

Councilman blasts delay in naming recreation board

Hoboken Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri is "angry" that Mayor Steve Cappiello has not appointed members to the Recreation Advisory Board established by the City Council in June.

He said "procrastination by the mayor has caused the children of the city to lose any programs that might have been developed by the board this year."

He noted that the board of education has moved ahead of the city by calling a special public meeting of the Athletic Committee tonight to get ideas from citizens on recreational and athletic programs to replace school programs eliminated by budget cuts.

"It is interesting that James Farina is doing this through the board rather than through his own department. He's a good man and if he had the advisory board he'd be able to develop alternate programs through the city," said Ranieri.

Farina is director of the Department of Health and Welfare, which has jurisdiction over recreation. He is also a school trustee, one of those conducting tonight's hearing at the board's meeting room at 1115 Clinton St.

Cappiello denied he has procrastinated and said he has a meeting planned for today or tomorrow with Farina to discuss a list of names being considered by the board.

"I don't want to disclose the names at this time," he said, "but we do have a tentative list of names."

Ranieri said the idea has been discussed since May, during the local election campaign.

"I'm angry because the idea was passed in June and there were many qualified names available at that time," he said.

"With these cutbacks in extracurricular school programs, we've got to find ways to keep kids busy or they'll get into trouble," Ranieri added.

Court orders Hoboken to pay teachers

By JIM BENSON

A Hudson County Superior Court judge yesterday ordered Hoboken to comply with arbitrators' decisions and award teachers \$320,000 which the board of education had disputed.

On one of two disputed pay-arbitration awards, Judge Frederick C. Kentz Jr. ruled the board must pay the teachers one-sixth of their yearly salary increases for the 1976-77 and 1977-78 school years. The board, in July, 1976, discontinued its long-standing practice of paying teachers this money each year on July 15.

According to Mary Tecktonius, president of the Hoboken Teachers Association, the decision affects between 400 and 450 teachers and totals approximately \$160,000.

Judge Kentz, in a separate decision, also ruled the board must pay teachers who went on strike for eight days in September and October, 1975, did make up work beyond the regular school calendar in June, 1976, to compensate for time lost during the strike.

The board, by resolution on July 13, 1976, voted to dock the strikers 25 days' pay—17 days that they were on strike and the eight days they worked extra in June. The union agreed to the 17 days but demanded pay for the extra working days in June.

Mrs. Tecktonius said this decision affects 300 to 350 teachers and also amounts to about \$160,000.

Board attorney Robert Taylor could not be reached yesterday, but Board President Mary Gaspar agreed with Mrs. Tecktonius' figures.

Mrs. Tecktonius claimed the board has had the money all along to pay the awards. Mrs. Gaspar, however, said the board will be faced with a serious problem.

New setup seen

Hoboken is expected tomorrow to take the first steps in the establishment of a centralized purchasing system to coordinate the \$1 million in supplies the city buys each year.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius, who has the ultimate responsibility for approving requests for supplies, said yesterday that when the system is introduced, he won't sign requisitions if department heads don't adhere to the newly clarified purchasing practices. An ordinance will be introduced at tomorrow's city council meeting and is expected to get final approval in two weeks.

Department heads are simply going to have to decide beforehand exactly how many chairs or shovels they'll need over the year," Chius said. "I'm not going to sign request for \$1,500 for items one week and then okay another \$1,500 for the same item three weeks later. That's more than \$2,500 (in goods) and must go out to public bid."

Although department heads will be able to requisition supplies for what Chius called "unforeseen needs," he said he will closely monitor requests and make sure such requests are strictly documented and forwarded to his office within 24 hours. He said only items which "crop up when you don't expect them" will be approved by his office.

The ordinance will clearly define who's responsible for all of the 4,000 to 5,000 purchasing orders which pass through my office each year," Chius said. "We're also going to set up a purchasing manual and make up a bidder's list so we can solicit bids easily. We're finally going to put in writing exactly what should be done during purchasing."

Hoboken teachers win court fight for higher pay

The Hoboken Teachers' Association must be paid a higher rate salary for two months consistent with the 1976-77 salary guide and for eight extra days worked in June, 1976, Superior Court Judge Frederick C. Kentz Jr. has ruled.

The judge's decision, upholding awards made in favor of the HTA against the Hoboken Board of Education by an arbitrator in May, involves an estimated \$230,000, according to informed sources.

Robert W. Taylor, school board counsel, was not available for comment, and Mary Stack Gaspar, board president, said she would withhold comment until she confers with fellow board trustees.

Mrs. Mary Tecktonius, HTA president at the time of the dispute, said her group had felt confident that it would be successful in the case when asked for comment on Kentz's decision.

She emphasized that whatever money will be received by the teachers is already in the school board's budget. She explained it is

money that would have been paid if the board had not decided to withhold in July, 1976, the difference between the higher rate due under the 1976-77 salary guide and the former rate (in paying at that time the teachers' salary). She also noted the teachers, having worked eight extra days in June, 1976, were pleased they are to be paid for those days under Kentz's decision.

The judge, in confirming American Arbitration Association awards in the HTA's favor, noted the school board had been paying teachers in July of each year two-month salaries based on the higher rate under the new school year's salary guide. However, in July, 1976, he said the board refused to pay the difference although the HTA claimed that amounted to a reduction of salaries, a violation of the labor agreement and was contrary to past practice.

The board also decided not to pay the teachers for the eight additional

7 communities in Hudson to aid poor on fuel bills

The six North Hudson communities and Kearny have been allocated \$210,884 in federal funds to help low income families and senior citizens pay their unpaid high fuel bills incurred during the past severe winter.

Commissioner Patricia Q. Sheehan, state director of Community Affairs, said the program is being funded through a \$5 million grant which the state received from the federal Community Services Administration.

In addition to North Hudson, she said authorized agencies for distribution of the funds are the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation, HOPES in Hoboken and the Department of Human Resources in Jersey City.

Assistance is available to families whose unpaid utility fuel bills from Oct. 1 to May 5 are past due and who have been threatened with a service shut-off. Also eligible are families whose utility fuel bills are current but who had to sacrifice other basic necessities to pay those bills.

Nicholas S. Mastorelli, executive director of the North Hudson CAC, urged eligible families and seniors to make immediate application. He cited an Aug. 13 deadline for the certification of claims.

Allotments of the money under the U.S. "special crisis intervention program" will be on a first-come basis, he said, with a portion of the funds being reserved for senior citizens. Income levels set for eligibility are from \$3,713 for one person to \$14,513 for a family of 10.

Mastorelli said applications will be received at the CAC office, 507 28th St., Union City, for residents of the North Hudson area. The state also has set up a toll-free, information hotline, he said, at 800-792-8820.

New phone system seen saving \$1,000-a-month

The new centrex telephone system authorized yesterday by the Hoboken City Council eventually will save the city \$1,000 per month, according to Edwin Chius, city business administrator.

The centrex system, which is already used by the state and by Jersey City, will require only one switchboard to be used by the city, the police department, fire department, board of education and Model Cities program, which all have their own switchboards now.

Contracts for the system are expected to be signed by the mayor and representatives of Bell Telephone today, and the system will be installed in about six months, to coincide with delivery of new phone directories in Hoboken, according to Chius.

Among the money-saving aspects of the new system, according to Bell Telephone, are:

- Most phones will be restricted to calls within a one-message unit area;

- The city will receive a 10 percent discount for charges for message units;

- Floor space will be saved because switching equipment will be located in the telephone company's central office;

- Salaries for switchboard operators will be greatly reduced because most calls will be directly to the person desired, rather than through a switchboard.

Chius said the system also will

eliminate the need for most of the private lines now provided to department heads. He said there are about 25 private lines in use now, and only three to four (for the mayor, police chief, and himself) will be needed with the new system.

He said another good feature is that calls will be allowed in and out of City Hall after 4 p.m. the hour the switchboard closes now.

The total monthly costs for the sample month of November, 1976, under the old system came to \$8,123 just for phone service.

Based on that system, the centrex would cost \$6,390 per month, but money will be saved in the salaries and maintenance of switchboards, the reduction of calls over the one-message unit area, the discount for message units that may amount to \$150 per month and the reduction in private phones.

"There will be some problems when we first switch over," said Chius. "But in about six months, we'll be saving \$1,000 a month compared to the old system."

The installation cost is \$10,795.

Hoboken tightening purchasing rules

The Hoboken City Council is paving the way for the new centralized purchasing system for the city through an ordinance establishing procedures and responsibilities for the system.

The ordinance, passed on first reading yesterday and based on a model supplied by the state, will give Business Administrator Edwin Chius the power to purchase or contract for all supplies used by the city except those involving building construction and major street and park improvements.

Besides having the responsibility to check every purchase made for the city, Chius will be required to:

- Get "maximum value" for every dollar spent and discourage uniform bidding;
- Establish a bidders list to streamline the bid-seeking procedure;
- Prepare a vendors catalogue file, to be set up according to materials and containing descriptions of vendor's commodities;
- Prepare a list of standard and written specifications for all supplies used by city agencies;
- Buy in bulk to take advantage of discounts available for that type of purchasing.

He may also purchase supplies through the state Division of Purchase and Property to take advantage of rates for bulk buying by the state.

Emergency purchases must also go through the business administrator and may only be made when they are essential to work that may "vitality affect the life, health or convenience of citizens."

The measure passed without discussion on the first reading and will come up for final passage Aug. 17.

Chius said the ordinance is needed to "tighten up" the purchasing procedures of the city. He said it shouldn't affect the normal operation of departments, because he will designate certain persons in various departments to authorize small purchases, such as locks, nails, or anything under \$5 that is essential to finishing a job or fixing things that would be inconvenient to wait on.

"Even with those, however, we'll be checking to make sure they are needed," he said.

The ordinance also sets up guidelines for purchases, such as voiding contracts in which the vendor is financially associated with city employees or officers.

It also prohibits city employees from accepting gifts or rebates from vendors or firms doing business with the city.

The council also adopted an ordinance on first reading which will disallow right turns on red lights at 42 corners in the city from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The intersections affected include every corner on Washington Street between Newark and 13th Streets, Willow Street between 11th and 14th Streets is also affected.

That ordinance also comes up for final passage Aug. 17.

In other business, the council passed a resolution approving a switch, along with the board of education, to a centrex telephone system and instructed Chius to do an analysis to determine whether the arrangement with East Orange to computerize the handling of traffic tickets is bringing in more money, as it was supposed to do.

When asked about the question of Councilman Walter Cramer, Chius said either a cost-benefit analysis or an operational audit is required, because besides comparing this year's figures to those of last year, he also must determine whether an increase is due to the computerized system or simply to more fines being given by the court.

Hoboken expected to OK recreation panel aides

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has chosen five nominees for the Recreation Advisory Board established in June by the City Council. The council was expected to approve the appointments at its meeting this morning.

The appointees are: Robert N. Hill and Susan Newman, two years;

and Carlos Perez, Irene Holstius and Jack Mahoney, one year.

The board members will serve without pay and only in an advisory capacity. They will select their own chairman at their first meeting.

Hill, who has 20 years of experience in recreational activity, holds a masters degree in counseling.

Mrs. Newman, whose husband, Thomas, heads the First Ward Block Association, is president of the Peoples Park Committee.

Tour of sewage plant scheduled

A guided tour of Hoboken's pilot sewage treatment plant at 15th and Adams Streets will be conducted August 10 at 7 p.m. for all interested citizens of Hoboken.

Joseph Lynch, of Mayo, Lynch and Associates, the architectural firm in charge of the project, warned citizens to "wear your work clothes"

for the tour. He said his office has been besieged with requests for tours, but he wants to reserve the first tour for concerned citizens of Hoboken.

Following the tour, a slide show and discussion will be led by Dr. Richard Talbot, co-designer of the plant and an expert on biological sewage.

Master plan hearing set

The Hoboken Planning Board will hold a public hearing Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Service Center, Second and Grand Streets, to seek the opinions of residents on the content and policies of master plan now being drawn up for the city.

The revision of the 1957 master

plan is required to serve as a basis for a new zoning ordinance called for in the 1975 New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law.

A second meeting is planned for two weeks later, with time and place to be announced.

Herman Bier rites today; heart victim

The funeral of Herman Bier, former Hoboken business administrator who died Monday night at the home of his daughter in Coral Springs, Fla., is being held today in Florida.

Mr. Bier, 65, and his wife, Muriel, had moved to the Fort Lauderdale suburb several weeks ago after spending their entire lives in Hoboken. He is reported to have suffered a fatal heart attack at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Adrienne Block.

A colorful Hoboken figure, Mr. Bier became city business administrator in 1968 and served until just before last May's municipal election when he was dismissed by Mayor Steve Cappiello. It followed more than two years of political infighting between forces with which Mr. Bier was allied and the mayor.

Mr. Bier attended public school and Hoboken High School where he was a varsity basketball player. He earned a law degree at the now defunct John Marshall Law School, Jersey City, but never entered the legal profession. Instead he managed the paint and hardware business founded by his wife's father, the Harry Silon Paint Co. at First and Clinton streets.

When James F. Quinn left the city administrator's post to become county clerk in 1968, then Mayor Louis DePascale appointed Mr. Bier to succeed him.

Mr. Bier supported Cappiello in 1973 and was reappointed as administrator. In the last election, however, he sided with Councilman Anthony H. Romano and was dropped by Cappiello on March 23. At the time Cappiello said he could not work with a man "who doesn't support my

politics." Cappiello easily won reelection.

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Mr. Bier was widely known in the business community throughout the county and state from his long association in the paint business and later as municipal administrator. He held membership in the United

Synagogue of Hoboken, the Masonic order and Hoboken Lodge of Elks. He also was active in the Anthony H. Romano Civic Association.

Mr. Bier turned down many opportunities over the years to be honored for his community work. In 1968, however, he did accept the designation of the Hoboken United Synagogue as "Man of the Year" in recognition of having been named to the high municipal post by DePascale.

Hoboken pays for police cars 7 months later

A mix-up in paperwork caused a Jersey City auto dealer to have to wait seven months for payment for five police cars he sold to Hoboken.

Edwin Chius, Hoboken business administrator, sent a check for \$40,000 to AC Chevrolet in Jersey City yesterday as payment for five fully-equipped police cars delivered to the city in January.

In an obvious reference to the dispute between his predecessor, the late Herman Bier, and Mayor Steve Cappiello during the mayoralty campaign last spring which resulted in Bier being fired in March, Chius said, "there wasn't much done here (the business administrator's office) for a few months."

Chius, who was campaign manager for Cappiello and took over as business administrator in May, said he didn't even know the money was due until Thursday.

When a van was delivered that day for the signal division, he said, he inquired as to whether any money was due the car dealer. It was then that he discovered the bill for the cars.

"It should have been paid in March," he said. He added that the van would be paid off with more alacrity.

Cappiello wants city spending slowed down

"Slow down the spending," will be the message from Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello to his department directors at a meeting today at City Hall.

"We have a problem every year at this time," said the mayor. "The money is just running ahead of us a little."

He said the spending will have to slow down to keep within the department budgets for the year. Part of the problem stems from natural causes—the fire and police departments had to put in extra hours to slow down the water emergency during the recent heat spell, noted the mayor.

Cappiello said he also will get

progress reports on how the directors are doing in complying with recommendations from the city's auditor, which were received last week.

Among these were suggestions that the payroll system be

streamlined, that deposits of cash be made within 48 hours of receipt, that a legal opinion be sought regarding the city's responsibility to Hoboken Cemetery and that the water department enforce or amend the 1933 ordinance requiring deposits from consumers.

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Former administrator

Hoboken set to centralize purchasing

The proposed centralized purchasing system for the city of Hoboken may be a reality by the middle of next month, according to City Council President Martin Brennan.

Brennan will introduce an ordinance at the City Council meeting Wednesday establishing a centralized purchasing system and outlining the powers and duties of the business administrator, Edwin Chius, and the procedures and penalties for violations of the ordinance.

"This is long overdue," said Brennan. "We hope to have it implemented and working for the last quarter of this year."

The measure will be introduced on first reading Wednesday, and comes up for second reading and final passage Aug. 17. It takes effect 20 days after final passage.

Open house?

Last February, more than \$5,000 worth of equipment was stolen from the Hoboken sewage treatment plant.

Last week, thieves broke in again and got away with some tools and a bicycle owned by a plant employee.

Over the weekend, burglars came back again and walked off with more than \$550 worth of equipment.

The superintendent of the plant said that no new security precautions are planned. In view of the past incidents, Hoboken is either resigning itself to constant raids on the sewage treatment plant or it is setting up a trap to grab the burglary gang in one fell swoop.

If so, how many burglaries do they get as freebies before they are collared?

Outdoor cafes, river parks urged in Hoboken

High-risers, waterfront parks, recreation areas and outdoor cafes are some of the ideas the Hoboken Planning Board will be considering as it draws up a new master plan. They were among the suggestions offered last night at the first of a series of public meetings to gather ideas for the first revision of the city's master plan in more than 20 years.

About 25 persons attended the initial session at the Downtown Multi-service Center where they heard Ralph Seligman, a planning consultant, outline the options open to the city in the years ahead. According to Seligman, a master plan probably isn't valid for more than five to eight years because its major elements — population and economics — can change rapidly.

