board has granted Lowe's a one-year extension to complete site plan approval of the store, but Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari said he expected the company to submit a final site plan to the planning board fairly soon. That was unless the plans go to Construction Code Official Frank DeLorenzo. In that case, it may take longer. The project is on Main Street in Notari's ward.

When school started shortly after Labor Day, a new telephone system was up and running for the Belleville Public School District that will allow for emergency notification to parents.

School board member William Villano said the goal was to have the new phone system in place for the start of school, but the district is not "married" to keeping the system if it does not meet expectations.

Villano chairs the board's technology committee, and has worked with board member Arlene Schor and board vice president Bill Freda on the plan.

Villano said the new telephone system give an expanded opportunity to notify families about school emergencies and closings. The new equipment has several options, one of which allows for approximately 4,000 calls to be made in 45 to 50 minutes, he said.

The equipment works in conjunction with a new database being put in place as well, Villano said. The district already has a database with student contacts, and that information will be fed into the new database, he said.

The pursuit of a stolen car led Belleville police to arrest three young men and then police uncovered that two are suspected of

committing an armed robbery at the Pyramid Gas Station on Belleville Avenue a week earlier. On Aug. 14, at about 1:15 p.m., the day started out with a report of a 1995 gold Nissan Maxima being stolen from Frank's Deli, 313 Union Ave. The victim said he went in for a minute to make a purchase, then came out to see three men driving away in his vehicle.

The victim gave police a description of the three, and moments later Belleville police found the car unoccupied in Newark, according to Belleville Police Capt. Mark Minichini. Police then "sat on" the car, waiting for the three to return. They then observed three males attempt to enter the vehicle, and police immediately converged on the suspects. At that point, the driver attempted to ram one police vehicle, missed, and then struck another.

Police observed that one suspect was holding a handgun, and he dropped the weapon at the insistence of police, Minichini said. All three were taken into custody and faced a number of charges. Then, upon further investigation, police determined that two of the suspects were also likely to have been involved in the Pyramid Gas Station armed robbery.

Belmont Avenue has held a special place in the hearts of many Belleville residents and the reason why will now be on display for all who don't know.

The Belleville Township Council, along with hundreds of local residents, gathered at 94 Belmont Avenue to honor Tommy DeVito by renaming his old street Tommy DeVito Drive. DeVito was one of the founders of the musical group The Four Seasons which was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. The group was responsible for such hits as "Ain't That a Shame," "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Working My Way Back to You."

After over six decades of business, the Bigelow Motors Chrysler and Jeep dealership in Belleville has closed its doors for good.

The Belleville icon has been in business along Main Street for 66 years and opened its doors during William Williams tenure as Belleville mayor. "It just seems so needless to me, this was a place where millions upon millions of dollars has been spent. This was a place that supported the south end of this town for as long as most can remember. What would this town look like without Bigelow?" said Joseph Pfeiffer, owner of Bigelow Motors and a resident of Bloomfield for the past thirty-five years. "We kept our place clean, paid all our taxes and gave hundreds, if not thousands, of people their starts."

Pfeiffer has been honored by the Belleville High School, the public library and the township council over the years for his contributions to Belleville. "We were a source of goodness for this town, a place of stability and generosity. It is very sad to see this happen," said Pfeiffer, who turned 92.

School board member Eric Schwartz accused former Belleville Republican chairman Richard Yanuzzi of making good on a political threat by alerting the Belleville Times to an outstanding criminal complaint against him, while Yanuzzi countered that Schwartz has "sold his soul" to the

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Democrats in return for a job.

Meanwhile, the woman who filed the complaint said the matter has been settled for quite some time, that the complaint has to be officially settled by a judge, but she and Schwartz, who once dated, are friends who "still hang out."

The complaint was filed by Cara Muscarella, and states that Schwartz committed "the act of taking a motor vehicle without the consent (a 2004 Suzuki yellow motorcycle) belonging to Muscarella."

Schwartz said the matter was settled between the two.

An area insurance agent wants every parent to have a "safety kit" containing their child's laminated picture identification, fingerprints and DNA, and asked the Belleville school board to help secure a location for a "Child Safety and Protection Festival" in the next few months.

Daniel Carnicella presented his plan to the Board of Education, explaining that a festival has already been planned for Oct. 4 in Nutley.

That day, all children receive an identification card courtesy of New York Life Insurance Company.

His flier states that residents can bring the whole family for a day of festivities and valuable safety tips.

The townships of Nutley and Belleville again this year participated in "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day," to raise awareness of traffic safety in October, according to police officials.

In explaining the reason for the annual day, officials quoted some sobering statistics.

Across the nation, they said, traffic crashes caused more than 41,000 fatalities in 2007, and are the leading cause of death for young people, ages 15 to 34.

In New Jersey, 724 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2007, officials said.

Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 28 percent of the state's traffic fatalities, while 25 percent of all fatal crashes involved traveling at unsafe speeds, according to officials.

Paul Calvacca is a concerned parent of a kindergarten student, and he is trying to get the Belleville school administration to change a policy he feels is putting youngsters' health at risk.

Belleville began full-day kindergarten in all elementary schools this September, and Calvacca found out that his daughter and all her classmates are being asked to take naptime on towels. His concerns and those of the 117 parents who have signed his petition are that the towels are a breeding ground for germs.

The school board, the superintendent and the principals are all currently working on addressing the problem, with the superintendent saying parents should speak to their individual principals, according to officials.

Belleville Police arrested two men in an attempted carjacking on Oct. 8, after a car chase that took them into Newark.