Hoboken's latest master plan was drafted in 1956. In recent years, the city's residential section has revived but its commercial areas have continued to decline leading some to conclude that the city should forget about business and concentrate on becoming a first class residential community, he said. However, he cautioned that this may not be the best course of action.

"I believe the city can still attract reputable and clean industry," he said, pointing to studies showing that manufacturing firms have an interest in moving into Hoboken if they can find space and that others who have left would have stayed if the transportation system were better. The heads of most companies which moved out said difficult access to their plants, not taxes, was the

prime consideration, he said, adding that an industrial access road at the city's western edge should be considered. Basically, he said, the planning board has to decide whether to recommend development of a city retaining the present mix of residential, industrial and business districts as opposed to a predominantly residential city, either all middle income or mix-

ed low and middle income. One member of the Hoboken Environment Committee said the waterfront should be developed as a recreation area, there should be more parks and that an ordinance prohibiting outdoor cafes should be repealed, at least for Washington Street. The possibility of high-rise apart-

ments along the water also was suggested as was a ban on the waterfront highway plan that has been proposed by the state department of transportation.

"The board won't draw up any proposals until it hears what the people have to say all over town," Seligman said. "We also have to hear from the business community, a very important group."

Other hearings will be conducted in the near future in other sections of the city, although no specific dates or places have been set.

He said he hoped to have a plan drawn up by the end of the year. Then the planning board will hold a public hearing on the finished product and if

approved, the document will then be forwarded to the City Council which will also conduct a hearing and take a final vote.

2 park chiefs to cost Hoboken less than one

Two men will replace the retiring Hoboken Parks superintendent, but it will cost the city less money, according to James Farina, director of health and welfare.

When Angelo McCally retires Sept. 1 as parks superintendent, the task of caring for the parks will fall to Robert Hill, arborist for the Community Development Agency. Meanwhile, an acting foreman will be appointed to supervise the men in the city's parks department.

He will be paid by the CDA, according to Farina, and only the salary of the foreman will be paid by the city—and that should be less than the \$11,345 per year paid to the superintendent now.

Hill's present salary with the CDA is \$15,000. He has been working in Hoboken with the CDA since October as an arborist and horticulturist. He says the new responsibility will not be a burden since he already works on trees in the parks.

He was appointed to the Recreation Advisory Board last week by Mayor Steve Cappiello for a term of two years. That is a non-salaried position.

The city invested \$400,000 this year in renovating Church Square Park and making a new park at Second and Grand streets. This included new sod, playground, basketball courts and lights for the courts at Church Square Park, which were turned on last night for the first time. Similar work is planned for Stevens and Elysian parks next year.

Farina said the city needs a man of Hill's background to care for this investment.

"The parks are going to have to be babied for awhile, and Hill has the expertise to keep them in shape," he explained.

He said the city will be looking into ways of providing security at night to keep vandals from ripping up or stealing new equipment or from damaging the sod.



D. Manus Pinkwater, Hoboken author and illustrator, concentrates on new script.

Hoboken a haven for artists

By Patrick Ford

D. Manus Pinkwater loves Hoboken and calls it the "perfect place for an artist to live and work."

He just wishes some artists would work a little more quietly — like the rock band that plays day and night near his home. After numerous inquiries to the police and the board of

health, he wrote a letter to the editor of The Jersey Journal Saturday telling of his problems in getting some relief from the "noise pollution."

Yesterday, after seeing the letter in The Jersey Journal, Mayor Steve Cappiello called Pinkwater, told him he hadn't been aware of the situation, and assured him he would do "the utmost to relieve the problem."

Now, Pinkwater can go back to what he does best, which is write and illustrate books for children.

The latest of Pinkwater's 14 published books is "The Hoboken Chicken Emergency," which has received rave reviews from critics.

One critic for a national magazine called it "an uproariously funny and surprisingly sophisticated book that scores some telling points about mob psychology, politics and even the mass media."

"It's like 'King Kong' on a small scale," says Pinkwater. "Instead of an ape, there is a chicken, and instead of New York I use Hoboken."

"It's also like 'Jaws' in that they hire this steely-eyed fellow to capture the chicken and he fails — love prevails in the end."

Pinkwater says he uses references to Hoboken in all his stories, but this is the first book he has based in the city.

He has been based here himself for the last 12 years, and says it is a haven for many of the artists he knows.

"There are more artists working here than most people realize. It's the perfect place for an artist to live and work because it's safe, usually quiet when no rock bands are playing, and it's right across from New York — the cultural center of the world," he says.

Pinkwater, 35, is married but has no children of his own.

"Just because you write and illustrate children's books, doesn't mean you have a special feeling for kids," he says.

"I'm not Dr. Spock. I have no special understanding of kids. My talent just happens to be in children's books."

Pinkwater does all his own art work for his books. He is a member of the American Institute of Graphic Artists (AIGA).

Last year he received the American Library Association's "Notable Book" citation for "Lizard Music," which was also listed among the 100 best books by the AIGA.

"Being successful allows me to be broke," he says with a chuckle. "That's what I am when I am finished paying for the apartment house I own in Hoboken and for the Hoboken real estate taxes."

Hoboken tries to lower costs for Maxwell

Officials of Maxwell House, Hoboken's largest employer, have told Mayor Steve Cappiello they are "concerned" about the rising costs of operating the plant in the city.

There was no mention of closing the plant and one official said "we're not trying to threaten the mayor," but they told Cappiello that there is increasing concern about the continuing high costs of water, taxes and sewerage.

The company is also trying to work with the city on the most cost-effective method of sewage treatment, according to George Burgess, plant operations manager, who met with Cappiello Wednesday afternoon.

The city is required to meet the standards of the federal Clean Water Act and is trying to work out a way to do it without having to be part of the Hudson County Sewage Treatment Authority. The deadline for having a secondary sewage treatment facility in operation was July 1, but Hoboken was one of the cities to get an extension while it works out its problems with the county.

When asked directly whether he thought there was any danger of the plant closing, Cappiello replied "no."

"However, they (the officials at the Hoboken plant) have to answer to their corporate offices (General Foods) about the costs of operating here," said Cappiello.

"They have to fight to keep within a certain cost-per-pound of coffee to allow for a reasonable profit. If another corporation can make it cheaper 100 miles from here, they have to consider that."

When asked whether there is any chance of Maxwell House receiving some kind of tax incentive to keep the plant, which employs about 1,100 people, in Hoboken, Cappiello said, "I don't know."

He said the city will try to find a way to reduce the water and sewerage bills for everyone, including Maxwell House, which is the city's largest water consumer.

"We are scrutinizing our water bills from Jersey City," he said. "There's a chance we may be getting overcharged, but I don't want to say any more about it until we are sure."

Latest break-in at sewage plant costs Hoboken \$550 in equipment

The latest break-in at the Hoboken sewage treatment plant will cost the city more than \$550, Roy Haack, superintendent of the facility, said today, adding that no new security precautions are planned.

The break-in, which occurred sometime between 4 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday, was the third at the plant in the last six months and second in a week.

In February, over \$5,000 in equipment was stolen, while a break-in last Wednesday netted the thieves a 10-speed bike owned by a plant employee and some tools, Haack said.

When Haack showed up at the plant Saturday, he found an electric

garage door forced open and a lawn mower, electric saw, electric grinder and an electric drill stolen from the garage, which is connected to the plant.

Haack pegged the value of the items at \$550 when reporting the theft to the police Saturday, but said today it will cost more to replace the items new and repair the damage.

Haack said the theft must have been carried out by more than one person, because the garage door was lifted manually, and that requires at least "two strong men." "I can't lift that door myself," he added.

Despite the three thefts in six months, there are no security guards

patrolling the plant, according to Haack. He said there are always men working there, "but they are all over the place; they couldn't have spotted this."

He acknowledged that the accessibility of the garage makes the treatment facilities prone to vandalism, because someone breaking into the garage would then have an easy time getting into the treatment facility itself.

Since the February break-in, most equipment in the garage is chained down, said Haack. "There is only so much you can chain down, though," he said.

14th St. group gets Cappiello vow

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has promised to help the members of the 14th Street Block Association in their battle to have a vacant building in the neighborhood demolished.

Cappiello met with members of the group Tuesday evening and was told of the building, described as filthy and dangerous, which is owned by the Hoboken Shore Railroad.

Area residents have labeled the building a haven for junkies and vagrants and asked to meet with the mayor after one of the Association members was stabbed nearby on July 7.

Cappiello said today he had spoken with officials of the Hoboken Shore Railroad and received their assurance that bids would soon be asked from demolition companies to be demolished.

The residents also requested that

the mayor beef up the police patrols in the neighborhood and Cappiello said he has referred the matter to Police Chief George Crimmins.

Cappiello plans to follow up with the building's owners to make sure they comply with the demolition request and said he plans to meet with

members of the block association again next week to see if any progress was made.

Manuel Perez, president of the block association, said he is anxious to see the mayor again, because residents are "sick of promises. We want action from the mayor and the police."

Chius says action slated on restrooms at park

A purchase order will be signed by Wednesday for repair of the restrooms at Stevens Park, Hoboken, but no plans are being made for the restrooms at Elysian Park, Edwin Chius, business administrator, said today.

The city has drawn criticism from local residents and from Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri in recent weeks because the restrooms at the two parks have been closed all summer. The ones at Elysian Park have been closed since 1971, according to Chius.

Chius said estimates for the work at Stevens Park are due today from plumbing contractors, and that he expects them to be under \$1,000. The work involves new sinks and fixtures, repair of drains and plugging leaks in the building.

The Public Works Department had obtained an estimate for \$500 to repair Stevens Park restrooms three weeks ago, but Chius declared today that estimate was for less work and didn't include the repairing of the damaged drain pipe.

He stressed that this is not a total overhaul, but just necessary repairs for the restrooms to be opened.

He said he will have to check the budget before determining if the restrooms at Elysian park will be worked on at all this year. Because of

the extent of the damage to the restrooms at Elysian Park, he said, it may cost as much to fix them temporarily as it would to wait until next spring and repair them permanently. One reason for this, explained Chius, is that the restrooms at Elysian Park are used as storage space. When he went to check them last week he could barely open the door because so much material was stored inside.

In a related matter, Chius said the water fountains at both parks are finally repaired, after being unworkable all summer as well.

The delay with the fountains, he said, involved waiting for delivery of the parts needed for the water faucets. They were ordered last month, though they should have been ordered in April, he admitted.

Schools may give Hoboken a stadium

The Hoboken Board of Education may turn Kennedy Stadium over to the city to make it easier to obtain state and federal grants to renovate it, according to James Farina, vice president of the school board.

Farina, who is also director of the city Department of Health and Welfare, which has jurisdiction over recreation and parks, said today he is looking into the transfer in both his capacities.

He stressed that the transfer would not affect the scheduling of high school athletic events, nor would it cause much expense for the city.

He said the transfer will be made "within the next year, maybe two, depending on how the details work out."

The switch will only be made if the city is certain to be eligible for grants for renovation, according to Farina.

The major work needed at the facility is resurfacing of the playing fields, with estimated costs ranging from \$75,000 for re-sodding to \$300,000 for installation of an artificial surface.

"The artificial surface would be

the best route to go if money were not a problem," said George Maier, assistant superintendent of schools and formerly the grants manager.

The advantages of the artificial turf would be that it lasts 10 to 12 years and can be used constantly, while the sod lasts only a short time under the heavy activity at the stadium, according to school officials.

The school board's attempt earlier this year to get Green Acres grants was an "impossible dream," according to Maier. He said the state requires that the facility be open and accessible to the general public at all times.

Farina did not say why the city would have a better chance for grants, but Maier said the city is in a better position "because it has more political clout."

Stevens opens 107th year Sept. 6 as 440 enter

Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, will begin its 107th academic year Sept. 6, with continued improvement being shown in its financial enrollment, and research support conditions, according to Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, president.

Dr. Rogers said the economic recovery program, adopted by the Board of Trustees in 1975, has resulted in the substantial reduction of a \$1½ million annual operating deficit.

One of the largest freshman classes in the history of Stevens will enter the college over the Labor Day weekend when freshman orientation will be held. According to Robert H. Seavy, director of admission, the class will number approximately 440.

More than 50 women in the new class will bring women in the undergraduate program to more than 10 per cent of the total enrollment.

Women were first admitted into undergraduate programs in 1971.

The increase in the enrollment of students in graduate studies programs also is expected to continue this fall, with the estimated enrollment possibly exceeding 1,000 for the first time in six years.

A \$68,400 grant from the state Board of Higher Education will provide tuition assistance to New Jersey residents enrolled fulltime in graduate studies in foul areas at Stevens.

The graduate funding will be available to students in the areas of ocean engineering; lasers, optics, and spectroscopy; metallurgy; and thermo-chemical energy conversion and storage.

The increases support for research at Stevens from industry and governmental agencies is evident in a number of grants received recently from the National Science Foundation.

Reelection cost Cappiello group just \$50,998

What is the going price for the mayoralty of a city like Hoboken?

For the Committee to Re-Elect Mayor Steve Cappiello in the May 10 election this year, the price tag came to \$50,998.

That's the total based on the final 60-day report of contributions and expenditures filed in Trenton with the Election Law Enforcement Commission, by the campaign treasurer, Edwin Chius, who is now business administrator.

Losing candidate Anthony H. Romano spent \$13,073, according to Louis Thurston, director of the state ELEC.

The committee collected \$51,875, but included in that figure are \$12,000 in loans made to the committee by the candidates on the ticket — Cappiello, who made a \$6,000 loan, and

Councilmen-at-large Bernard J. Scrivani, Robert A. Ranieri and Thomas M. Kennedy, who each made \$2,000 loans to the committee.

Chius said a \$50-a-plate fundraising dinner is tentatively set for Sept. 29 to raise the money to pay back the interest-free loans from the candidates.

The largest single expense for the campaign was \$9,525 paid to the Union Club, Hoboken, for the cost of a \$100-a-plate dinner in April which was the source of many of the donations, according to Chius.

Other large expenses included: \$6,240 for campaign gimmicks such as hats, buttons, bumper stickers and shopping bags; \$8,000 paid to pollworkers and challengers on election day; more than \$3,000 for postage, including \$2,200 just in the last week of the campaign; \$1,400 for advertising, which was only used in the final week, said Chius; more than \$1,500 for rallies by various associations during the campaign; \$2,000 for printing costs; \$2,500 for large outdoor signs; and \$1,000 for headquarters supplies, such as hot dogs,

coffee and similar items.

The largest contributors listed were: Applied Housing of Hoboken, \$3,000; the Steve Cappiello Association, \$3,000 and its Ladies Auxiliary, \$800; Frank Bartlett, director of Revenue and Finance, \$600; Joseph Lynch of Mayo-Lynch, which does most of the city's architectural and engineering work, \$500; Sherwood Cliffs Lingerie Corp., \$500; Haulaway Inc., \$500; and Madison Enterprises, \$500.

Among the city employees who made contributions over \$100 are: Chius, \$300; Carmine Gullo, \$440; Andrew McGuire, \$200; Mario Mercado, \$300; Andrew Amato, director of Public Works, \$200; Michael Curcio, \$250.

The campaign contributions also included \$7,520 in "in-kind" contributions, where money was not received but was spent on behalf of the committee. These included a campaign kick-off party thrown at the Hoboken Elks Club by Council President Martin Brennan, which was declared as an \$825 contribution.

Most of the contributions, especially those by city employees, said Chius, were in the form of tickets to the \$100-a-plate dinner at the Union Club, for which 301 tickets were sold.

Since contributions of \$100 or less were not required to be reported, most of the names of those purchasing single tickets were left off the contributor lists sent to the state.

There was also a contribution of \$200 from the firm of Waters and McPherson of Jersey City, one of whom, David Waters, was a candidate for county sheriff on the ticket headed by Brendan Byrne this year.

Hoboken office builder gets mortgage

By TERRY BRENNAN

A long-awaited \$6 million Hoboken office building got a big boost yesterday when the developer obtained the second half of a \$4 million mortgage needed for construction.

The proposed five-story structure, which will include over 1,000 square feet of office space, two 230-seat movie theaters and a string of small boutiques, could be the long overdue link in the development of the last three lots at Grogan Marine View Tower. Developer Bernard Kenny had initially proposed a 15-story office and motel complex at the First and Hudson sts. location three years ago.

"We have been counting on this building to finally put us over the top for the whole Grogan Towers project," Mayor Steve Cappiello said. "It has been a long wait, but it should help develop the other lots and help bail the Parking Authority out of its (\$8.5 million) bond dilemma. Although the original complex had been slated to lure firms away from New York as part of the city's well-publicized revitalization, Kenny ran into problems getting financial backing to build both the office building and motel on the same site. Kenny has been trying to convince the Housing Authority to sell him the land at Second and Hudson sts. to build a \$6 million, 10-story motel and convention center.

The Trust Co. of New Jersey approved the mortgage yesterday after the First Jersey National Bank had given a \$2 million commitment three weeks ago. Kenny has insisted the \$4 million permanent mortgage will put him in excellent bargaining position for the final construction loan.

A spokesman for the Trust Co. of New Jersey confirmed yesterday Kenny would ultimately get the construction loan with the \$4 million mortgage. He said the bank had "a lot of confidence" construction would get underway soon.

Kenny said he is very optimistic that he will be able to begin construction by the end of the month. "If I am not held up by the steel strike," he also contends he will be in an "excellent position" to build the convention center complex once construction starts on the office building.

The developer already has a franchise from Ramada Inn to build a 198-room motel and he hopes to add a 1,200-seat convention center. Sources said the Housing Authority is waiting "for visible proof" before making any commitment to sell its land.

Cappiello said Kenny is still negotiating with the Parking Authority to lease parking space for each office at the adjacent municipal garage. The city is now guarantor on the authority's \$800,000 a-year-debt service created by the garage bonds.

Hoboken gets \$3 million aid for rehabilitation, recreation

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced a grant of more than \$3 million for rehabilitation, neighborhood improvement and recreational activities in Hoboken.

The \$3,062,000 grant, which will be administered through Mayor Steve Cappiello and the Community Development Agency, supplements a previous grant of \$643,000 already received by the city, according to U.S. Rep. Joseph LaFante.

"This continuing grant," said LaFante, "is a strong expression

of the federal government's support for the revitalization of Hoboken. The city's renewal is a model which will be widely followed throughout the northeast.

Under the provisions of the award, the city also will provide child care and social service programs for senior citizens, clear vacant lands and do spot demolition. LaFante said.

Amato sees savings in water unit shakeup

A reorganization of the personnel and procedures of the Hoboken Water Department has been started by Andrew Amato, director of public works, who estimates that "thousands of dollars can be saved by tightening procedures in the department."

Amato announced today that he is moving several of the older men to different areas to get a younger group of workers.

"I want a younger group of guys who can move around more," he said. "They should be in shape to dig a hole and jump in to fix water leaks and such."

He claimed that no older men will lose their jobs, but will be shifted to less strenuous activity. There are eight positions involved in the shakeup. He would not identify the persons involved until the shifting is completed, he said.

"I've already begun the procedure, but I'd rather not say who is being moved until the transfers are completed and vacations are over," he explained.

In addition, he is instituting a program to check all water meters in the city and to repair or replace faulty ones.

Estimates are now being sought from several companies which manufacture meter testing devices, with which many meters can be tested at the same time. Amato claims the testers now used by the water department are outdated.

"We could save thousands and thousands of dollars by making sure our meters work right and also by cutting down on water waste in hydrants and parks," he said.

In an unrelated matter, Amato announced that he has decided not to

suspend the foreman responsible for cleaning the 14th Street area.

While in a rage over the filth and debris scattered on 14th Street Monday, Amato had declared that he wanted to suspend the foreman responsible for the area's garbage pickup and street cleaning.

After talking to the foreman, however, Amato said yesterday that he was satisfied with the explanation rendered — that vacations have created a shortage in the Sanitation Department.

Hoboken may rent trash compactor

A proposal will be submitted to the Hoboken City Council next month that would double the amount of trash picked up by city trucks. Andrew Amato, director of Public Works, said today.

Amato wants the council to approve the rental of a trash compactor to be placed in the city at Willow Avenue and Observer Highway which could compact as many as five truck loads of rubbish to a single load. Each truckload is now carried to Secaucus or North Arlington, allowing each of

the city's three trucks to handle only two loads a day.

"If we used this compactor," Amato pointed out, "each truck could handle four loads of trash a day, and we would save wear on the trucks because they would never leave the city."

Home garbage collections would be unaffected by the new device, as they are handled by a private contractor. "This involves the trash that's cleaned up in street sweeping, and stuff left at curbs and in containers around the city," Amato noted.

He is unsure of the cost of renting the compactor, but said that the cost of setting it up at the city yard would be in excess of \$10,000. Thus, the council would have to approve the expenditure, which includes fencing in the property, building a wall around the device and digging out to put it underground.

The yard is now used for trucks and old equipment, but Amato is moving the trucks to a lot on 16th Street and already has begun cleaning old equipment and debris from the yard on Observer Highway.

The city now has a contract for the use of about 80 containers, which hold about 20 yards of trash, according to Amato. However, this is "loose" trash, he said.

With a compactor, which takes about 40 yards of compact trash, the number of containers could be cut to around 30, he estimated.

"Our main concern," he said of the Public Works Department, "is to find ways to make the city cleaner. This will solve a lot of our problems." He added that residents with trash that the garbage collectors won't handle would have free use of the facilities as well. He said many now pile this material around fire hydrants on their blocks, causing more work for the Public Works crews.

Amato expects to have the proposal ready for the first council meeting next month, which is scheduled for Sept. 7.

Approval will also have to be obtained from the state Department of Environmental Protection regarding the environmental impact, according to Edwin Chiusi, city business administrator.

City workers ask Hoboken written pact

Hoboken's municipal employees will begin negotiating next month for their first written contract, according to Mrs. Helen Lodato, president of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association.

The association covers all city departments except police and fire. Policemen and firemen have their own associations and written contracts.

In past years, Mrs. Lodato said, the association has had informal talks with the mayor and city council members and accepted "handshake" agreements with percentage raises based "more or less" on what the uniformed employees had won.

"We haven't had a written contract," she said, "but we're going to get one this year."

"We have had no difficulty in the past on the shake-of-the-hand agreements, whatsoever. We've always received what we were promised. But a written contract is a written contract."

Mrs. Lodato, who is office supervisor in the division of water at City Hall, would neither confirm nor deny reports that the association was surveying the cost of a dental and eyeglass plan as an item to ask for in the contract.

She said the association has had informal talks with city officials, but she asserted that after the end of the summer it will begin actual bargaining sessions with the mayor for a contract to take effect Jan. 1.

The third year of a three-year contract between the city and the police and fire union will begin Jan. 1, with a raise of about 7 per cent to take effect then.

The non-uniformed city workers shouldn't get much resistance from officials to their goal of a written contract.

"I would recommend a written contract," said City Business Administrator Edwin Chiusi, "for the purpose of giving everybody fair and equitable rights and privileges."

Hoboken welfare budget needs another \$100,000

The \$325,000 Hoboken welfare budget for this year is depleted. The Jersey Journal learned today, and the acting director of welfare is requesting an emergency appropriation of \$100,000 to get through the rest of the year.

Mary P. Costello, the acting welfare director informed city Health and Welfare Director James Farina yesterday that the public assistance trust fund needs the \$100,000 because it "can't survive on the state's share for the rest of the year."

The state provides 75 per cent of the city's welfare costs, which this

year have reached \$1.7 million. This represents a 142.6 per cent increase since 1974.

The reason given by Mrs. Costello for the need for more funds was "an increased case load due to extended unemployment in this area."

Emergency appropriations of \$75,000 were made last year and in 1975 to the public assistance fund, according to city records.

In 1974, the total cost to the city was \$175,000, with no emergency appropriations. In 1975, \$175,000 was budgeted with \$75,000 added later in the year. Last year, \$250,000 was budgeted, with \$75,000 added on later. This year, \$325,000 was budgeted with the additional \$100,000 now required, according to Mrs. Costello.

Edwin Chiusi, city business administrator, said he is not sure whether the request will be added to the agenda of Wednesday's council meeting.

"If it's not needed to pay bills immediately, it will probably be held over until the first meeting next month," he said.

Stevens looks forward to a brighter 1977-78

Officials at Stevens Institute of Technology are looking forward to the start of the 1977-1978 school year, which promises a brighter financial outlook, larger student enrollment, better labor relations, new graduate studies and increased research support.

Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, school president, said that the economic recovery program, adopted by the school's board of trustees in 1975, has resulted in a substantial reduction in the annual \$1.5 million operating deficit.

Dr. Rogers said that, because of the support of all the Stevens community, "The institute has managed to systematically reduce the deficit, and our approach to a balanced budget is on schedule."

The second largest freshman class in the 107-year history of the institute will enter the college over the Labor Day weekend when freshman orientation begins. The class of 446 students is exceeded only by the 474 member class that entered in 1967. Total undergraduate enrollment will be nearly 1,300 students this year.

Women's enrollment at the institute continues to rise. There will be 50 women in this year's freshman class and that will raise the total number of women in the undergraduate program to 10 per cent.

Seventy-five per cent of all undergraduate students are enrolled in the school's engineering program. Science is the second largest major on campus, enrolling 30 per cent of the student body.

The graduate studies division at the college is also expanding. The enrollment in the program may ex-

ceed 1,000 students this year for the first time in six years.

A \$68,000 grant from the state Board of Higher Education will provide tuition assistance to New Jersey residents enrolled full-time in four graduate areas at Stevens.

The graduate fund will be available to students in the areas of ocean engineering; lasers, optics, and spectroscopy; metallurgy, and thermo-chemical energy conversion and storage. The grant will make up the difference between the tuition at a state-supported school and the tuition at Stevens.

Graduate studies also offers 17 mini programs designed for practicing engineers and applied scientists who may be entering a new field for which they must prepare in a short time.

The increased support of research at Stevens by industry and governmental agencies is evident by the \$120,000 grant from the National Science Foundation through its Research Initiation and Support program.

Stevens is the only college in the state, and one of 30 nationwide to receive the grant.

The program will assist the institute in improving its capabilities in quality research by the acquisition of new equipment and the introduction of new courses.

This summer the labor dispute that caused a faculty strike on campus this past school year was resolved. The college signed a two-year contract with the American Association of University Professors. A contract was also signed with the service personnel union at the college.

Hoboken tags part of aid to keep firms

The \$3.06 million federal grant Hoboken's Community Development Agency (CDA) will operate on until next Aug. 10, includes \$150,000 to start the Economic Development Corporation the city hopes will keep businesses in Hoboken and attract new ones.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is supplying the \$3.06 million for the third year of CDA operations. HUD plans call for the grant to drop to \$1.6 million for the fourth year and sag further to \$600,000 for the fifth year.

Peter Beronia, assistant director of CDA, said top CDA staffers are optimistic federal legislation will be changed to increase the fourth and fifth year amounts.

Beronia said much of the CDA money is used to supply the "local share" necessary to obtain the \$10

million annually the CDA brings in to the city in other federal and state grants for specific projects and services. CDA staffers are trying to find a way to obtain that local share even if the HUD grant to CDA dwindles as scheduled.

One of the new ways CDA will use its third-year funds is to start the Economic Development Corporation. Beronia said city officials are drawing up a list of 20 top Hoboken businessmen to serve as directors of the non-profit corporation, designed to promote the city and find ways to help business and industry from outside to relocate in Hoboken and for those in the city to continue to provide taxes and jobs.

That board will appoint an executive director by the end of the year, Beronia said.

Some of the other major projects to be funded by the \$3.06 million grant include:

- \$250,000 to restore the Erie-Lackawanna terminal and build a park in the area. This is in addition to the \$1.7 million public works grant allocated for the project, and may be used as matching funds for a future state or federal grant, Beronia said.

- \$150,000 as matching funds for other park grants, to either refurbish existing parks or build new ones along the waterfront.
- \$500,000 for administration. Beronia said this is not too much compared to the \$13 million total in federal and state grants CDA obtains for Hoboken.

- \$250,000 for street beautification such as sidewalk repairs and planting trees.

- \$200,000 in grants to reduce the interest on rehabilitation loans for tenement owners.

- \$250,000 to reduce the interest on loans for rehabilitation of owner-occupied three and four-family dwellings.

Hoboken puts one foot forward, other back

The Hoboken City Council Wednesday will consider stepping into the future on city purchasing practices and turning back the clock on traffic control.

Both moves are contained in city ordinances to be discussed in public hearings at City Hall at 7 p.m. One of the ordinances would establish a centralized purchasing system for the city. The second ordinance would restrict right turns on red between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 42 corners in the city.

City officials say they are con-

cerned there may be a public outcry over the latter ordinance because some citizens have complained there is no need for it.

"I've been told by several people that they plan to attend the meeting to complain about that one," said Edwin Chiusi, city business administrator.

Other business expected to be taken up at Wednesday's meeting:

Approval of five appointees by Mayor Steve Cappiello to the Recreation Commission established by the council in June. The appointees are Robert N. Hill, Susan Newman, Carlos Perez, Irene Bolsius and Jack Mahoney. There is no salary for the members, who serve as an advisory board to James Farina, director of Health and Welfare at the pleasure of the mayor.

Acceptance of bids for the furnishing and delivery of 25,000 traffic summonses for the Police Department. This order is for the rest of this year, according to Chiusi, who said the police use about 1,000 per week. The tickets now being used cost 12 cents each, said Chiusi, and the city is hoping for a lower price this time.

A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an application with the state Department of Community Affairs for a grant of \$25,000 for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program. Hoboken will not have \$30,000 extra to spend on clean and safe neighborhoods from this grant. The city is apparently just being used as a vehicle for the state to purchase a crime prevention van and display automobile (sample police car) to use

in its program in 28 municipalities throughout the state.

The grant agreement from the Department of Community Affairs specifies that upon purchase of the vehicle, it will be deeded over to the state motor pool solely for use in the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program in 28 municipalities, including Hoboken, Jersey City, Union City, Bayonne, West New York and North Bergen.

There will be no cost to the city in this purchase, however, according to Chiusi.

Sacred Heart Academy opens 109th year

The Academy of the Sacred Heart, 713 Washington St., Hoboken, operated by the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, will begin its 109th year when it opens Sept. 6.

Staff changes include the appointment of a new principal, Sister Marion Houghton, S.C., a graduate of the College of St. Elizabeth, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Rutgers University. Director of guidance will be Sister Ann Joachim Schneider, S.C., joining the faculty will be Sister Barbara Grebenstein, S.C., art department chairman; Richard K. Greco, science chairman; and Kathleen Linden, biology instructor.

The new academic year promises to be interesting with a number of new programs under development. For the first time, the Academy of the Sacred Heart will participate in the Hudson County Vocational School program, with students attending classes at both schools.

The art curriculum will include introductory courses for all freshmen and sophomores, as well as senior electives in drawing, interior design, and textile design.

A freshman program of studies in English will be extended to include a course in reading and communications skills.

Freshmen algebra will be supplemented with additional instruction periods to insure the success of all students. The mathematics department, chaired by Alice M. Coyle, is seeking to initiate a computer training program for students in both math and business classes.

Demolition crews salvage material

A contracting crew has begun the job of salvaging usable material from two buildings, one 60-years-old, at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken before demolishing the structures.

The 60-year-old six-story building on Willow Avenue will be demolished along with a six-story hospital building built in 1914. Together the two appear to be one structure on Willow Avenue, but the 1888 building is made with wooden beams while the 1914 structure was built of brick.

The hospital plans to construct a two-story building on the site by

August of next year.

The wooden beams in the older building violate the state life safety codes for hospitals and are a major reason why the hospital embarked on a \$17 million reconstruction program, according to Edward Hindin, associate director of St. Mary.

Hindin said Arko Contracting is handling the demolition for the reconstruction project, Hospital Building and Equipment Co. of St. Louis, Mo.

The contractor this week set up a fence around the demolition site

between Third and Fourth streets and started removing lead and steel pipes and any equipment the hospital did not leave in the two buildings. Hindin said the contractor should complete that phase of the work in 10 days and start tearing down the buildings. The contractor figured in the value of the material it would salvage when it bid on the project, Hindin said.

Soon afterwards, Hindin said, construction will begin on the two-story building that will house the hospital's community health center

(which is now in the Hoboken Multi-Service Center) and the hospital kitchen, which is now in temporary quarters elsewhere in the complex. He said plans are to get the outside of the new building up before the winter weather.

The old buildings had contained offices and patient rooms, and laboratories. The hospital had to move offices and equipment from those buildings to others in the hospital complex in a "leapfrog" operation to enable construction to proceed on schedule.

The word gets around

There was a time when the word "Hoboken" meant instant laughter. Now it means dollar signs.

There has been a brownstone revival in this city by the river. It is now fashionable to leave The Big Apple and redecorate a brownstone in Hoboken.

Like all fashionable urges, it is expensive to satisfy. Rents and resale prices are threatening to take all the fun out of roughing it in Hoboken.

But it will take some time for the bandwagon to slow down. Hoboken has done an excellent job of beating its own drum. The grants and the state and federal funds roll in.

Too bad the brave new world of Hoboken has not touched the everyday workaday world of the city.

The board of education, for example, is short a million dollars because of an improper school budget procedure that was permitted to drag on and on for 30 years. This is the year of reckoning.

To make up for a million dollar school budget deficit, it might be necessary to eliminate inter-district athletic competition, all after-school activities and the use of the schools after school hours for non-school activities.

In addition, the city's public works director says that of the 21 vehicles assigned to his department no more than two or three are in good working order.

Whoever has been doing such a good job improving the public image of Hoboken should be assigned to work for the school board and the public works department — schools first and public works later, of course — to create a new image where the bad old image is still only too visible.

Hoboken girls can sign up for self-improvement classes

Hoboken girls may register starting Monday for a series of Monday night sessions at the Hoboken Multi-Service Center focusing on modeling, hair care, cosmetics, fashion, weight control and other aspects of "self-improvement."

Maurice Fitzgibbons, moderator of the program, said the sessions are free to the girls. He said guest lecturers, many of them his friends, will

appear without a fee to discuss their specialties.