Police were detailed to 211 Holmes St. on the report of a carjacking, according to Police Capt Mark Minichini. They arrived to find out that a Hispanic male pushed a young woman and her three-year-old son out of a black Nissan Murano, jumped behind the wheel and fled east on Holmes Street.

Police put out a description of the vehicle and suspect and the vehicle was spotted near First and Orange streets in Newark, Minichini said.

After a brief car chase, two suspects exited the vehicle and were apprehended. Found on them were the victim's brown pocket-

book and purse containing numerous credit cards and cash valued at \$400, Minichini said.

The district's special education department is in line for more \$1 million in federal grant money, while at the same time has completed a self-evaluation regarding what areas can be improved.

First, the Board of Education approved the submission of the IDEA Combined Grant, which covers the special education programs from this past Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 2009.

The grant includes a request for \$1,024,291 for basic special education. Another \$23,076 is requested for pre-school, bringing the grant total to \$1,047,367.

A new event kicked off recently, designed to promote better health and safer passage by encouraging students and parents to leave cars and buses parked.

The first annual International Walk to School Day "was a great success," according to Lisa Kistner, the consolidated home and school association president.

Kistner said all elementary schools did participate, with approximately 2,000 students in all taking part in the day, and while this has been happening around the world and this is the first time Belleville has participated.

With incidents of violence having more than doubled in the past year in district schools, Belleville's new interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi outlined a series of initiatives to lower such acts in the future.

At an October school board meeting, Persi reacted to a report that showed 56 incidents of violence for the 2007-2008 school year, up substantially from a number in the "high 20s" for the previous year, Persi said.

There were also seven incidents involving weapons and three substance abuse incidents, the report states.

The breakdown of violent incidents shows 26 fights, 11 simple assaults, 11 instances of bullying, intimidation, harassment and threats and one criminal threat. With weapons, there were six instances of possession of other weapons and one incident of assault with other weapons.

Persi touched on a number of issues as he spoke to the public at the most recent Board of Education meeting in November.

Persi said he was proud of Business Administrator Edward Appleton's efforts in running the district's finances, pointing to the yearly audit report conducted by an outside auditor, saying there were zero audit recommendations, adding

that it was a positive reflection on the job Appleton is doing.

The interim superintendent spoke the district's two domicile investigators are doing an outstanding job detecting and removing students illegally attending Belleville schools while not having a legal residence in town.

He said the registration system also keeps out non-residing students. Additionally, a "\$50 bounty" is available to any resident who reports what an allegedly illegal student, and an investigation bears out the claim.

A program to allow "Gold Card" passes for senior citizens has

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proven popular, he said. So far, 56 have been doled out, and there is a request for at least another 35 passes, Persi said.

The interim superintendent designed the program to offer senior citizens free access to any sports or entertainment events performed by the schools, subject to the availability of seating at the events, like plays, concerts and football games.

The interim superintendent has been visiting district elementary schools in the minutes before the bell rings to start the day in the morning.

He said the visits have been getting good input. Persi added that the district does have a problem with some students being dropped off before 8 a.m. Students should arrive no earlier than 8:15, not 7:45 or 8, he said, and the district takes no responsibility for students left before 8:15 a.m.

He has met with student leaders at the Belleville High School to discuss the problem of garbage being left in the hallways.

The students are aware of the problem, and said they want to put up posters to tell other students not to litter the hallways, Persi said.

With a new phone system up and running for the schools and working much better than the outdated system it replaced, Persi said the reverse 911 system that will alert parents to things like snow school closings, will be up and running by the end of the month.

A long-standing promise made

to improve the safety and quality of life for Silver Lake and Soho section residents of Belleville is finally coming.

Township Manager Victor Canning said NJTransit is close to finalizing plans to place a new firehouse in Silver Lake and may also include money for a community and recreation center as part of the deal.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke credited state Assemblyman and county District Five Freeholder Ralph Caputo with helping the long-discussed project come to pass.

Officials have plans to help discipline middle school students that need extra behavior modification and all students who need academic assistance.

Middle School Principal Carmine Guinta outlined a series of five separate programs all aimed at helping students' academic achievements or improving behaviors of students.

At a public Board of Education meeting, Guinta said he was proposing the five programs to each run from approximately Nov. 10 through May 29, with teachers paid \$31 per hour to serve students.

Two of the programs involve extra discipline for those students who may need it, he said.

Another very successful campaign by Belleville Marching Band concluded earlier this month with a state championship.

On Sunday, Nov. 9, the band completed in the USSBA Northern States Championships at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown, PA. Competing in the Class 1A

against bands from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, the BHS band won the championship with a score of 89.95, edging neighboring Nutley by five hundredths of a point, according to Band Director Pamela Brigante.

The accomplishments of the 2008-2009 season include success in seven separate competitions along with playing many important town events, Brigante said.

The continuing, growing success of the Belleville High School Marching Band is a particularly proud accomplishment for the band director, who just a few years ago was a member of the BHS band herself.

Band Director Pamela Brigante reflected on how the band succeeded, why the band's success should continue, how she came to take the director's position after being a member and the possible difficult decision she may face down the road.

The band is comprised of 43 members in grades 8 through 12. Out of the 43 members, 15 are rookies, Brigante said. Out of those 15, 10 are in the eighth grade, signaling a bright future for the band, she said. Add to that the fact that there are 15 second-year members, and that means 31 out of 43 members will be coming back for a few years, fueling the promise of more championships.

The Township Council and Manager heard a pitch from a company to install global positioning systems in township vehicles in November. The councilman who invited the presentation saying he would like to see the systems at least in Department of Public Works vehicles that need better monitoring.