The workshop is entitled "A New You." He said he plans to include sessions on beauty pageants and theater, and offer the girls a chance to put on a modeling show.

The series of sessions, open to Hoboken girls from 14 to 25, will begin Sept. 12 and last through December. Registration ends Sept. 5.

Hoboken 'out' \$100,000 for unused water

Hoboken has paid Jersey City approximately \$100,000 this year for water it never received because of a guaranteed minimum usage written into the contract between the two cities. The Jersey Journal has learned.

In addition, the bill for last

month's water from Jersey City calls for another \$18,900 for unused water, although city officials are confident that amount won't have to be paid.

The contract under which Jersey City sells water to Hoboken contains a clause setting the minimum purchase at 10 million gallons of water per day.

If Hoboken uses less than that, according to the contract, it still is required to pay for the 10 million gallons.

In every month this year except February and May, the city used less per month than the average set in the contract. The May total could very well be below the minimum as well, but an estimated bill for that month because of work on the water line between Jersey City and Hoboken.

The contract was negotiated last year by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri and the city's Law Department for Hoboken, and the Jersey City business administrator's office. It called for a minimum of eight million for the first year (1976) and 10 million for the next four years.

When asked why he had negotiated a contract for an increased minimum for this year when Standard Brands was known to be closing and Maxwell House, the city's largest water consumer, was cutting back on production, Ranieri said, "We were caught napping."

However, the contract calls for Hoboken to be able to reduce the minimum by written notice if consumption falls below the contracted figure. Ranieri says he notified the Law Department to do this in May, when he discovered the discrepancy, and was under the impression the figure had been reduced to eight million.

A certified letter was sent to Joseph Contreras, then-Jersey City business administrator by Carl Schaefer of the Hoboken Law Department on May 28, but the Jersey City officials never responded or acknowledged the notice, as required.

Thus Hoboken was still billed for the 10 million gallon minimum in June and July. The June bill has been paid, although Ranieri expressed hope it could be negotiated down, and the July bill is being held back until the question is settled. Informed sources

in Hoboken City Hall expressed confidence that the July bill for unused water would not have to be paid.

Joseph Giorgio, acting business administrator in Jersey City, could not be reached for comment on his position on the matter.

It was also impossible to determine why Jersey City had failed to acknowledge the notice from Schaefer, or why the city billed Hoboken for two months after that notice was given.

According to figures from Ranieri, which were verified by Water Director Helen Ludato, Hoboken was billed for 76 million unused gallons in January, 54 million in March, 49 million in April, 59 million in June and 45 million gallons in July.

Assuming a certain amount of shortage for May, this works out to an overcharge of about \$800 per day for unused water.

Public Works Director Andrew Amato, who made public the discrepancy for the first time last week, called it a "disgrace."

"I would have never agreed to a minimum like that," he said. "There is no way we should be paying for something we are not using."

Ranieri admitted it was "a first-rate scandal," and is willing to take partial blame for it (he heads the City Council's Water Committee).

"We (the Council) should never have allowed those bills to be paid when they included a penalty for something we didn't use," he said.

"But there is also an administrative problem here. It's another case of the Hoboken bureaucracy costing us money."

A decrease in the minimum will definitely be coming this month, because the contract allows for a reduction when Maxwell House has a shutdown, which it is having Aug. 8 to Aug. 28. Schaefer has already notified Jersey City of this, and is expected to follow up on this notice, said Ranieri.

Hoboken faces school money woes

By Peter Hallam

Crises are not new to the Hoboken School System. But the coming 1977-78 school year may be the most difficult one that school board members, teachers and students have yet had to deal with.

The problem, according to Superintendent of Schools Thomas F. McFeely, is a simple one — money, or the lack of it. The solutions are not easily within the school systems grasp.

"We will need about \$1 million if the 1977-78 school year is to go according to plan," he said. "That's the financial result of several court decisions and state demands that have come down and affect the school board. And, at this time, we have no idea where we are going to get it from."

The main bite was over \$1 million that the board had to take out of the 1977-78 budget so that it could pay summer salaries for teachers.

McFeely said that the school board is looking to the state Department of Education for help.

"We have presented the state with our problem and asked for its assistance," he continued. "We are trying to arrange for some conferences before school opens, but no dates have been set for them and the state hasn't given us any indication of what it can do, if it can do anything."

What will happen to the school should the state fail to find the needed financial relief? McFeely said he didn't know.

"It's obvious that something will have to give somewhere in the district," he asserted. "But no decision has been made as to where. It is a decision that must be made by the school board and at this particular point in time I think most of the board members are hoping that the state will come through."

"Regardless of what cuts are made, the outcome is the same — our children end up getting less."

McFeely said that should the school board be forced to cut the budget to reflect the \$1 million deficit they would probably be reflected in areas outside the actual classroom education of the students.

"I'm not saying that these are the areas that will be cut but we are re-

quired by the state to provide a basic curriculum," he continued. "I don't think we can touch that area. But everything else could be subject to severe reductions to make up that money."

Some of those areas could include inter-district athletic competition, all after-school activities, and the use of the schools after school hours for non-school activities such as recreation, shows or meetings.

The district has no new programs planned for the school year. Instead, it is losing one. The pre-kindergarten program under the Title I program has been eliminated due to a cut in federal funding.

Although the enrollment for the 1977-78 school year is expected to be approximately the same as last year's 7,485 — there could be some overcrowding in the schools.

"The districts have two schools with serious boiler problems," said McFeely. "Temporary repairs are going to be made on them but it is uncertain, if we can get through the winter with them. It's very 'ify.'"

"Should either one of the boilers go and require replacement or major

repairs it could force the closing of the schools. This would require the relocation of the students to other schools and certainly cause some overcrowding. We don't anticipate this happening but it is a possibility."

The district's new mini-school at 524 Park Ave. could take up some of the slack if it opens in September. But school officials are doubtful that the \$1.3 million facility can be extracted from the legal red tape that surrounds it by then.

The school board is taking the builder to court because it claims that the roof leaks and has poor drainage, the stairwells are dangerous and water is seeping into the basement. An arbitrator has been brought in an attempt to resolve the matter pending a court date for the official hearing on the suit. The architect for the school board has advised it not to accept the building because it could not pass the state inspection needed for a certificate of occupancy.

"We have had bad years before," remarked McFeely. "But the prospects for the 1977-78 school year are the bleakest I have experienced in my career with the school system."

Hoboken expects water bill credit

Hoboken's assistant city attorney today expressed confidence that the city will be reimbursed by Jersey City for unused water charges in June, probably in the form of a bill credit.

Carl Schaefer of the Hoboken Law Department said today he is also notifying Jersey City to lower the minimum gallons-per-day figure to 5

million while Maxwell House is inactive Aug. 8 to 28.

The city had been overcharged on its water bill by Jersey City in June and July because the latter failed to acknowledge notice from Hoboken to reduce the contractual minimum for water usage. That notice was sent to Jersey City May 26.

Hoboken has already withheld the July payment until the problem is settled.

The problem arose when Hoboken fell below the daily minimum of 10 million gallons per day set forth in the contract between the two cities. The contract stipulates that if Hoboken fails to use the minimum, it must pay anyway.

The reasons for the reduced usage, according to city officials, are the city's program to reduce water leaks, the closing this year of Standard Brands, and the reduced production by Maxwell House, the city's largest water consumer, which now uses about 3 million gallons, according to Schaefer.

Hoboken tries new way to repair broken sewers

A sewer cave-in on Jefferson Street is giving Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato an opportunity to introduce what he is convinced will be a better way to make repairs.

The street collapsed on a wooden sewer underground near Third Street Tuesday. Today, Amato said, a public works crew will complete the task of installing concrete planks rather than replacing the wooden shaft of the sewer.

He said he will test the results of the innovation but he is 100 per cent sure it will work.

Mayor Steve Cappiello praised Amato, who recently took over as public works director, for using his experience in private industry and his on-the-scene efforts to improve the way the department makes street repairs.

Cappiello said in the past the contractors hired by Public Service

Electric and Gas Co. and the Bell Telephone Co. have done a better job than the Hoboken public works department.

"We will keep records of what we are doing to determine the needs to rehabilitate our streets," the mayor said. "Everytime we dig into the streets we have problems."

Cappiello said streets deteriorate more quickly in Hoboken because much of the city lies at or below the water level.

He said the city will apply for a federal public works grant to fix its sewers. He picked the most likely stretch to start as the sewer running on Grand Street from Seventh to Newark streets. He said that wooden sewer was built before the Civil War.

Both Cappiello and Amato said Hoboken does not now have the equipment it needs, to use all the best methods of street repair, such as hot patch to fix holes in the street.

Hoboken can't close tap on its high water costs

Jersey City has consented to reduce the mandatory minimum amount of water Hoboken must buy each day from 10,000,000 gallons to 8,000,000 — but that new minimum is still more than what the city normally uses and Hoboken will continue to pay Jersey City for water it never gets.

Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato said today he will recommend to Mayor Steve Cappiello that the city formally ask Jersey City to drop the mandatory minimum another two or three million so that Hoboken is actually paying for what it gets.

Amato, who disclosed the discrepancy earlier this month, said the city might be acting illegally by allowing the matter to continue unchanged.

"My personal opinion is that the state attorney general would be very displeased to find out that Hoboken has been spending taxpayers' dollars for something it isn't getting," the director asserted. "I don't think the

fact that we are buying something from another municipality makes much difference. The fact remains that we are paying for water we don't get."

Amato added he felt the situation was even more urgent now that Jersey City has announced it will push for a 40 per cent increase in the rate Hoboken pays. The current rate is \$420 per million gallons.

Cappiello said he hadn't talked with Amato about the water rate problem yet but he agreed with him on it and probably would ask for another reduction in the minimum usage requirement — plus a reduction in the rate.

It was due to a letter sent to Jersey City in May by Cappiello through the city's Law Department that Jersey City lowered the minimum and maximum requirement from 10 million to 15 million gallons a day to 8 million and 12 million respectively.

Hoboken received notification yesterday from Jersey City that it was acknowledging the reduction request as of the June water bill. Since that bill already has been paid it was given a credit of approximately \$12,000 on the July bill. Similar savings will be reflected in all future bills with the bill for this month expected to be even less because of the shutdown of the Maxwell House Coffee plant until Monday.

Plant shutdowns of 10 days or more can be taken into consideration in billing, according to the contract Hoboken has with Jersey City. And that same contract could be the main stumbling block in front of any attempts by Jersey City to increase Hoboken's water charge, says the mayor.

"We have a five-year contract that was signed in January of last year," said the mayor. "The contract sets the rate at \$420 per million gallons and we're not going to accept anything more than that unless Jersey City breaks it on court."

"It's getting so that beer, wine and soda are cheaper than water."

According to Amato, Hoboken has never gone over 10 million gallons of water a day to his knowledge and has seldom gone over eight million a day.

Hoboken councilman gets CETA security post

By Nat Berg

Hoboken has drawn the latest political plum in Hudson County — though the appointing authority, Edward Farrelly of Harrison, CETA's county executive director, today said filling the job was essential.

Thomas Kennedy, councilman-at-large who is on leave from his detective job with the police department, has become the \$15,000-a-year head of night security for the CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) program.

The desirability of filling the post had been considered for some time, Farrelly said. But the decision to do so, according to Farrelly, was made earlier this week after one or more persons last weekend broke into the Career Institute on Montgomery Street opposite the old Jersey City police headquarters building, which still houses police emergency squads.

Farrelly said that his office reported to Jersey City police the theft of television machines, tape recorders and other items, the value of which has not yet been estimated. Farrelly said it is believed entry was gained through a rear door. Sledge hammers and crowbars, he added, may have been used in breaking open cabinets by the burglars, apparently seeking money.

Kennedy's assignment will be to supervise round-the-clock, seven-day-a-week security by two-man teams at the Jersey City location and to study the need for night security at CETA's outreach centers in West New York, Harrison, Hoboken and Bayonne, which now have guards on duty in daytime only. The main office at 71 Adams St., Hoboken, which has around-the-clock protection, also will come under Kennedy's night scrutiny.

As councilman Kennedy receives \$5,000 a year.

Hoboken ambulances roll at state's highest rate

Few if any volunteer ambulance squads in the state serve a smaller area than the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps, but few if any provide aid to more people.

During May, June and July, Corps Captain Bob Davidson said, the squad reported to more calls than any other in the state.

He said the Hoboken corps answers 5,000 calls for help a year. It is regularly on the list of the 10 busiest volunteer-ambulance squads in New Jersey.

This keeps approximately 60 volunteers busy. The men, women, and high school students who volunteer their time are all trained in aid techniques before bringing the

victim to the hospital. They also keep the squad's three vehicles ready to roll from the Clinton Street headquarters.

The immediate plans of the squad, Davidson said, are to sell the 1974 ambulance that is the squad's oldest and take possession of a new ambulance next month.

Davidson expects the squad will be able to pick up the new ambulance in the Bronx, N.Y. Sept. 15 after its delivery from a Midwestern firm.

The privately-incorporated, all-volunteer corps will pay for its new \$18,000 vehicle with \$5,000 it raised by a dance and raffle last spring and donations from large Hoboken industrial firms and private citizens.

Chius to draft rules book for Hoboken's purchasing

Before the strengthening of his powers over purchasing formally takes effect, Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius will prepare the first draft of a manual of policy in that area.

He said that will be the first time the rules have been written down. He will present copies to top city officials and allow 30 days for comment before completing a final version.

The City Council clarified Chius' control over purchasing with an ordinance it adopted last week. Chius said the ordinance will take effect after 20 days (Sept. 6).

Chius said he will make sure all the employees involved with purchasing are familiar with the rules. He said his goal is greater organization and uniformity while retaining the

flexibility to make minor purchases quickly when necessary.

He said there will be generally three ways to make purchases:

- An employee may request a product on one of the new requisition forms in use, have the director approve it and send it on to Chius' office.
- Some purchases may be made under strictly defined emergency conditions.
- Certain employees will be able to pick up expensive parts at certain stores which would bill the city every two weeks.

Lack of funds ends Hoboken's pre-kindergarten

The Hoboken Board of Education will cancel its pre-kindergarten classes because of lack of funds, Superintendent of Schools Thomas F. McFeely announced today.

The board had conducted the classes using federal Title I funds in Rue School, in the Hoboken Multi-Service Center for youngsters from the Connors and Kealy school areas, and in Wallace School.

McFeely called the change "unfortunate." He said both the federal guidelines and the state "thorough and efficient" law require the board to use its resources to improve basic educational needs—which both identify as the needs of students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

The superintendent said he would reassigning teachers from the pre-kindergarten program to the educational programs for the older children.

George Maier, assistant superintendent of schools, will try to find new sources of funds to revive the pre-kindergarten classes, McFeely said.

After providing grants for several years the federal government this year stopped renewing such grants. The board is dropping the teachers' aides who worked in the program. It has already removed the equipment from the room it used for the program from the Multi-Service Center on Grand Street.

Hoboken moves to study high water system cost

The Hoboken City Council has introduced an ordinance that would create a seven-member commission to study the city's water system and propose ways of making it more efficient and money-saving.

The council approved the proposal of Councilman Robert Ranieri at last night's session several days after it was revealed that city water purchase contract with Jersey City obligates it to pay for 10 million gallons of water a day, whether it uses that much or not.

Under the contract, Hoboken is expected to pay \$100,000 more than is should for water this year.

Under the ordinance, which comes up for a public hearing and final action in two weeks,

representatives of the three largest commercial water users and the largest residential user will be on the panel.

Joining them will be one small residential user, one member of the city council and one representative of the water and sewer department.

In other matters last night, the council gave final approval to ordinances setting up a centralized purchasing system and banning daytime right turns on red lights at 42 corners in the city.

The council also approved a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an application with the state Department of Community Affairs for a \$30,000 Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program grant.

All That Attention Spurs Hoboken Rents and Prices

By CLAIRE WALTER

Has anyone in the metropolitan area not heard about the revival of Hoboken, N.J.?

The media blitz in the last few years about that once-slumping city on the Hudson River has, predictably, resulted in escalating housing prices and apartment rents and speculative buying by both professionals and zealous newcomers. Just three years ago, for example, there was a minor move toward banning the "For Sale" signs that were popping up all over town. Residents feared it looked as if the whole town were up for grabs and panic selling would result.

Nothing came of the sign ban, mainly because there was more panic buying than selling, especially of the brownstone and brickfront houses that make up most of the city's stock. In fact, since the early 1970's property values have been climbing steadily, despite the overall vagaries of the real estate market.

"A wide brownstone with good detailing that sold for \$25,000 to \$32,000 eight years ago will bring \$50,000 to \$55,000 now," observed Norman Sweeten, a second generation Hoboken lawyer. "And those houses are being gobbled up. I'd say maybe a hundred families have bought brownstones in the last few years. It doesn't sound like a big number, but it's a lot when you consider the size of Hoboken."

One of the city's earliest promoters was Maureen Singleton, who moved to Hoboken with her family from suburban Lake Shawnee, N.J., in 1970. Shortly thereafter she became the city's first woman real estate saleswoman. Because she had renovated her own home, she knew what brownstone hunters wanted, and soon a trickle followed her into town.