Michael DeMeo of Samm Systems presented a plan for "fleet management" of township vehicles

at the Nov. 25 public council meeting. Deputy Mayor Kevin Kennedy invited DeMeo, and said after the presentation that he wanted to meet with DeMeo and Township Manager Victor Canning to discuss putting them in the DPW trucks, since he said the main problem is the DPW trucks.

New rules for litter disposal will include signs warning residents not to dispose of their own trash in public garbage cans, with fines of up to \$1,000 for offenders.

At the Nov. 25 public meeting of the Township Council, officials were questioned about whether the ordinance will include the placement of signs warning that public trash cans are not for use by private citizens wishing to dispose of their garbage.

With so many residents facing money problems because of the economic downturn, an ordinance to add a 6 percent extra charge on delinquent taxes was tabled so that officials could determine if the move was placing too unfair a burden on property owners.

At the Nov. 25 public council meeting, resident Vincent Frantantoni said he understood that residents are already being charged a late fee percentage in the high teens, and adding another 6 percent might be too much and unfair.

Officials are looking to piggyback grant money from two county sources and one state source to help fund a new artificial turf field at the site of the chronically overused and torn up main football and soccer field at Municipal Stadium.

At a recent work session, the township council and manager talked about getting hundreds of thousands of dollars from each of the three sources, including the county Community Development Block Grant program, the county Open Space Preservation program and the state Green Acres Open Space program.

The good news for parents looking for a pre-school program in the Belleville public school district is that things appear set for the first go round next fall.

The bad news is that there is no space available to expand the program as mandated by the state for

the 2010-11 school year. Under the mandate, the district must offer the program to at least 20 percent of the children eligible for free or reduced lunches, Persi said, and they have three classrooms for next year, which will be enough, but that's all.

Belleville Police Chief Joseph Rotonda has been dropped from all counts in a lawsuit involving a Belleville tavern manager, who claims local police falsely arrested him, while other defendants have had counts dropped as well.

Superior Court Judge Donald Coleman granted a motion for summary judgement on all seven counts against Rotonda, essentially removing him as a defendant in the case, said John O'Reilly, Rotonda's lawyer.

The lawsuit claims that police officers Anthony Weedo and Joseph DeRose falsely arrested Ehler on a drunk driving charge in June 2002, at the same time Ehler was dating the estranged wife of another Belleville police officer, Phillip Canning. The defendant has claimed that the arrest was made in retaliation for him engaging in that relationship, according to records.

With the local, national and world economies all in dire straits, local officials are already meeting with township department heads to hear their plans for cost cutting and then demanding even more reductions.

Police and fire chiefs had the longest and most involved conversations with the township council and manager at the Dec. 8 work session. All other departments, including the Department of Public Works, also were given the same treatment.

After dealing with the very preliminary budgets of the police and fire departments, the council debated with James Messina, a former councilman and mayor, who is now director of the Department of Public Works.

Messina, pressed for money for an ailing roof and a new truck, told the council that some of the biggest increases are out of his control, and sparred with council members about decreasing the amount of overtime paid out.

Kelly Nash is Municipal Clerk. Her number is 973-450-3310 or fax 973-759-1631. Victor Canning is township manager. His number is 973-450-3322 or fax 973-759-8022.



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The show opens with a preview reception on Thursday evening,

Jan. 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (admission is \$12 at the door). The party, a thank-you for the show's advertisers and sponsors, is open to the public, with proceeds benefiting the Women's and Children's Initiative at Integrity House, Newark. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The show continues on Friday, Jan. 30 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. A Tea Room and Pantry Corner will be open during the afternoons, and dinner will be available (\$12) on Friday evening. A home-made luncheon (\$8.50) will be served Friday and Saturday. A personal appraisal service by John Clark of Manahawkin will be offered at \$3 per item on both afternoons in the show's main room.

The antiques show has long

served as a marquee winter social event in New Jersey and is the oldest antiques show presented in Essex County. It brings a unique opportunity to visit the past in an attractive, informal setting. The event is chaired by Ellen Auburn, Norma Batastini and Kevin Curtin and steered by over 12 energetic committees comprised of 150 volunteers.

The church is located at 195

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— *The daytime phone number at Glen Ridge Congregational Church is 973-743-5596. Visit the Web site [www.glenridgeantiques.com](http://www.glenridgeantiques.com) for more information.*

## Pianos seeking new talent for variety of events

### Open-Mic Night

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All types of talent are welcome: comics, poets, singers, guitarists,

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Singers will also be considered for Pianos' Friday evening Cabaret Night.

### Jazz Night

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— *Pianos Bar and Grill is located at 36 Broad St., Bloomfield. For more information about any of the aforementioned events, e-mail General Manager Chris Budinich at [cbudinich@aol.com](mailto:cbudinich@aol.com), call 973-743-7208 or visit the Web site [www.pianosbarandgrill.com](http://www.pianosbarandgrill.com).*



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# Free movie screenings in Bloomfield

**Monday at the Movies**

The Bloomfield Public Library is hosting "Monday Afternoon at the Movies" in January. Films start at 12:15 p.m. in the barrier-free library theatre.

Admission is free and all are welcome. Parents are advised to consider the content and subject matter of films before bringing children. Events are subject to change without notice. (Please note: there is no film Jan. 19; the Bloomfield Library is closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.)

This month's Monday screenings are the result of library patrons voting for their three favorite films starring late actor Paul Newman.