"Now something fantastic has happened," Mrs. Singleton said. "Local residents are turned on to staying in Hoboken instead of buying a split level in Bergen County. Young couples who grew up here aren't leaving. To me the biggest sign of the community's health is that young people are staying."

Now, too, natives and newcomers are purchasing second houses or small stores in the city for investment, or are even eyeing the multi-family dwelling.

For example, Tom Newman, who restored a pre-Civil War brickfront in the downtown section of the city, heads the First Ward Block Association, which has recently signed papers to purchase two adjacent buildings for rehabilitation and co-op or rental use. Mr. Newman, who is not a native Hobokenite, sees it as an experiment in small-scale rehabilitation.

And Mrs. Singleton is on to something new. She and a partner, Sally Aaronson, an urban planner, are considering a five-story, 10-family tenement with an eye toward co-op or condominium conversion. The concept involves complete interior renovation into five floor-through apartments, each wrapping around a central stairwell.

"Of all types of housing, multi-families have the most problems in terms of abandonment, landlord-tenant relations, obsolete mechanics and so forth," said Miss Aaronson. "Some of them are on the market at relatively low prices. We want to make them acceptable to people like us."

"Acceptability" in the Singleton-Aaronson parlance includes polished hardwood floors, exposed brick walls, fireplaces, tin ceilings and other brownstone-type detailing, as well as such existing environmental factors as safe streets and a convenient location.

The two women envision an initial investment of \$5,000 each per unit for purchase of the building, with renovation costing about \$15,000 a unit.



Maureen Singleton, an early force in the revival

The square-mile city of 45,000 situated between the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels, once a working class town, continues to attract disenchanted New Yorkers, commute-weary suburbanites and a few exurbanites who become infatuated with blocks of neat row houses and convenience to Manhattan. Other lures have been readily available mortgages from local banks and a low-cost home improvement loan plan.

If any philosophy can be credited for the Hoboken revival, it was that of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society, which created Model Cities and pumped millions of dollars into the city by way of an alphabet soup of Federal programs.

The most dramatic have been in housing. They include the Home Improvement Program (3 percent loans to homeowners), and the Neighborhood Preservation Plan (6 percent loans to owners of multi-family dwellings). Thirty percent of the city's housing stock has been renovated under those programs.

It is estimated that by 1980, some \$50 million in public and private funds will have been invested in existing housing stock that has been renovated under those programs. It is

estimated that by 1980, some \$50 million in public and private funds will have been invested in existing housing stock and \$10-million more worth of new construction will have been undertaken, largely in the city's western reaches, replacing outmoded and often abandoned industrial sites.

Mixing the newcomers' spirit with Federal assistance, the Applied Housing Corporation is also helping to stabilize and turn around several decaying neighborhoods. In the process, it is providing a shortcut to assimilation to the middle class for the city's newest residents, its sizable Hispanic population.

Walter Barry, president of Applied Housing, was involved with massive rehabilitation after the 1967 Newark riots. He was convinced that rehab was the proper route to rebuilding America's crumbling cities, but when he found that in Newark it was difficult for a private entrepreneur to make an impression, he turned his attention to smaller Hoboken.

In 1973 Applied Housing bought a nearly block-long, five-story tenement complex known as Tootsie Roll Flats, which would become one of the city's earliest rehab projects. It was rundown former candy workers' housing, but it backed on a stable neighborhood. To Mr. Barry it had a number of things going for it. In addition to structural soundness, the building was across from a supermarket, a new highrise senior citizens' apartment tower, and a new school.

"Our Newark experience showed that you can't create an oasis in an inner city," Mr. Barry explained. "For rehab to work, you attach yourself to the periphery of a slum and establish a beachhead into it. You create amenities that people are proud of, keep up the buildings, and the rest takes care of itself."

Applied Housing's success has produced some fringe speculation. When the company is rumored to be negotiating for property, there is a flurry of activity involving buildings across the street or around the corner. And when rumors filter from the real estate community to the street, there is a rush to rent apartments in the buildings to be rehabilitated, since a poor

three-bedroom apartments. As a tenant's income rises, his or her share increases and the Government's drops.

Applied Housing currently manages 624 occupied units. An additional 152, including the city's second factory renovation, are underway. When they are completed, the corporation will be landlord to about 8 percent of Hoboken's total population.

And more good news to add to the overall cheery outlook above:

Last spring came the announcement that nearly a hundred Hoboken blocks are included in a \$100 million New Jersey Mortgage Finance Agency bond issue, which grants to buyers in "redlined" areas a low 7.5 percent mortgage interest rate. Frosting on the cake.

Hoboken school board to sell \$1 million construction bonds

The Hoboken Board of Education will place more than \$1 million worth of bonds up for sale on Sept. 15 to cover construction costs of the new Calabro School at 524 Park Ave.

The board authorized the sale last night and a spokesman said the bonds have the backing of the state.

In other business, the board approved a contract to M and V Electric Co. for electrical and ventilating work at various schools in connection with

the lunch program and accepted the offer of the Hoboken Fuel Oil Co. of Palisades Park to supply fuel oil for the 1977-78 school year.

Aides for the luncheon program, at \$6 per day, also were assigned to seven schools and the Police Athletic League was granted permission to use Kennedy Stadium for its Pop Warner football league. Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar, board president, presided.

Hoboken's water price pact leaky?

Hoboken thinks it has a watertight contract to purchase water at a set price from Jersey City, but Jersey City officials think there might be some leaks.

Louis Caroselli, Jersey City corporation counsel, ventured the opinion that if Jersey City is granted a water rate increase by the state Public Utilities Commission, then Hoboken will have no choice, but to pay the higher rate, despite its existing contract.

"I would say that a PUC order would supercede the contract," said Caroselli.

Jersey City is planning to seek a 40 per cent water rate increase which it contends is necessary to meet a projected \$6.6 million deficit in its water division over the next two years.

Hoboken officials say they still have more than three years remaining on a contract to purchase water from Jersey City at the rate of \$430 per million gallons, and Mayor Steve Cappiello has pledged court action to keep the rate at that level.

In a related matter, Jersey City officials say they'll have to discuss any request by Hoboken to lower the minimum daily amount of water required by the latter. Jersey City recently agreed to reduce the minimum from 10 million to 8 million, but Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said that's still more than his city uses each day.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that he has discussed the possible 40 per cent water rate increase by

Jersey City with the Hoboken law department.

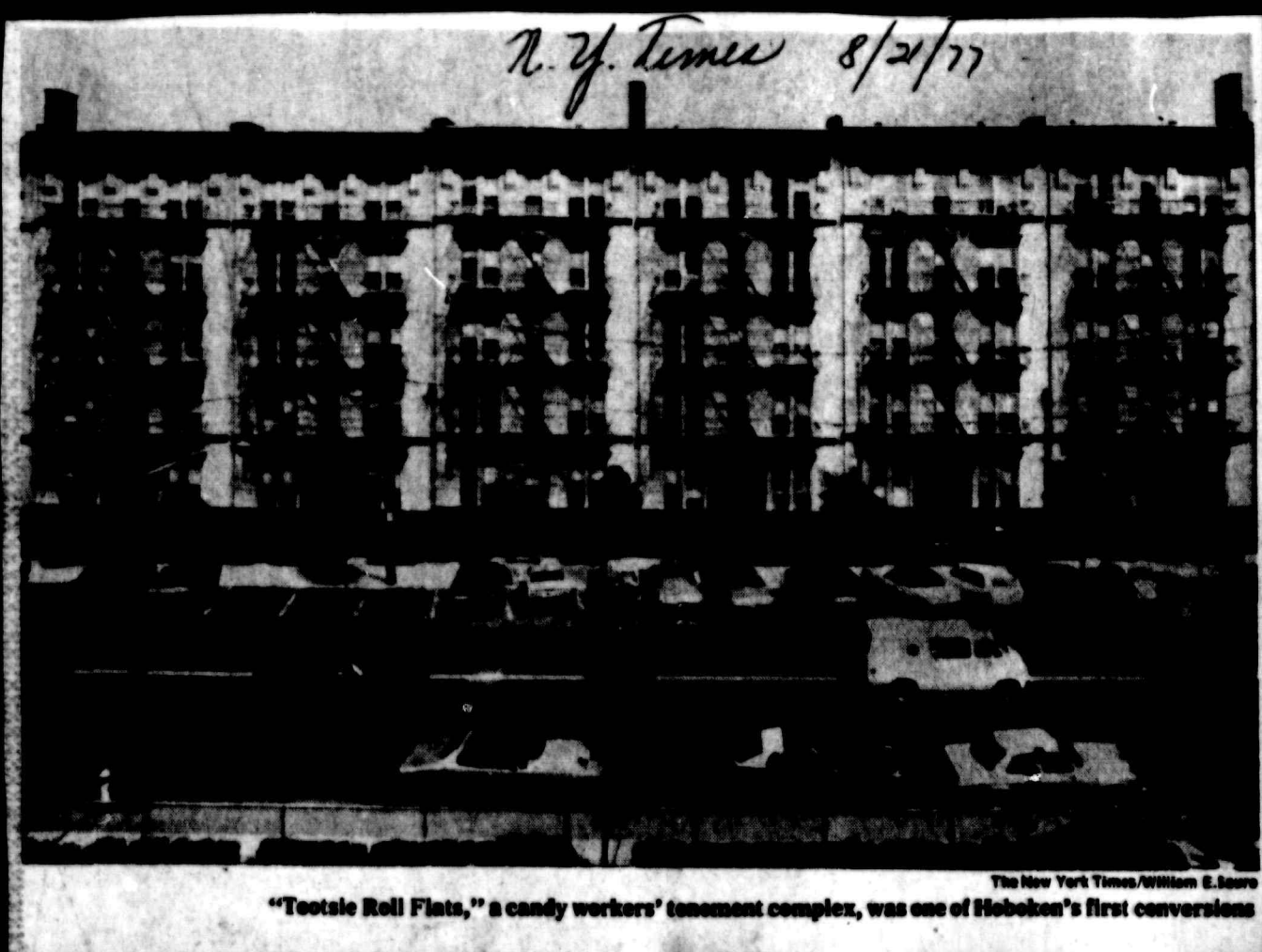
"It is the opinion of our counsel that the five-year contract signed by Hoboken and Jersey City in January of 1976 is binding and will continue to be for the full duration," he said. "We will insist that Jersey City stick to the contract as agreed to."

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who heads the Hoboken council's water supply committee, said a public hearing will be held Sept. 6 on an ordinance setting up a water commission composed of representatives of the city's largest water users.

Ranieri said he is "shocked" at Jersey City's attempt for a higher rate and as soon as the new commission is established "I want it to be right on top of this."



In Robert Hudson's home on Willow Avenue, his children, Debbie and Tim, watch television



"Tootsie Roll Flats," a candy workers' tenement complex, was one of Hoboken's first conversions

Full recreation program to be expanded

Hoboken officials are planning a "greatly expanded" fall recreation program next month which they hope will appeal to a wide range of athletic and cultural interests.

James Farina, city health and welfare director, said new aspects of the program will include volleyball for adults and children; touch football for youngsters and formation of a recreation department band.

He and Joseph Pullano, recreation superintendent, have been planning the activities. Farina said he will consult with the city's new recreation advisory committee before setting the final details of the fall program.

The volleyball games will be coed, Farina said. Individuals will be able to join teams formed through the recreation department or groups may form their own teams and enter the new league.

"It's a night out for people," he said. "They can get out and get a little exercise twice a week."

The organized two-hand touch football will make football competition possible for those boys without the ability or size to compete in regular football, he said.

Farina said former members of the Hoboken High School band have talked with about the possibility of the

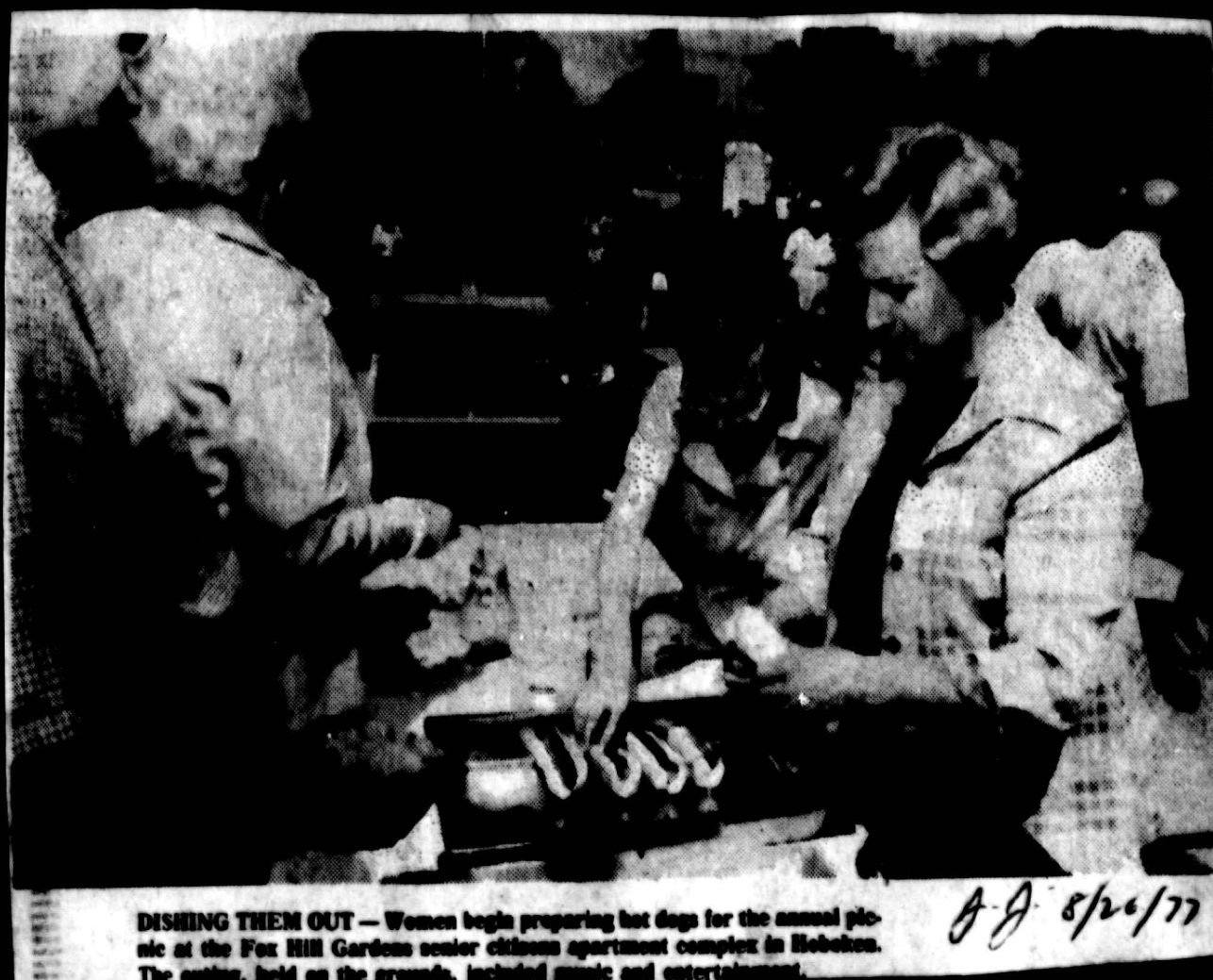
city starting a band, enabling them to continue the activity after graduation.

Although the details have not been set for reviving the city band, Farina said it could perform at city pageants and senior citizen events. He said the program may include some instruction in musical instruments.

The fall recreation slate will also include a boxing program that had

formerly been run as a private effort using city facilities; an art and cultural program and basketball clinics and competition by age group.

Farina said the detailed cost estimates for the fall recreation program has not been set. He said he will use part-time workers and federally-funded workers to keep the costs down for Hoboken city taxpayers.



DISHING THEM OUT — Women begin preparing hot dogs for the annual picnic at the Fox Hill Gardens senior citizens apartment complex in Hoboken. The outing, held on the grounds, included music and entertainment.

Hoboken councilmen invited to view broken-down vehicles

City Council President Martin J. Brennan and the rest of the Hoboken City Council members have been invited to inspect the city's inventory of trucks and heavy equipment so that

they may see for themselves just how badly the Public Works Department needs new equipment.

Director Andrew J. Amato said today that he has sent a formal letter

to Brennan inviting him and the other councilmen to inspect the department's rolling stock at the 16th Street treatment plant parking lot.

"We have 21 vehicles in the department, of which 18 are almost worthless," asserted Amato. "They can't be repaired or are in need of such extensive repairs that it wouldn't be worthwhile putting money into them."

"That leaves the department with three trucks we can rely on to do the work that has to be done. It isn't enough. It isn't even close enough."

Amato said he felt the tour was important if the department's future needs for vehicles were to be met.

The director said he sent the letter to the city clerk's office for Brennan Tuesday, but has not yet received a reply from the council president.

Hoboken's 2 sweepers break down — again

Hoboken's two street sweeping machines are again out of service because of breakdowns and they may stay out of service unless the company that bought them from agrees to overhaul the units free of charge, it was learned today.

Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato said he has been negotiating with the Cummings Co. of Garwood and thinks an agreement may be reached shortly.

"I have told the company that from Hoboken's point of view the two sweepers were not a good buy," he continued. "They break down too frequently and cost too much to repair — and they have not performed as promised."

Amato said the two trucks were

"too delicate" for Hoboken's needs. Amato said he advised the company that if it intends to continue doing business with Hoboken it had better do something about the sweepers. He disclosed that he has already thwarted efforts on the company's part to sell the city some salt spreaders for this winter.

"I can't see doing any further business with the company until the matter of the sweepers is resolved," he added.

The director said that while the sweepers are out of commission the city would rely on department laborers and teenagers hired for the summer to keep the streets reasonably clean.

Hoboken group's chief takes Jersey City job

The committee which wants to bring the World War II battleship New Jersey to Hoboken may be looking for a new president. The one they've got has taken a job with Jersey City, which is also seeking the ship.

Richard T. Bozzone has been hired as assistant director of the Neighborhood Preservation Program, at \$18,000 a year, it was learned today. The program is under the auspices of the autonomous Jersey City Redevelopment Agency.

Aside from being president of the Hoboken Battleship Memorial Committee, Bozzone was most recently an employee of that city's Community Development Agency.

A resident of Jersey City for most of his life, Bozzone recently moved back from Hoboken.

Bozzone has also served as executive vice president of the Meadowlands (formerly Secaucus) Chamber of Commerce.

Bozzone said he has no immediate plans to resign as head of the Hoboken battleship committee.

Hoboken water rates to spurt 40%

The Jersey City water rate will be increased by 40 per cent next year. City officials say the increase, the second large one in two years, is necessary to meet water operating deficits caused largely by costs associated with construction of a new treatment plant at the Boonton Reservoir.

The rate increase must be approved by the state Division of Local Government Finance and the Public Utilities Commission, but Jersey City officials expect it will be OK.

In a sense, say local officials,

Jersey City water users are caught in the middle. They can pay more for water and less for bonds, or they can pay less for water and more for bonds.

The city must sell another \$20 million in bonds to complete the treatment plant. In order to get state approval for the bonds, which would mean about 2 per cent less on the interest rate, it must show that the city water utility pays for itself.

Since a \$6.6 million operating deficit is projected for the next two years, the rate must be increased.

"There are no viable alternatives," according to Deputy Business Administrator Joseph Contreras.

The only other way to make up the deficit would be through a real estate tax increase, he explained. But if that were done, the entire cost would be borne by Jersey City residents, whereas a water rate increase would be shared by customers outside Jersey City, such as Hoboken.

Also, the water bonds would be "qualified" by the state, meaning taxpayers would pay several million

dollars extra in interest over the 25-year term of the bonds.

In a matter related to Hoboken's water purchase, Contreras said that city would get a credit of about \$12,000 for unused water. Hoboken told Jersey City in May to reduce the minimum daily delivery, but it was still charged for the higher figure stipulated in previous months.

Contreras acknowledged that Hoboken was correct in its claim for a refund.

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proval to raise its rates again. There was an increase only two years ago of at least 75 per cent to outside purchasers such as Hoboken, and 87 per cent for Jersey City residents and businesses.

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But, while some council members stated a resolve to keep sewerage rates at their present level, one warned that they, too, would be increased.

Councilman Thomas McGovern, a former Sewerage Authority member, said that agency was discussing a rate increase last year.

McGovern added that the quality of water is so poor that council members "have to be a bunch of nuts" to even consider a rate increase.

He said it's so bad that his wife takes the laundry to Bayonne and that "you have to wear sunglasses" when taking a bath so you don't notice how dirty the water looks.

Even with the rate increase, the water division will have to come up with an additional \$1 million a year to erase its deficit.

Officials said one means is the complete replacement of all water meters in the city, a project that started last year but is temporarily stalled for lack of funds.

Some 10,000 new meters already have been installed, according to Chester Brosowski, water director, with another 20,000 replacements planned.

Officials said old meters in most buildings often record less than half the water actually being used, so that revenues should rise dramatically when all the meters are replaced.

Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith said the city is also trying to improve its meter reading procedures, and is contemplating weekend readings so that homeowners will more likely be home when the reader comes around.

Smith emphasized that the city's water rate problems were inherited from past administrations.

Only on Sunday 8/30/77

Vehicular traffic is barred from River Road in Hoboken between 4th and 11th Streets only once a week, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The purpose is to give bike riders a safe place to maneuver once a week. It is a good idea, one of the amenities the city can offer its residents.

But some motorists disagree. They remove the barricades and barrel down the street, scattering bicyclists every which way. Can't someone from Public Works or one of the other city departments be spared to man the barricades on Sunday?

Hoboken cops will try to aid beleaguered bikers

Hoboken police will attempt to increase their patrols of River Road on Sundays, when it is closed to all motor vehicles, in response to complaints from local residents that motorists are endangering bicyclists who use the thoroughfare during that period.

According to some residents, motorists are ignoring the wood barricades that are placed across both ends of the roadway every Sunday morning when the street is used for bicycling.

"This endangers those bike riding, especially since they don't expect to see a car coming up on them because the street is supposed to be closed," said one bike rider.

Capt. Edward Sheehy, acting police chief, said today police are getting results from the periodic patrols they make along River Road during the bike riding period, but an attempt would be made to do better.

"We do have limited manpower which prohibits the department from stationing a man there between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. — the bike riding hours," he said. "However, we have been getting results with our regular checks. Four summonses were given out last Sunday to motorists who ignored the barricades."

Sheehy suggested that pedestrians and bike riders assist the police by trying to get the license number of any cars or trucks that use the street when the barricades are up.

"I'm not suggesting this as a substitute for more police patrols," he continued. "But between our citizens and police we might be able to put an end to this problem. A citizen can file a complaint just like a policeman."

According to a spokesman for the city municipal court, the fine for driving on River Road during the six-hour ban is \$15.

"I have sympathy with the problem. I understand it and I even monitor radio reports of the Public Works Department occasionally," said the councilman.

But instead of complaining that he inherited poor equipment when he became director, Ranieri said, "I would recommend that Director Amato examine his budget, see what balances are available and spread the purchase of new equipment over the next four years."

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Ranieri calls for 'action' on broken-down trucks

A Hoboken councilman said today he doesn't have to visit the city garage to know that the public works trucks are in bad shape but he urged the new director to come before the council "with a plan of action."

Councilman Robert Ranieri said he doesn't have to accept the offer of Director Andrew Amato to visit the garage and see that 18 of 21 trucks are "ready for the junk yard."

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Hoboken sewer foul-ups traced to foam rubber

A Hoboken firm dealing in foam rubber has been singled out by the city's public works department as the main cause of sewer line problems on Clinton Street, it was learned today.

Director Andrew J. Amato said today that foam rubber strips have been getting into the sewer line on Clinton Street, between Second and Third Streets and blocking the flow. This has resulted in back-ups into private residences and other businesses in the area.

"I will inform the company this week that it is to take immediate steps to prevent the foam rubber from

getting into the sewer lines or I will ask the city's law department to take it to court and have the operation shut down," Amato asserted.

According to Amato, the city has cleaned out the line several times in recent months after property owners in the area complained of sewer line back-ups.

"Each time large amounts of foam rubber stripping were removed from the line," he continued. "The last time we got almost a truckload of the stuff from the line."

Amato added that the foam rubber was apparently getting into the sewer lines from toilets in the building.

Hoboken cops rap filthy conditions at headquarters

By TERRY BRENNAN

Hoboken police are fuming over their inability to get even a token response to repeated attempts to correct the "filthy and unsanitary conditions" at Police Headquarters.

Detective James Behrens, president of the city's 144-member Policemen's Benevolent Association, blasted Public Works Director Andrew Amato yesterday for "neither responding nor acting" on the last letter he wrote three months ago demanding action. Behrens said he's written the Public Works Department five times over the past 13 months requesting a rectification of the "second class conditions" they're giving first class policemen.

"We've been hired to protect Hoboken residents and the city won't even protect us by giving us decent quarters," Behrens said. "We're not asking for luxury. We just want to be able to change our clothes without having chunks of plaster fall on us. It's the worst headquarters in the whole state."

Although Behrens claims the city has the manpower to solve temporarily the problems of faulty electrical wiring, falling plaster and cramped locker room quarters, Amato said major repairs would be "impossible at this time because we just don't have the men or equipment to do the work."

Amato said he probably overlooked the May 17 letter Behrens sent him because of "all the emergencies we've had here."

Behrens said the headquarters would be condemned if it were a private building and the city's inspector investigated "our complaints." He said there are 40 unused new lockers in the city and Amato has failed to use them to replace the dilapidated lockers in headquarters.

Amato said his men were tied up with renovating the exterior of City Hall and couldn't move them with the limited trucks the city has available. He said the police would "have to be a little patient" with his department.

Behrens said men have to change every day while "the place is crawling with mice, roaches and mosquitoes." He claimed it was "a disgrace cops have to eat in headquarters with all this filth and grime."

Behrens called the congested locker room a public passageway and claimed one officer had a gun stolen from his locker last summer. He said police usually keep one of their two weapons overnight in their lockers and are personally responsible for up to \$500 in equipment if anything is stolen.

The PBA president said it would only cost a few hundred dollars to let the men who put their lives on the line for Hoboken know the city cares about them.

Hoboken schools 'paned' by weakened windows

The view from some classrooms in two Hoboken schools may not be too good for pupils when they return to them next week — the windows are dirtier now than they were when school closed in June.

And the reason for it is that the firm that does the window washing for the board of education has refused to allow its employees to do them because the wood frames around them are in poor condition and might not hold the washers' weight, school sources said.

A spokesman for the board of education confirmed the report and said the schools were 3 and 9. However, he

added that there was no danger to students or teachers because of the problem.

"The frames are wood and they are old," he continued. "It is a problem that we have for some time now. Correcting it, due to the board's financial problems, has not been easy."

"The school board is aware of the problem in general and is taking steps as quickly as its finances permit to correct it. New windows have been put in the A.J. Demarest Junior High School and the other schools will get them too when the money becomes available."

Amato: Hoboken needs those 7 dump trucks

Hoboken needs seven dump trucks and a couple of panel trucks as quickly as possible if the public works department is to avoid curtailing service, Director Andrew J. Amato said today.

The department is now down to two functional trucks, the director said. It had three working last week but one blew its engine Friday afternoon and, in Amato's opinion, isn't worth repairing.

"I need an emergency appropriation to cover the purchase of at least seven dump trucks," he said. "And if I don't get it I won't be held responsible for the consequences. If I don't

have the equipment needed to run the department properly, it isn't going to run properly. It's as simple as that."

Amato said that he will review today all services performed by the department which require the use of trucks to determine which can be eliminated and which must be maintained. Those that are not essential will be stopped immediately.

The director added that he was pleased that he had the support of Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri in his efforts to get more and better equipment for the department but he disagreed with the councilman over his proposal to stagger out vehicle purchases over a period of years.

"That's fine if you have good stock to work with from the beginning," he continued. "You can replace two or three trucks every year and keep your fleet in good condition. But I need equipment now not next year or the year after."

Ranieri had also suggested that Amato review his department's budget to see if any surplus funds could be found. Those funds could be used to buy equipment now.

The director said he was willing to do that but he didn't think there would be enough to meet the department's needs.

"I haven't checked any prices yet but we're talking about something that's going to run at least \$100,000 and I know I won't be able to find that," he continued.

Amato said he would work with the council's Public Works Committee to try to find surplus funds but would like a commitment from the council that it would expedite an emergency appropriation



Washroom used by Hoboken's finest preparing to meet the public.

Hoboken wants to expand grants for storefronts

Hoboken Community Development Agency officials are contemplating some changes in the guidelines for their \$230,000 storefront modernization program which would allow them to give property owners bigger grants to do more work on their buildings.

According to Kenneth Pia, who is coordinating the program, the concept of additional funds is still in the

discussion stages and has not been reduced to a formal written format. "We would like to increase the number of participants in the program and at the same time make sure that the money is going to the most critical aspects of improvements," he said. "We have additional funds this year so we would like to be as fair as possible with the participants and do the most we can for them."

Under the current guidelines shopkeepers are eligible for grants of up to 50 per cent on storefront modernization, amounting to approximately \$5,000. However, Pia said that the CDA would like to go beyond that in some cases where the building was of historical significance or architecturally unique.

"There are some situations where the owners of such buildings would like to go beyond just storefront modernization but can't afford to without some additional financial assistance," he continued. "We are hoping to be able to modify the guidelines to take these situations into account."

To date, 40 shopkeepers have filed applications for the modernization program. Three have been finished, two are under construction, two or three more will start within a week or two and 21 others have had their designs completed and approved.

Some merchants have been critical of the program claiming that it is moving too slowly. But Pia said he was satisfied with the progress being made.

"We have only one part-time architect to prepare the acceptable plans so this has resulted in something of a design problem," he said. "Considering that, I'm satisfied with the progress."

One of the requirements for program eligibility is that the shopkeepers have the proposed modernization plans done by the CDA's architect. Pia said that this insures that there will be no drastic changes made which would alter the character of the shopping area.

Hoboken to give supplies if cops do minor repairs 9/1/77

Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato is willing to meet the Hoboken Police Benevolent Association (PBA) halfway on eliminating some of the substandard conditions to be found in police headquarters.

"The department will provide the supplies if they'll supply the labor," said the director. "If not, the PBA will just have to wait until I feel I have the men to do what they want."

The PBA sent Amato a letter several weeks ago asking for some minor repairs, according to President James Behrens. He said the PBA still has not received a reply from Amato.

"We are not asking for major repairs, just routine things that will make this place a little presentable," Behrens continued. "Things like extermination of roaches and flies, fixing the ceilings, and a general clean up."

"The PBA understands that the city hall restoration program is supposed to provide repairs and we'll have to wait until that starts for major improvements."

Amato said the city's firemen do a lot of their own work in the firehouses when the city supplies the materials. He added that he didn't see why the police couldn't do the same thing if they felt that their problems were urgent and needed immediate attention.

The director took exception to a photograph that appeared yesterday in another newspaper on a washbasin that was supposed to be in the police washroom.

"The basin happens to be in the hallway outside the detective bureau and is not intended for use by

anyone to wash up in," he asserted. "It is used by the janitors to fill and empty their wash buckets."

"Less than 20 feet away is a brand new bathroom and shower facility that was built by the Public Works Department for the policemen. That, too, is a disgrace."

"Possibly, the department doesn't clean it often enough. But on the other hand, the policemen who use it don't take care of it either."

Amato said insect infestations were to be expected to some degree because the building was old and damp. But they wouldn't be so bad if the men using the facilities pitched in.

"Everything gets thrown on the floor," he continued. "Paper coffee cups, cigarette butts, food. It isn't surprising we have roaches and flies in abundance."

Hoboken council to act on variance request 9/3/77

A zoning variance to permit the owner of 721 Clinton St. to construct a two-story stone extension to his building will be one of the items the Hoboken City Council takes up at Tuesday 7 p.m. caucus in the city clerk's office.

Also to be discussed is a resolution to authorize the Community Development Agency to apply to the federal government for Section 8 rent subsidies to be applied to existing housing rather than new construction or rehabilitation projects.

Under the program the federal government makes up the difference between what a tenant can afford to pay in rent and what the property owner needs to maintain the buildings and meet his financial commitments while making a reasonable profit.

The council also will go over specifications for the demolition of several buildings and the contract to sell 401 First St. and 90, 92 and 94 Grand St. to the Hoboken Housing Authority.

The council's regular meeting is

Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Bids will be received at that time for the purchase of a crime prevention van and one police car for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program.

An ordinance creating a Municipal Aquatic Commission to oversee the operation of the city's water utility will be given a public hearing and then be up for a last vote by the council. The commission would be non-salaried and serve in an advisory capacity to the city.

Double parking 9/3/77

A perpetual problem in Hoboken — as in many modern cities — is curbside parking. The usual impromptu solution in Hoboken is to double park as long as you can get away with it.

Because Hoboken's streets are narrow and heavily travelled, double parking is more than an inconvenience, it is a safety hazard.

Fire equipment has been repeatedly blocked when responding to an alarm. Mayor Cappiello is considering towing away double parkers. He should... at once!

Bateman seeks backing in Hoboken City Hall 9/2/77

State Senator Raymond Bateman will need Democratic support if he is to be elected governor in November. He may have found some of it yesterday during his visit to Hoboken.

Mayor Steve Cappiello is a Democrat and at this time he isn't giving out any endorsements. But he also knows that he has four more years in office to worry about the city's finances—and it would be good to have a friend in high places like Trenton.

Bateman vowed that he would continue three state programs that are very important to Hoboken—state Urban Aid (\$1,068,000 for Hoboken this year), Safe and Clean Neighborhoods (\$555,000 for 1977), and the state Revenue Sharing program (\$470,000 in aid this year).

"Urban Aid and Safe and Clean were both started during the Cahill Administration and I had a lot to do with both of them," said Bateman. "All three will definitely be continued. I'm not committed to the same amount of aid—some communities might get more, others less, but the programs work and I want them continued."