**Jan. 5 - Cool Hand Luke**

"What we have here is a failure to communicate": Luke is a charming misfit who challenges authority on a Southern chain gang. George Kennedy won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor. Strother Martin co-stars as "the Captain." Jo Van Fleet plays Luke's mother. An egg-eating contest provides one of the more memorable scenes in the film. (1967 - color - 126 minutes - NR)

**Jan. 12 - Hud**

"You're an unprincipled man, Hud": One man's greed, lust and

selfishness destroy a family of ranchers in this powerful tale of Western life based on Larry McMurtry's "Horseman, Pass By." Oscars went to co-stars Patricia Neal and Melvyn Douglas and cinematographer James Wong Howe. (1963 - B&W - 112 minutes - NR)

**Jan. 26 - The Hustler**

"Do you like to gamble, Eddie? Gamble money on pool games?": A young drifter challenges a legendary pool shark (Jackie Gleason). This intense and atmospheric film won an Oscar for Best Cinematography. George C. Scott and Piper Laurie co-star. (1961 - B&W - 135 minutes - NR)

**Thursday at the Movies**

The Bloomfield Public Library is hosting free movie screenings on Thursday afternoons in January. Films start at 12:15 p.m. in the library theatre.

Admission is free and all are welcome. Parents are advised to consider the content and subject matter of films before bringing children. Events are subject to change without notice. (Please note: there is no film today, Jan. 1; the Bloomfield Library is closed in observance of New Year's Day.)

**Jan. 8 - Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull**

Steven Spielberg and George Lucas bring the greatest adventurer of all time in a non-stop thrill ride packed with sensational, awe-inspiring spectacles. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull finds Indy (Harrison Ford) trying to out-race a brilliant and beautiful agent (Cate Blanchett) for the mystical, all-powerful crystal skull of Akator. Teaming with a rebellious young biker (Shia LaBeouf) and his spirited, original love Marion (Karen Allen), Indy takes viewers on an action-packed adventure in the exciting tradition of the classic Indiana Jones movies. (2008 - color - 122 minutes - PG-13)

**Jan. 15 - 42nd Street**

Successful Broadway director Julian Marsh (Warner Baxter) produces what may be his last show. When the star (Bebe Daniels) breaks her ankle just before opening night, one of the chorus girls (Ruby Keeler) must step in to save the day. Dick Powell, George Brent and Ginger Rogers co-star in this classic Busby Berkeley musical. (1933 - B&W - 89 minutes - NR)

**Jan. 22 - Young @ Heart**

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**Jan. 29 - Foreign Correspondent**

Brash New York reporter Johnny Jones (Joel McCrea) is sent to Europe to get the inside story on a secret treaty arranged by a famous diplomat (Albert Basserman). When a peculiar-looking windmill

tips him off to a ring of Fifth Columnists, Jones get caught up in a deadly spy plot that may give him the biggest story of his career. This tremendously entertaining film is vintage Alfred Hitchcock. Nominated for six Academy Awards, it co-stars Laraine Day, Herbert Marshall and George Sanders. (1940 - B&W - 120 minutes - NR)

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## ENGAGEMENTS



### Tina Gorman engaged to Brian Kalucki

Arleen Gorman and Kenneth Moore, of Nutley, and James and Jasmine Gorman, of Clifton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Gorman, of Nutley, to Brian Kalucki, of Nutley, son of Maria and Dennis Alamo, of Nutley, and Michael and Lisa Kalucki, of Lanoka Harbor.

The prospective groom proposed on vacation at Eagle Beach, Aruba during sunset on August 2, 2008.

Miss Gorman is an alumna of Clifton High School and Artistic Academy. She is currently employed as Sales Director for Classic Athletic Club in Fairfield.

Mr. Kalucki is a graduate of Nutley High School and Caldwell College. He is currently employed as a State Licensed Real Estate Appraiser.

The wedding is set for August 4, 2009 at the Bucuti Resort in Aruba.



### Alicia Lombard to wed Stephen Michalek

Deborah and David Lombard, of Nutley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Lombard, of Nutley, to Stephen Michalek, son of Laura and Stephen E. Michalek, Jr., of Nutley.

Miss Lombard is an alumna of Nutley High School and William Patterson University. She is a his-

tory teacher at Nutley High School.

Mr. Michalek is a graduate of Nutley High School and William Patterson University. He is a campaign director for Lynch Development Associates.

An October 2009 wedding is planned.

## HOPING FOR A HOME



Flora was born in back of the shelter, an offspring of the stray cats found in the cemetery that surrounds the shelter. She was a little skittish at first, but is now ready to be adopted. Less than a year old, Flora is extremely playful and will make a toy out of anything she finds. Very pretty with great markings, Flora is a real tomboy and holds her own with her brother, Flint, with whom she shares a cage. Flora is spayed and up-to-date on her shots. Come meet Flora at the John A. Bukowski Shelter, 973-748-0194.



Gabby is an elderly girl who is well into her twilight years. She was left at the shelter gate, very thin and very matted. In fact her fur was so matted that she had to be almost thoroughly shaved. Gabby only seems to have minor vision issues. There is nothing wrong with her appetite or her vocal cords! Gabby has lots to say and for not being a spring chicken anymore, she has more energy than some of our younger cats. This cat is amazing. Very lively for an old girl, Gabby probably has a few good years left and she intends to live them to the fullest. She would make a great companion for someone that likes to share good food and conversation. Can you help make Gabby's twilight years her best? To meet her, call 973-748-0194.

## HOPING FOR A HOME



Woody is a young pit bull terrier/lab mix with tons of energy. Very lovable and willing to please, he was found wearing a collar and has been at the shelter for months without being claimed. Woody will be a perfect match for someone looking for a fun dog who always wants to be on the go; perhaps a single guy or girl who is active with outdoor activities. Woody loves water, so playing fetch at the beach is a definite possibility! Come by the John A. Bukowski Shelter and meet Woody. Telephone: 973-748-0194.



It may be rather early, to be thinking about Easter, but Randee thought she would get a jumpstart on the holiday and agreed to be featured this week. A Hotot, Polish rabbit, Randee was found as a stray. She may have gotten loose from someone's home. Good thing for her she made her way to our shelter, as this little bunny had urine burns on her legs and stomach and was painfully thin. All healed, Randee is ultra-friendly and we think she may be trying to pass herself off as a cat – she gives headbutts!! Soft and cuddly, Randee will make a great indoor companion for someone looking for a buddy to hang out with. If you think you may be interested in Randee, come to the John A. Bukowski Shelter in Bloomfield and don't forget your basket.





## HOLIDAY CONCERT

Belleville School No. 3 performed a holiday concert for their parents and grandparents on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Fifth graders sang, under the direction of Mrs. Mateyka, the music specialist. In between of the holiday songs lines from the tale "Twas the Night before Christmas" where spoken.

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## A guide to upcoming town meetings

The Belleville Township Planning Board will hold a public hearing on a revised Belleville Township Master Plan at the Municipal Building, 152 Washington Ave., Belleville on Jan. 8.

The proposed Master Plan will be available for public inspection and copying in the Municipal Building during regular business hours at least ten days before the hearing. They are also available for inspection and copying by appointment through the Planning Board Secretary, Lois Trabucco 973-450-3410.

All interested persons may be present at said hearing and shall be given an opportunity to be heard. Other meetings:

### Rent Leveling Board

Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
March 23, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
April 20, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.

May 18, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
June 22, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
July 27, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
Aug. 24, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
Sept. 21, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
Oct. 19, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.

### Planning Board

Jan. 8, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
Feb. 12, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.  
March 12, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.

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## BHS WRESTLING

## Colon tabbed O.W. at Middletown Tournament

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

A new Colon continues to make news for the Belleville wrestling program.

Justin Colon, a freshman and younger brother of Belleville's all time winningest wrestler, is off to a tremendous start in his varsity career after taking the Outstanding Wrestler award at the Middletown Holiday Tournament, held last weekend in Middletown.

Belleville finished ninth in a field of 12 at the tournament. The Bucs will be back in action on Jan. 7, when it hosts Passaic in a 5 p.m. start. On Jan. 9, the team visits Paterson Kennedy and on the 10th, it's off to the Minuteman Tournament in Elizabeth.

Belleville coach Joe Nisivoccia liked what he saw from Colon, who won at 103 pounds.

"He did a great job," Nisivoccia said. "It's not easy for a freshman to do well in this kind of tournament. Justin wasn't seeded because he didn't have any credentials to speak of on the high school level, so he had to go through the toughest wrestlers in the weight class. But then to be named the O.W. is really something. Most of the teams there were from South Jersey, so it's a credit to Justin to be

honored by those coaches."

Colon started the tournament with a fall in 49 seconds, then won a 10-2 decision in the semifinals. He gained his second pin in the title bout, winning in 3:10.

"He hit his moves very well," Nisivoccia said of Colon. "It was impressive. He was very confident out there."

Colon is the younger brother of Filiberto Colon, who won 156 matches at Belleville from 2004-2008. Filiberto is now wrestling at Rider University.

"Justin is a different type of wrestler than Filiberto," Nisivoccia said. "He's a little taller than Fil was as a freshman. One thing is for sure, he's like his brother in that he's very smart on the mat."

Frank Perez advanced to the 160-pound final with two solid pins. He lost a tough 9-5 decision in the title bout.

"I was very happy with the way Perez wrestled," Nisivoccia said. "He showed a lot of potential in the tournament."

James Murgueytio finished fourth at 112 pounds, winning his first two bouts by decision.

"I liked the way James wrestled," Nisivoccia said. "He did a good job."

Joe Anello, a freshman, split two bouts, winning by fall in the first

round, then losing in the second round to the top seed.

"Joe has been doing a good job," Nisivoccia said. "He ran into a very good wrestler in the second round. A kid like Joe will learn from that kind of competition."

Nick Cuevas finished fourth at 130 pounds. Also competing in the tournament were Louis Olivera (125) and Chase Hamilton (215).

While the varsity was competing in Middletown, a group of Belleville wrestlers were at the Edison J.V. Tournament and did a good job.

"I thought it would be a better opportunity for the younger kids with little mat experience to compete at Edison," Nisivoccia said. "They need that kind of work, and it's better in a J.V. setting than going to a varsity match, losing in the first round and sitting in the stands the rest of the day. This way, they can get in a few matches."

Oscar Cabera, a junior, won the 103-pound championship while J.D. Rossi, a freshman, took gold at 119 pounds.

Anthony Avino and Pierre Renard were second at 125 and heavyweight, respectively. Paterno Franz (119), Kevin Lopez (140) and Dean Naloev (152) all finished fourth. Belleville finished a solid third as a team in the tournament.

## BHS BOYS BASKETBALL

## Bucs split first two games

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

The Belleville boys' basketball team split its first two games of the '08-09 season, defeating Nutley in the season opener, 52-46, and losing to Passaic Valley of Little Falls in the first round of the Passaic Valley Holiday Tournament. 70-29.

Belleville, which played Ferris of Jersey City in the consolation game of the holiday tourney last week, will host Bloomfield next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

On Jan. 8, the team visits Barrenger at 4 p.m.

As well as the team played in its opener, the Bucs were equally flat in its game at Passaic Valley, something that head coach Ted Sochaski hopes is rectified.