Bateman and a contingent of his campaign workers, along with county Republican officials, met with Cappiello for more than a half hour in the mayor's office.

It was a low-keyed session with Cappiello and the senator sitting quietly aside chatting for 20 minutes.

"Nothing significant should be read into this meeting," asserted Cappiello. "I was merely extending a courtesy that I would extend to any official running for governor. Besides, I've known the senator for some time."

Cappiello said his personal opinion of Bateman was that he was "a nice guy."

"We discussed the city's problems such as unemployment, our high tax rate, our water problems with Jersey City," the mayor continued. "The senator didn't make any promises for the future but did say that if he is elected he would look into the problems."

Following the session with the mayor, Bateman and his delegation went to the city's Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand Streets to chat with 90 or so senior citizens during their noon meal. He told the group that there were over 800,000 senior citizens in the state and one of



A smiling Sen. Raymond Bateman, running for governor, runs down the steps of Hoboken City Hall, flanked by aides.

his administration's first objectives would be to tackle their problems, especially in the area of giving more help with skyrocketing medical costs.

Bateman invited the group to visit him at the state house after the November election.

"The line of communication between our state government and the people have disappeared," he continued. "I intend to reopen them. I am out everyday at 6 a.m. talking with workers—the public—and this is the only way to find out their problems and needs."

"New Jersey is a great state. Unfortunately, it suffers from an inferiority complex being nestled between New York and Pennsylvania

and gets pushed around a little. I intend to change that, too."

After his short speech, Bateman went around to the tables in the dining room and talked with the seniors for 20 minutes. He and the party then left for West New York.

Accompanying the senator were Anthony J. Cilento, county Republican chairman; Bernard Scrivani, city Republican chairman; Mrs. Ann Fontana, vice chairman; Julius Cantor of Jersey City, county campaign manager; Edward Magee of Jersey City, a candidate for state senator, and Michael Caulfield of Hoboken, county campaign coordinator.

Hunt illegal rent raises in Hoboken tenements 9/1/77

Tenants living in 15 sub-standard tenement houses along 14th Street in Hoboken may be getting rent reductions because the buildings have numerous violations, it was learned today.

Joseph Hottendorf, chairman of the Hoboken Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board, said today that a check with tenants is being made to find out if they have had any rent increases during the last few years.

"If they have been given increases they may be illegal," he asserted. "First, because the board was not notified of them and secondly because of the violations. Under the rent leveling ordinance, rent increases can't be approved as long as there are violations in the building, even if the owner formally asked the board for the increase."

The buildings being checked are 201 through 215 14th St. They are the

subject of a campaign now being conducted by the 14th Street Block Association aimed at getting needed repairs.

City inspectors toured the buildings Tuesday with Health and Welfare Director James Farina checking for sub-standard conditions.

"There are sufficient violations to warrant immediate city action," said the director. "The owner is being notified of the specific violations and ordered to correct them."

"However," he added, "the property owner isn't entirely to blame."

"In my opinion, the tenants must also share some of it. Many of the violations were the result of landlord neglect. But some others were caused by tenant abuse. If the buildings are repaired and cleaned, the tenants must do their share to keep them that way."

According to Hottendorf, the owner of the buildings is the Florbrook Corp. of Brooklyn, N.Y. Florio Levin is listed as the agent.

Hottendorf said that the board's files show that the corporation has never sought rent increases except for two buildings—205 and 207 14th St.

"That was two or three years ago," he continued. "So if any of the tenants have been given rent increases since, they were illegal increases and should be rescinded."

Hoboken finds answer to unanswered phone 9/3/77

There is a reason no one answers that Hoboken telephone number in the phone directory listed for the mayor's aide — there isn't a phone on the other end.

"That's the explanation the telephone company gave to me when I inquired about it," Business Administrator Edwin Chius said today. "And Hoboken hasn't and isn't being billed for the phone."

"The company assured me of that, but I also checked our records to see if I could find any bills. I didn't, so it isn't costing the city anything."

Chius said that the telephone belonged to the old Hoboken Human Rights Agency which was disbanded several years ago. The city did have

the telephone company discontinue the service but for some reason the listing was never taken out of the phone directory.

The telephone is listed as being located at 210 First St., the former headquarters of the Human Rights Agency. The storefront is now occupied by another tenant.

"The company representative I spoke with didn't know exactly how the number could ring still, since the service had been discontinued, but he was going to look into it," Chius continued.

Councilman-at-large, Robert A. Ranieri was the one who happened to notice the listing in the directory and made the initial inquiry.

Portrait by Hoboken man may yet go to Humphrey 9/1/77

Former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey may finally get that oil portrait of himself that was commissioned by Toastmasters International almost 12 years ago.

Frank Banks, district governor of the Toastmaster Clubs of New York, which includes 62 Toastmasters' groups in the New York-New Jersey area, said today that he will contact Philip Myers, the Hoboken artist who did the portrait, to make arrangements to claim the painting.

The Toastmasters' group was made aware of the portrait again through a recent article in The Jersey Journal which related how Myers still had the painting in his possession but wanted Humphrey to have it.

Humphrey, who is again the U.S. Senator from Minnesota, is terminally ill with cancer. However, he is continuing his activities in Washington.

According to Banks, the international president of the Toastmasters, Durwood English of Santa Anna, Cal., was contacted about the story. He, in turn, contacted Banks

and asked him to look into the matter.

"Both President English and myself agree fully with Mr. Myers — the portrait should be presented to Mr. Humphrey, especially in view of the current circumstances," he said.

"If we can make arrangements with Mr. Myers to get the portrait — we can ship to me or Mr. English — we will make arrangements to make the presentation on behalf of the club."

According to Myers, the painting was to have been presented to Humphrey at one of the club's annual dinners. However, the Vice President was sent on a mission to the Far East by then President Lyndon B. Johnson and had to cancel his appearance at the last minute.

Myers said that a few attempts were made after that to arrange for the presentation but for one reason or another it never came off. The Hoboken man kept contact with the club for several years after that but had not heard anything further for about three years.

Charge contractor ignored rules on Hoboken sewer job 9/1/77

The contractor hired by Hoboken to rebuild the city's 11th Street pumping station "ignored" contract specifications by installing "temporary wooden bracing" instead of steel supports, according to a city aide.

Joseph Lynch, the city's consulting engineer-architect, told members of the city council at last night's caucus that the contractor "just went ahead and did it" several months ago.

"I could have recommended to the council that work be stopped," said Lynch, "but I didn't because of the pressure by the state and federal people on the city to get the job done and because you have to pay for the pumps anyway."

Several letters were sent to the builder directing him to replace the timber bracing with the steel "as specified," Lynch added, but "he insisted it was alright the way it was."

Lynch says there's no danger of the facility's walls collapsing even if the wood supports are not replaced.

But, for the city's protection, Lynch is asking the city officials to approve a partial-payment change-order resolution, pending approval by state and federal environmental officials, providing for a 10-year "unconditional guarantee" on the job.

The council is turning over the matter to the city's legal department for review.

Another apparent miscue that was to be rectified today by the city's governing body involves the "unauthorized use" of city gasoline by municipal employees from May, 1976, to May, 1977.

City Public Works Director Andrew Amato has advised the council that the state is billing the city \$736.88 as a "gasoline tax" on more than 9,000 gallons consumed by cars driven by four city health inspectors during that year.

The inspectors, laid off earlier this summer with the program's ter-

mination, should have been walking to inspections, according to council president Martin J. Brennan.

Like Second Ward Councilman Walter Cramer, Brennan says he wants to see more of Amato's men on the street — pushing brooms to keep the city's streets clean while the two public works mechanical sweepers are out of service.

The argument that Civil Service regulations might keep an employee classified as a truck driver off the streets is labeled a "lot of baloney" by Brennan and if any workers with nothing to do refuse broom duty, Cramer says Amato should "lay 'em off."

Reached at his club office, Amato sized up the manpower situation this way: "It's very bad. I admit it. I'm ashamed of the operation, but I just don't have the men. Six men sweeping the streets cannot do the job of covering the city."

Things are so bad — with eight men formerly employed under the federal CETA program gone and another 11 out on vacation — Amato had 10 members of his association cleaning some bad spots in the Fourth Ward last night.

Today, Amato is to huddle with a representative of the company that sold the sweepers to the city in hopes of negotiating an arrangement whereby the firm would agree to "foot the bill" for repairs on the two-year-old machines.

"My men are doing a good job," says Amato, "but I could use another 10 men to help. I'm hoping to persuade the council to put them on."

Hoboken's recreation needs upgrading, Cappiello says 9/8/77

As Hoboken's five-member Recreation Commission begins an evaluation of the city's play facilities and cultural activities, Mayor Steve Cappiello says he's giving serious thought to rehiring a controversial consultant who, he says, could snag federal recreation grants for the city.

Members of the newly formed body, whose powers are solely advisory, met last night with Cappiello and Councilmen Robert A. Ranieri and Thomas Kennedy and Recreation Director James Farina to set program goals.

They heard Cappiello tell them their function was "something long overdue" for Hoboken. "I've found myself locked in to what I can do in the area of recreation," Cappiello confessed, "and that's why I'm looking for new ideas."

Recalling complaints by residents during the May mayoral campaign, Ranieri told the commissioners: "If we had a failure, it was in recreation. We hope you can fill that void."

Asked by one commissioner what importance the city administration would attach to whatever recommen-

dations may be advanced, Cappiello replied: "We'd put much weight behind your advice subject, of course, to reactions by the public."

Further caution was offered by Ranieri when he warned of "financial restrictions" to consider before recommending such things as construction of a pool or skating rink.

Prompted by a suggestion by Susan Neuman, a commissioner, Farina will huddle shortly with the group to brief them on his department's budget, number of available employees and their working hours.

Kennedy advised the group to "tour the city's recreational facilities," review all play activities and then "present a program to the public."

When Mrs. Neuman mentioned that her children benefited from attending recreational programs offered this summer by Union City, Cappiello disclosed that Hoboken had arranged with Union City officials to bus city youngsters to Hoboken's northern neighbor to participate in that city's swimming program.

The mayor said that Union City secured \$1 million in special grants from the state Department of Institutions and Agencies to carry out various summer activities.

Later, Cappiello told The Jersey Journal that he'd like to regain the services of Michael Coleman, former head of the city's Community Development Agency (CDA), because of his expertise in preparing grant applications and his contacts with federal funding sources.

Robert Hill, a commissioner and a local CDA employee, said the agency, which has been fiscally aiding the Hoboken Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in the operation of Camp Tamqua, a summer camp serving Hoboken children, "is beginning to look for outside sources" to carry on the funding.

The other commissioners are Carlos Perez, Irene Bolsius and Jack Mahoney.

Hoboken school bonds are sold 9/9/77

The Hoboken Board of Education has successfully sold \$1.4 million in bonds for the construction of the new mini-school at 524 Park Ave.

The bonds were purchased by the First National State Bank, Newark, and will carry an interest rate of 5.15 per cent. The last bond matures in 1995. A board spokesman said that the interest and principal on the bonds will be paid by the state under Chapter 10 of the Laws of 1970.

Site of Hoboken feast shifted 9/9/77

There will be a religious feast in Hoboken this weekend honoring the Madonna dei Martiri — Mother of Martyrs — but not at the usual location of the 50-year-old event.

The feast will be held in front of St. Francis Church instead of at the corner of Fourth and Adams streets and it is being sponsored by the "Devotees of Madonna dei Martiri of St. Francis."

That group is comprised mostly of women who were members of the women's auxiliary of the all-male society. They are now on their own since the male members of the society disbanded the aux-

iliary over a dispute on changing the route for the religious procession.

The feast will start Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. with live entertainment. On Sunday a High Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. in the church followed by the procession through the streets with the statue of the patron saint. The procession will conclude at 9 p.m. followed by a fireworks display and more entertainment.

The concluding ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday with a drawing for a Miami vacation for two. There will also be more live entertainment.

'Our principle: Waterfront is for people'

By JIM BENSON

"Our guiding principle is that the urban waterfront is for the people," reads a statement by the Waterfront Coalition of Hudson and Bergen counties. 22 environmental groups seeking to open more of the Hudson and Hackensack riverfronts to the public.

"As is well known," the statement continues, "people abound in Hudson and Bergen counties. We also have the lowest amounts of open space in the entire state. The waterfront is our last frontier on which to fulfill the needs of the assets of people for outdoor spaciousness and openness."

"This does not mean the exclusion of residential and commercial uses along the urban waterfront. It does, however, call for careful, unified planning of the entire region."

Third in a series

The coalition includes Jersey City, Weehawken and Hoboken environmental committees, the League for Conservation Legislation, New Jersey Audubon Society, the New Jersey Association of Environmental Commissioners and the American Littoral Society.

The coalition believes now is a propitious time to push for redevelopment of the waterfronts, with emphasis on public uses. The public has heretofore been excluded from all but a fraction of the waterfronts.

Only eight per cent of Bergen County's 149,760 acres is used for recreational purposes. Only four per cent of Hudson County's 29,660 acres is for recreation.

On the Hudson River side and excluding the Palisades, the waterfront consists of an 18.5-mile strip of flat, irregular land, narrow at Edgewater but steadily broadening as it extends to Bayonne.

22 groups unite in effort

Once heavy industry, waterborne freight facilities and railroads occupied all the land along this strip.

Today, the land is decaying. Port facilities have shifted elsewhere with the advent of containerized shipping. The railroads are bankrupt and increasing local taxation is continuing to drive industry from the area. Much of the Hudson riverfront is now unused.

Along the shore is a jumble of abandoned factories and warehouses, derelict piers, neglected rail yards and vacant, rubble-strewn lots. These are interspersed with tank farms, some still active manufacturers and highrise apartments.

Also active are some piers and shipping terminals, such as in north Hoboken and at Jersey City's Global Terminal and Container Services.

Additionally, the riverfront is used by Stevens Tech in Hoboken and the Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne.

The only truly public recreational use of the Hudson waterfront is the state's new Liberty Park in Jersey City. The state intends to develop 800 acres of former Jersey Central and Lehigh Valley railroad property for the park. But presently, only 35 acres is open.

"We will be developing the park over a period of time as we get the money," said Wes Denman, public affairs spokesman for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

At one time, the railroads used or controlled 1,875 acres of prime Hudson riverfront. Most of this is now vacant but

it is still largely unavailable to the public.

The municipalities, especially Jersey City, which has the most railroad land, want to develop the areas to bring in new residents. Although sympathetic to demands for open space, industrial and commercial buyers are heavily solicited. Some parks have been donated or are planned, but not enough to satisfy environmentalists.

On the Hackensack riverfront from Bergen Point in Bayonne north to the Pulaski Skyway in Jersey City, a mixture of residential, recreational, industrial and commercial uses predominates.

Here there is more access to the river for people through city parks and Roosevelt Stadium. Lengthy strips of river edge are still closed off to public use, however, such as along Route 440 in Bayonne and the Jersey City Incinerator property.

The coalition has asked the state, under provision of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, to set up a special planning district including the entire waterfront from Fort Lee to Constable Hook on the Hudson River and from Constable Hook north to the Pulaski Skyway. The state, which has not gotten around to considering how it will manage the waterfronts here, has been noncommittal.

David Kinsey, chief of DEP's Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), said a plan for redevelopment of the area will be put together and submitted to the federal government's CZM office at an undetermined time. Such a plan would make the riverfronts eligible for more federal aid monies for parks development.

In the meantime, the state has no definite policy for controlling or guiding redevelopment here, and local governments have resisted appeals to formulate and follow a regional, unified redevelopment scheme.

Hoboken site of another low-budget movie

By TERRY BRENNAN

Actors and extras were scurrying about Hoboken City Hall yesterday during the filming of a low-budget movie involving some intense courtroom drama.

The story, which revolves around a disgruntled attorney who renounces "sallow" suburbia for the "excitement" of the inner city, is being staged in the Mile Square City because its creators liked its turn of the century architecture and well publicized sense of community. The producer said the movie was written by a former Westfield native who had Hoboken in mind when he created the scenario.

"We wanted a waterfront community that gives the impression the people really belong in their town," producer Jan-Pieter Welt said between takes yesterday. "What really impressed me about this town was the friendly atmosphere and the relaxed pace over here. We wanted a town with character and Hoboken seems to have lots of that."

Although the movie's central character was making \$100,000 a year and lived with his beautiful wife in suburban North Jersey, he renounces what most Americans can only yearn for when he becomes a lawyer for the downtrodden in a city not unlike Hoboken. He moves out of his sprawling suburban mansion and begins to eke out a living by defending the poor from his cubby-hole office in the central city.

"The guy has what most Americans consider a near-ideal existence before he throws it all away," Welt said. "He can't stand the superficial nature of his country club living so he gives it all up to work for the poor. He's somewhat like a Ralph Nader lawyer who isn't happy unless he's helping people."

"Murphy's Law" was written by Milton Moses Ginsberg and is expected to be released early next spring. Welt said Ginsberg created the "low budget" scenario for Hoboken because he's always been fascinated by the style of living

in the city.

"Ginsberg wanted to contrast what the main character considers a shallow suburban existence with the tension in the city," Welt said. "People in suburbia don't have roots. People in Hoboken all know each other and go back two and three generations. That's why there's such a great sense of belonging over here."