"In order to be successful, we need to play with intensity," Sochaski said. "We did a good job of that against Nutley, but the Passaic Valley game wasn't good. We never got into a rhythm, and against a team like Passaic Valley, you can't expect to win. They're a very good team which won a Group 3 championship (in 2007) and those kids know how to play. They're not a big team, but they play the game with intensity, and

hopefully our kids learned from that kind of game."

The Bucs did a good job in winning its season opener on Dec. 22 at home against Nutley. Belleville trailed, 14-12 after one quarter, but gained a 23-22 edge at the half.

The Bucs steadily pulled away in the second half, leading 40-37 after three quarters before winning by six.

Santiago Lopez led Belleville with 13 points while Will Woodley scored 12.

James Colson was a key contributor off the bench, scoring 10 points, including four in the decisive fourth quarter.

Ray Laniez had nine points and Doug Richardson finished with five points to lead a balanced Belleville attack.

"It was good to start the year with a win," Sochaski said. "We played well at home and got good efforts from a number of guys."

Against Passaic Valley, Colson had another good game, scoring 10 points.

"He had a sprained ankle, but he played well," Sochaski said of Colson. "I'm hoping that was just a bad game for us and we'll get back on track."

## Red Clenaghan made the summer of '71 something special

*Old days, good times I remember. Fun days, filled with simple pleasure...*

He made an indelible impression in the life of a 12-year-old boy some 37 years ago. He did it simply by garnering respect and admiration because he was a good and decent man.

Belleville lost another giant with the passing of Frank Clenaghan this past Dec. 26. Not many called him Frank. He was, to his family and friends, "Red", the man with the full head of red hair, the dry sense of humor and a love for kids. He served his country during the Korean Conflict and raised a family in Belleville.

In 1971, Red was my little league baseball coach. You have to understand what that meant to a 12-year-old growing up in Belleville. The opportunity to play at the Mike Marotti Little League Field on Mill Street was something I had dreamt of since moving to Belleville two years earlier. Heck, it was the dream of any kid playing baseball in Belleville. I called it Shea Stadium, with the lighting for night



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games, the professional looking uniforms, the scoreboard, the grand stands and those great hot dogs.

At little league tryouts in 1970, I wasn't good enough to make a team, rather I was sent to the farm league to refine my game. But the following year, after going through tryouts in March, I received a phone call from Red, who said I had made his little league team, which was sponsored at the time by Food Fair.

Red was a man of few words, but his actions always commanded respect. He would arrive at practice every day in that red truck he drove for work with the Belleville DPW. He pitched batting practice to us every day on our practice field in Belleville Park. When there was a game at Marotti Field, Red

would write out the lineup and we'd go out and play. To us, he was either Mr. Clenaghan, or Coach.

He would encourage us when things were down and he'd lay back and let us enjoy the victories when they occurred. Before the '71 season had even started, Food Fair would give way to Biancardi as our sponsor and Red had to run around and collect our uniforms so the lettering could be changed.

I can tell you the scores of every game that year, from our opening night loss to Chris Cervasio and Rotary, 6-3, to a big 8-2 win over Wallace and Tiernan, which had Huey and Jim Mallack, to a 6-3 win over Riefolo's, through a trio of tough losses to Ricky Loma and the Colony Club, 3-1, Joe Gelpi and the Elks, 6-5 and Dean Campana and Varsity Club, 12-2. We were able to get back on track and beat Landolfi, 10-5, in the final game of the first half of that season. We were determined to do better in the second half and we got wins over Wallace and Tiernan, Landolfi, the Elks and Varsity Club and at 4-1, had a chance to win the sec-

ond half title. But Rotary, coached by Mike Limongelli, was too much for us that night in early July and we lost 18-3. We finished the season with a 5-3 setback to Riefolo's and I remember, in my final at bat, just missing a homer as the ball hit the top of the centerfield fence and bounced back in for a double.

Overall, we were 7-7 that year. We had some good players, like Mickey Limongelli, who hit three homers in '71, Ronald "Booper" Beck, who had two homers, Mike McNulty, John Herko, Anthony Speer, Joe Norton, Tom Bianchi, Ken Gruber, Rick Gaschke and Red's son, Jim. I played rightfield for that team and ended up hitting .367.

It's still pretty fresh to me, some 37 years later, and that's because Red made it so much fun to be a part of that team. You can't fool a kid, and we all knew that this man was the real deal.

Red Clenaghan was someone I, and I'm sure so many other young kids, looked up to long after we played our last game for him. He let us be kids, and I'll be forever

grateful. He, like so many others in town, did his job without fanfare, preferring to let the kids enjoy their moment in that wonderful ballpark.

We've lost some outstanding people who helped make little league baseball so much fun in Belleville. Men like Mike Limongelli (and sadly, his son and my former teammate, Mickey), Mike Marotti, Dick Baker, Doug Cantarella and now Red have left us, but their contributions to the youth of Belleville will never be forgotten. They gave us the chance to have fun, to learn how to be good winners and, more importantly, to deal with defeat. That loss to Rotary which ended our playoff hopes was devastating for me, but Red had a way of saying that's part of life, and to move on and learn from the experience.

Thank you, coach, for making that summer of 1971 such a special time for me, and so many others.

*Memories, Seem like yesterday. Old days, Good times I remember. Gold days, days I'll always treasure.*







## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Worship services

Worship services for Bethany Lutheran Church are held at 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. year-round. Child-care is available. Everyone is welcome.

### Kids' fun night

Pastor Nancy S. Moore and the members of Bethany Lutheran Church are sponsoring a weekly 'Kids' Fun Night' on Wednesdays, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the church hall (please enter via the New Street door). There will be ping-pong, games, activities and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

### Healing prayers

Pastor Nancy S. Moore of Bethany Lutheran Church administers healing oil to all interested worshippers during prayers following each worship service. This brief, special practice is held at Bethany on the first Sunday of every month directly after the regular 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Sunday Afternoons with Iglesia Luterana

The Lutheran Latino service, Iglesia Luterana, is held every Sunday at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of Bethany Lutheran Church. The

Rev. Nancy S. Moore presides over the service and the distribution of Holy Communion every week. Once a month, she delivers a sermon that is simultaneously interpreted into Spanish. Diaconal ministers Pedro Dulanto and Madeline Dulanto, assist the pastor in the worship service spoken entirely in Spanish.

This community of worshippers hosts many different religious and social activities every week at Bethany including nightly ESL Classes at 8:30 p.m. during the week and Folk Dances beginning at 7:30 p.m. every Monday and Friday.

*Bethany Lutheran Church is a "Reconciling in Christ" parish. It is the stated policy of this congregation to welcome and fully include persons of every race, age, gender, marital status, ability and sexual orientation. The church is located at 188 New Street, Belleville. Call 973-759-1555.*

## Christ Episcopal Church

### Twelfth Night

Christ Church has announced its First annual Celebration of Twelfth Night celebration for Saturday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by phoning the parish office. The dinner and celebration of the Twelve Days of Christmas in the Olde

English Tradition, and will include a masque to be performed by the Cherry Blossom Players, Belleville's first community theater organization and a concert of music by the members of the Royal Court.

### Food Drive

Christ Church has announced a food drive to replenish and restock the pantry of The Mary and Martha Soup Kitchen. Gifts of non-perishable items are needed to keep up with the demands of the soup kitchen, which now serves meals each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make contributions of canned goods or financial gifts are asked to contact the parish. Volunteers are also always needed to maintain the soup kitchen's ongoing operations. Persons wishing to volunteer are asked to phone the parish.

*Christ Church is an inclusive church in the Anglican tradition, located at 393 Washington Ave., Belleville. For more information, call 973-751-0616.*

## St. Mary's Church

### Family Mass

St. Mary's Family Mass is every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Msgr. Walsh Hall (church basement). Come worship with contemporary music in the spirit of community.

### Bereavement support group

As part of the New Energies program, St. Mary's Church will be holding an eight-week bereavement support group beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 7 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Those grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to attend this series and learn more about the grief process.

Experience prayer and support in a spiritual setting and grow in faith and hope for the future. Contact Elaine Tanimura at 973-667-0335 to register. Pre-registration is recommended.

*St. Mary's Parish is located at 17 Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. Call the church at 973-235-1100.*

## Holy Family Church

### Rosary Society

The Rosary Society recites the Rosary after the 8:45 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. All are welcome.

*To reach the rectory at Holy Family Church, 28 Brookline Ave., Nutley, call 973-667-0026.*

## Temple Ner Tamid

### Networking support group

Join TNT Monday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. to hear Belinda Plutz, a congregant of Ner Tamid, talk about how to network yourself

while looking for a new job.

Belinda is a coach/mentor who has been helping others take control of their careers since 1989 as a principal of her firm Career Mentors, Inc. This will be the second meeting of the ongoing Networking/Support Group. Belinda teaches career and on the job strategies as well as practical, proven and highly tailored goal setting, job hunting, networking, interviewing and negotiating techniques to enhance career confidence and satisfaction.

### January Havdalah cafe

Comedy Legend and Emmy Award Winner Alan Zweibel will star in his one man show, "An Evening With Me," on January 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Alan is an original Saturday Night Live writer and has worked on "It's Garry Shandling's Show," "Monk" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm." He collaborated with Billy Crystal on "700 Sundays." Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Sponsor's dinner at 5:45 with Alan is \$125, including admission to show. Call the temple office for ticket information or visit the Web site.

*Tamid is located at 936 Broad St., Bloomfield. For more information, call 973-338-1500 or visit the Web site at [www.nertamid.org](http://www.nertamid.org).*

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## Sherman Lee Goon

Services were held for Sherman Lee Goon, 55, a lifelong resident of Belleville, Dec. 24 in the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mr. Goon passed away Dec. 20. Mr. Goon was born in New York City, and became a lifelong resident of Belleville. He graduated from Belleville High School. He was employed by Northeast Automotive, Belleville, as a parts salesman. Prior to that, he was employed by the Belleville American Gas Station as a mechanic.

He was the son of Yuen Yung Goon and the late Tom Hop Goon; brother of Lily Zuccarelli, Lauman, Betty, Ruth, and the late Julie Collett; brother-in-law of Edward and Jamie; uncle of Danielle, Steven, and Shannon.

## Robert Jackson

Services were held for Robert Jackson, 88, of Voorhees Dec. 23 at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Voorhees passed away Dec. 22 at Kerson View Care Center, Voorhees.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Jackson lived most of his life in Belleville before moving to Voorhees two years ago. He was the assistant to the controller of NJ Transit in Maplewood. Mr. Jackson received his BS degree in business from Rutgers University. He was a former deacon and active member of the Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Belleville. He was

both a Little League and recreational league baseball coach in Belleville.

He was predeceased by his wife, Janet (Hugo). He is survived by his daughter, Carol J. David; his sons, Douglas J. and Scott F., and six grandchildren.

## Francis M.J. Christiano

Francis M.J. Christiano, 19, of Belleville passed away Dec. 22 at home. Services will be held at a later date, with arrangements made by Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville.

Born in Belleville, Mr. Christiano moved to the Highlands for five years before returning to Belleville 14 years ago. He graduated from Belleville High School in 2007 and was an accomplished artist and a video game designer. He was a bat boy for the New York Yankees from Aug. 26 through Aug. 28, 2002 at Fenway Park. During this time the Yankees were playing two games against the Red Sox, which the Yankees won both games. Joe Torre proclaimed "Frankie as the Yankees Good Luck Charm." He had a love of life that was reflected in the number of friends and relatives that regarded his views on life.

He is survived by his parents, Frank and Elizabeth Christiano; and he was brother of Christina Christiano and Armando Ort; nephew of Roseann Lejuez; cousin of Raymond Jr., Christopher and Jennifer.

## Robert A. Fitton

Services were held for Robert A. Fitton, 78, of Belleville Dec. 27 at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley. Cremation held privately.

Mr. Fitton passed away Dec. 23 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Fitton lived in Belleville most of his life. He was a member of the Newark Mineralogical Society at the Newark Museum, a volunteer at the Paterson Museum and a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. He retired from NY Bell Telephone Co., where he was a test desk engineer.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha A. (Spinuzza) Fitton; his sons, David R., Alan C., Kenneth P., Robert N. Fitton; his daughter, Lisa R. Fitton, and seven grandsons and one granddaughter.

## Phyllis A. Cocca

A Mass was offered for Phyllis A. Cocca (Tasco) of Belleville Dec. 27 at Immaculate Conception Church, Newark, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cocca passed away Dec. 23 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Cocca has lived in Belleville for 25 years. She was a medical assistant for Podiatry Associates in Belleville.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard G. Cocca Sr. She is survived by her sons,

Leonard G. Jr. and his wife, Susan; Marc Anthony and his wife, Tina; her daughter, Jennifer Semmel and her husband, Mark; her grandchildren, Vienna, Ryan, Lenny III, Marco and Gianni; her father-in-law, Leonard V. Cocca, and her mother-in-law, Helen Smith.

## Nicolina "Lily" DiPasquale

A Mass was offered for Nicolina "Lily" DiPasquale, 87, of Belleville Dec. 29 in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home.

Mrs. DiPasquale passed away Dec. 24 at home.

Mrs. DiPasquale was a co-proprietor with her husband and family of the Villa Napoli Restaurant in Cairo, NY, for 40 years until the early 1980s. She was also employed by Wallace and Tiernan in Belleville for 20 years. She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Mrs. DiPasquale enjoyed bowling, bingo and crocheting hats for babies at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville.

She is survived by her son, Louis and his wife, Judy; daughter, Marie; grandchildren, Melissa and Lauren; sister, Jean DelPresto; 13 nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and nephews. Her husband, Ralph S., passed away May 28, 2003. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Mary Pingaro and Raffaella "Rae" Mauriello.

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Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea unto the city of David,

which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.

There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. When the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were afraid. The angel said unto them, 'Fear not! For, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David and Savior, which is Christ the Lord!' Suddenly, there

was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" (Luke 2:1-14).

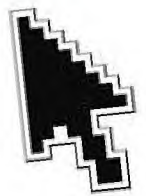
This then is the true meaning of Christmas! Emmanuel, God with us - who came to seek those who were lost, as Counselor - King of Kings - Prince of Peace, to bring Light and Love into this dark world. Therefore, let our light shine this Christmas season and in the

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# BOOKMARKS

## Internet classes

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center invites you to learn about navigating the Internet with Head of Reference Cindy LaRue. The topic for January 13 is 'genealogy.' An in-depth Internet class consisting of three one-hour sessions covering the basics will be held from Feb. 2 through Feb. 4. Call the library to register and find out about other upcoming Internet sessions. All classes start promptly at 10 a.m. in the teen center.

## Friends book sale continues

Check in at the Belleville Public Library for the Friends of the Library bi-annual book sale. There are still good finds available at unbelievably low prices! All proceeds benefit the library.

## Visit NYC museums for free

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## 'Between the Covers' book discussion group

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*The Belleville Public Library is located at 221 Washington Ave., Belleville. Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call 973-450-3434.*

## EVENTS

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Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Center, Nutley. For more information, call 667-7851.

**W&T Retirees Club**, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Recreation Senior Building, in the park on Belleville Avenue. Looking for more retirees to join. For more info, call Ann at 777-4223.

**Belleville AARP #2051**, meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Mill Street Senior Building,

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**Nutley Old Guard**, meets Fridays at 9 a.m. at 44 Park Ave. Non-military social organization for retired and semi-retired men seeking new members from Nutley and vicinity. Refreshments, guest speakers, bowling, golf and bocci teams, bus trips, luncheons, newsletter.

**Belleville Optimist Club**, meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Branch Brook Manor, 13 Washington Ave., Belleville. Call Gabe Nazziola at 696-6562.

**Belleville Rotary Club**, invites guests to their weekly luncheon meetings, Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. at Bella Casa Caterers, 2 Acme St., Belleville. Frank Cozzarelli, 751-4104.

**Nutley AARP #2052**, meetings held on the second Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Call Josephine Brylinski at 667-2514 for more information.

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**Belleville/Nutley Kiwanis Club**, meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Antonio's Restaurant, 371 Franklin Ave., Belleville, 751-7001. Contact Mario

Drozdz at 751-2277 or Sue Kintscher at 661-2623.

**Bloomfield Kiwanis Club**, 7:30 p.m., fourth Thursdays, Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield. Claire Abel, 893-9141.

**Belleville Irish**, meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall, Bridge Street, Belleville. For more information, call Beverly at 759-1298.

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Defendants  
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