Welt would only say the picture would ultimately cost "considerably less" than the \$1 million it cost to produce a low budget movie like "Rocky." He said the staging would cost at least five times its current funding if a major studio were producing it.

Ginsberg also reportedly wrote the script specifically for actor Rip Torn because he has a reputation for being somewhat of a movie maverick. Torn has been featured in several big budget productions but has been making less expensive "artsy" movies the past 10 years.

House tour in Hoboken

A tour of six private homes and an urban garden are planned for the Hoboken house tour scheduled for September 25 from noon to 5 p.m.

The second annual event, the tour will benefit the Hoboken Environment Committee. Restorations to be viewed will include a Victorian edifice and a carriage house.

Starting point designated for the tour is the Trinity Episcopal Church, designed by Richard Upjohn, architect of Trinity Church in New York City. The bluestone construction, dating back to 1855, stands on ground donated by the Stevens family.

There will be a sale of crafts made by Hoboken residents, as well as literature and refreshments.

A carriage house on Cobble Court Street behind Hoboken's main thoroughfare has been furnished by Jan and Louis Canales with such appointments as his paintings and a patchwork quilt dating back several generations in her family.

A Victorian house on Hudson Street is a reminder of the stately homes built by shipping barons during Hoboken's early days as a port city. The inside is European in decor, featuring Italian Renaissance furnishings, many from trips made by the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corrado, to Mrs. Corrado's native Italy. A local educator, he is also proprietor of a Hoboken antiques shop. The living room is furnished with French silk chairs, red velvet curtains and a large tapestry brought home from the couple's travels. The Corrados' collections of antique clocks and lamps are displayed throughout the house.

Dominating the living room is a crystal chandelier that Mrs. Corrado restored after finding the fixture broken and dirt-encrusted on the living room floor.

Standing by the high Victorian bed in the master bedroom is a stool for climbing. The room also features a "fainting sofa" from the Far East.

As was the case last year, the committee has arranged for visitors to view a home in which work is obviously in progress. Sada and Lew Fretz have completed the living room of their home on Bloomfield Street. Their collection of Alaskan art will be one of its attractions. Two etched doors lead from the dining room into the kitchen, where the couple are exposing the brick walls and refinishing pine floors to bring back the same look they have restored in the front rooms.

Upstairs, small rooms in the area have been converted into a den. While one wall features exposed bricks, while others are covered with burlap. By contrast, an uncompleted room on the same floor shows what confronted the couple when they began restoration.

The foyer of the Bloomfield Street home of Burns Cameron and his wife, Claire Walter, features Hoboken memorabilia. A Currier & Ives color lithograph depicts the country's first ball game, played in Hoboken in 1846. A ski writer, Miss Walter has collected souvenirs from Switzerland, Austria and other slope areas.

A second floor den/library has a number of the couple's 80 house plants displayed on a plant table which he designed.

French doors leading into the living room and den on the second floor were found by the couple discarded on Bloomfield Street just as they were making their way to the local lumber yard to buy doors.

An English royalty fireplace dominates the royal blue master bedroom on the third floor. In a hallway outside a small guest room is a chest hand carved by Cameron's grandmother in the early 1900s.

"The Himpler House" on Bloomfield Street, a classic example of architecture, style and detailing of the late 19th Century, was designed by Francis Himpler, the architect who

Hoboken public works director gets outside help in securing new trucks

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato is getting some unexpected support from outside city government for his efforts to get new trucks for his department.

The 14th Street Block Association has begun circulating a petition calling on the city to take whatever action is necessary to see to it that Public Works gets the equipment it needs, according to association president, Manuel Perez.

"From our own experience with conditions on 14th Street we know that if the job is to be done right the city should have proper equipment," Perez said. "From what we've been reading in the newspapers it doesn't seem that anyone is rushing to help Public Works out."

"Maybe they don't believe the director when he says that he needs the equipment. But all they have to do is take a walk or ride around the city and see for themselves. The streets are littered everywhere, trash baskets are always overflowing, and Hoboken is very, very dirty," Perez said the petition would be

presented to either the mayor or the City Council when it was felt that enough signatures had been acquired. Amato said he "appreciated" the association's support and hoped the petition effort would have some beneficial impact on the City Council.

Amato said he sent a letter to the council's committee on Public Works last week asking for an emergency meeting so that he could discuss the department's immediate needs with the three councilmen on the committee — Walter S. Cramer, Nunzio Malfetti and Salvatore Cemelli. Cramer is committee chairman.

"I still have not received a response from the committee," he asserted.

"Without proper and adequate

equipment the department can't do the job," the director continued. "I'm not making excuses. It's a fact, we don't have what we need to do the job and do it properly."

According to Amato, he needs about seven new trucks to operate the department properly. Some other city officials have been critical of Amato's needs saying that the department never had seven operating trucks. The director agreed.

"Because the department never had that many trucks before doesn't mean that it didn't need them," he asserted. "I want to make it clear that if the department has the proper equipment and manpower then it has no excuses for not doing its job and doing it well."

402 new books bought by the Hoboken library

A total of 402 new books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, announced today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and are now available to library members.

Some of the newbooks include: The Arms Bazaar: From Lebanon To Lockhead, by Anthony Sampson; Anna Hastings: The Story Of A Washington Newspaperperson, by Allen Drury; Tube of Plenty: The Evolution of American Television, by Erik Barnouw; Finding Your Roots: How Every American Can Trace his Ancestors At Home and Abroad, by Jeanne Eddy Westin; Dynasty: A Novel Of China, by Robert S. Lynd; The Stone Bull: A Novel, by Phyllis A. Whitney; Dreamland: A Novel, by George V. Higgins; Lorenzino: A Novel About Florence In The Renaissance by Arvin Upton;

The Consul's File: A novel, by Paul Theroux.

Staying On: A Novel, by Paul Scott; Monty: A Biography of Montgomery Clift, by Robert La Guardia; The Encyclopedia of Household Hints and Dollar Stretchers by Michael Gore; The Hidden Malpractice: How American Medicine Treats Women as Patients and Professionals, by Gena Corea; The Investigation: A Novel, by Dorothy Uhnak; The Thin Mountain Air: A Novel, by Paul Horgan; The Widower's Son: A Novel, by Alan Sillitoe; One Hell Of An Actor: A Novel, by Garson Kanin; Twins: A Novel, by Bari Wood and Jack Geasland.

It Didn't Start With Watergate, by Victor Lasky; The Parenting Advisor by The Princeton Center for Infancy; The Mask of Politics and Other Essays, by Maurice Cranston; The Dollar-Saving Decorating Book, by Jose Wilson and Arthur Leaman; Fata Morgana: A Novel, by William Katzwinkle; The Sunday of Life: A novel, by Raymond Queneau; Union Dues: A Novel, by John Sayles; Michaelmas: A Novel, by Algis Budrys; Strike the Bell Boldly: A Novel, by Stephen Longstreet; The Cloud of Danger: Current Realities of American Foreign Policy, by George F. Kennan.

Tales of the Elders: A Memory Book of Men and Women Who Came to America as Immigrants, 1890-1930, by Carol Ann Bales; The French Atlantic Affair: A Novel, by Ernest Lehman; Phase Three Alert: A Novel, by John Ball; The Feminization of American Culture, by Ann Douglas; The Appreciation of Stained Glass, by Power and Illness: The Political Sociology of Health and Medical Care, by Elliot A. Krause; Avalanche Express: A Novel, by Colin Forbes; Players: A Novel, by Don De Lillo, and Swatich: A Novel, by Alistair MacLean.

Another chance to debate Hoboken athletic programs

Hoboken parents and other residents concerned with the athletic and recreation programs and facilities offered by the Board of Education will get another chance to express their opinions tomorrow night.

James Giani, a school board member and member of its athletics committee, will hold a public forum at 8 p.m. in the board's meeting room, 1115 Clinton St., he said today. It is the second such meeting Giani has held.

"The first was to get some ideas and suggestions from the parents and other residents as to what they wanted and expected from the board in the

way of recreation and athletic activities and facilities, he said.

"A number of suggestions and recommendations were made by the parents at that time."

The first forum was held Aug. 1. Giani said that since then he has been looking into the suggestions and will report back on them at tomorrow night's meeting.

He added that he would also outline some new programs that might be possible for the next school year.

"Again, public participation at these evaluation meetings is essential," he continued.

"It is the only way myself and the other board members can get an idea of what the parents of our school children want and expect from the board. And it is the only real way we can explain to the parents and residents what we can and can't do, and why."

Council committee meeting Amato on a cleaner Hoboken.

Hoboken's littered and filthy streets, and what can be done by the city to clean them up, will be taken up today by the city council's Committee on Public Works and the department's director, Andrew J. Amato.

Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer, chairman of the committee, said the meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. in Amato's City Hall office. "We will discuss with the director what he believes has to be done to make and keep Hoboken clean, and the manpower and equipment he will need to do the job," Cramer said.

"However, the committee wants to see facts and figures to substantiate the director's claims that new equipment and more men are needed before making any decisions."

Serving on the committee with Cramer are, Third Ward Councilman Salvatore Cemelli and Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti.

According to Cramer, he wasn't all that sure that the need for more men and machines was the only problem or the only solution was buying them.

"Strict and thorough enforcement of the city's anti-littering laws could go a long way to making conditions better," he continued. "And greater public participation and cooperation in keeping the city clean would also have a great impact."

The attention the city's physical appearance has been getting the last two weeks appears to have made some impression on local residents. More and more of them are sweeping their own sidewalks regularly and the city has started to look cleaner in some areas.

Amato and a dozen or so volunteers from his political club went out several days ago and picked up large accumulations of litter and rubbish that had been discarded around the Downtown area.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano, as promised last week, was out sweeping his sidewalk early Monday morning, and plans to continue doing so several times each week as an example to his neighbors.

A number of civic associations have started circulating a petition around the city calling on officials to purchase the equipment and hire the men Amato says he needs to keep the city clean. Some city officials are saying that Amato is secretly behind the petition campaign and organized it to bring pressure to bear on the mayor and council for the men and equipment. Amato denies the allegation.

"I don't work that way," he asserted. "I know about them (the petitions) and I haven't done anything to discourage them, but it wasn't my idea. The people who are gathering them are concerned and they're becoming involved. That's good. It shows they care. I'm not going to do anything to discourage that. We need citizens who care. Lots of them."

Double-parked autos may be towed away

Motorists who have been accustomed to double-parking their cars in Hoboken and getting a ticket at most may have a surprise for them the next time they try it. Their cars could be gone when they come back for them.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that the city is looking into the possibility of having double-parked cars towed away as a safety precaution.

"There has been a steady increase in the number of instances where a double-parked car blocks the path of our fire trucks and prevents them from getting to the scene of a fire," said the mayor. "These vehicles have been getting tickets all along but a summons doesn't remove them to allow a fire truck to continue on its way."

The mayor said he would take the matter up with Acting Fire Chief James Houn and Police Capt. Edward Sheehy, acting police chief.

Cappiello said that towing a double-parked car would not be a speedy solution to opening a blocked street, but it would discourage the practice.

The mayor said that the city police department contracts with a local towing company—Hoboken Auto Body—to do its towing in incidents where vehicles have been damaged in accidents and can't move under their own power. He did not think it would take much to alter that contract to include double-parked cars.

"The motorists would have to pay all towing and storage costs if they don't pick up their cars the same day," he continued. "The only cost the city might incur is if the car wasn't claimed. Then we'd have to pay for the tow and storage, but at a reduced rate."

Romano asks test on fire chief's post

First Ward Council Anthony H. Romano of Hoboken said today that he believes candidates for Hoboken Fire Chief should take the Civil Service examination for the job. He will ask Mayor Steve Cappiello to reconsider his proposed action to new chief without a test.

Cappiello has announced that he intends to appoint James Houn the city's new fire chief without the Civil Service test since only three men applied for the examination. If three or less persons apply for a promotional examination, the city can bypass the test and appoint without it.

"The job should go to the best qualified man, which is not to say that Deputy Chief Houn is not that man," asserted Romano. "However, we have only one method of determining who that man might be—the Civil Service examination."

"Promotions in the police and fire department in Hoboken have traditionally gone to the men who did the best on the examinations. Bypassing the test violates that tradition."

"The tests are conducted by professional fire fighters who know the ins and outs of a fire department so they are valid barometers of a man's ability and knowledge. The other two men, both deputy chiefs, who applied to take the test deserve the opportunity to prove themselves and compete for the job."

Romano said he would take the matter up with the mayor in the hope he would change his mind and call for the test.

Hoboken block unit aids rent cut bid

Manuel Perez, president of the 14th Street Block Association of Hoboken, said today that the association is volunteering its services to help tenants of several run-down buildings prepare requests for rent reductions to be submitted to the local rent leveling board.

The board was going to look into the possibility of ordering rent reductions for the tenants because of violations in the building but decided against it because of a possible conflict, according to Joseph Hortendorf, board chairman.

"I don't think it would be right to

give the tenants advice on what to do and then have to rule on their applications for reductions," he said. "Now that the block association has stepped in the board will not have that problem."

Perez said the association has obtained copies of the city's rent leveling ordinance and will explain it to the tenants, showing them what their rights are under the law.

"We have already contacted several tenants who say that they were given rent increases last year," he continued. "However, no action has been taken on reduction applica-

tions for them because they have yet to produce rent receipts showing what they had paid and what they are now paying."

The buildings are 201 through 215 14th St. and are owned by a Brooklyn corporation. An inspection by city inspectors last week showed that there were numerous violations in all of the tenements.

Perez added that he is also seeking a meeting with representatives of Public Service Gas and Electric Co. to discuss the very high bills residents of the tenement houses have been getting.

"According to the people in the buildings, the meter readers refuse to go into the basements of the buildings and they have been getting estimated bills," he continued. "Some of the bills have been very high."

Trash dims Hoboken image

By Peter Hallam

Trash is starting to threaten the glowing reputation Hoboken has been building for itself over the last 10 years as a city on the rebound.

Residents and officials agree that the advances in housing, rehabilitation and better police protection are being buried under a layer of litter and rubbish that, although superficial, gives first-time visitors to the city a bad impression.

Lengthy discussion was given to the problem by the city council at this

week's meeting, but little attention was paid to what the Public Works Director, Andrew J. Amato, calls "the root problem"—men and equipment.

One suggestion voiced by Council President Martin J. Brennan was for the Public Works Department to take all of its workers, except for clerical employees, and put them on cleaning up the city for an entire week using whatever equipment and material are at hand.

"I'll do it," said Amato, "but what do I do for an encore? Another

week, then another? There are certain facts involved that the council keeps refusing to recognize. One of them is that keeping the city clean is a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week job. And it's that because we don't get the cooperation of our residents, either voluntarily or through strong enforcement."

Amato asserted the city could be reasonably clean at the end of one day and thoroughly messed up at the beginning of the next.

"We have many residents who are careless or just don't give a

damn," he continued. "And they are the ones who cause the filth. As fast as it is cleaned up they dirty it up again. That's not an excuse or a copout. It's a fact and we must accept it."

"Education programs may be one answer, although they are long term solutions, if they are solutions."

"We had such programs before and they don't seem to have produced any results. The city is dirtier than ever. If we rule out education then we have two options for right now."

"Either let the filth accumulate until the residents get mad enough to take some action on their own, or institute and maintain a thorough and efficient clean-up program at all times."

"I am for the cleanup now. That's the only way we are going to get results, results that our residents can see. And if that's the job the council wants done then it will have to give me the equipment and men to do it."

Amato said that he is still waiting to hear from the city council's Public Works Committee in response to his request over a week ago for an emergency meeting to discuss the litter problem.

Amato said that he has talked with one of the committee members, Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, but it was only an informal discussion.

The other two committee members, Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer, the committee chairman, and Third Ward Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, have not been heard from. And all three were missing from this week's council meeting.

It was pointed out by Councilman-at-large Thomas Kennedy that street work being performed by two companies working on the city's water lines and by the telephone and electric companies wasn't helping matters.

At Kennedy's suggestion the two water line companies are going to be notified through the city's supervising engineer, Mayo Lynch and Associates, that their next bill won't be paid unless they start cleaning up when they are finished working on a street.

Amato is not the only one who hasn't gotten a response from the council's Public Works Committee. Thomas Newman, president of the First Ward Block Association, said he wrote to the committee and Cramer last week asking if the members would attend a meeting with the association.

"We would like to know what is happening and why," Newman told the council. "However, we have yet to get a reply from the committee."

Councilmen Robert A. Ranieri and Anthony H. Romano both said that they would attend the meeting if possible.

Romano added that he was going to start sweeping the sidewalk in front of the building at 119 Washington St. every Monday morning, and possibly several times each week as an example to other property owners in the neighborhood.

The councilman explained after the meeting that he has someone sweep the sidewalk several times each week but was going to start doing it himself. "Maybe if they see me out there with a broom they'll follow suit," he said.



Litter is strewn on 14th Street between Park and Garden streets in Hoboken.

Towtruck may run interference for Hoboken sweeper(s)

Hoboken's two street sweeping trucks are back in action but didn't get too much accomplished yesterday, their first day in service in over a month, because few motorists were observing the signs banning parking during the sweeper hours.

"They're working," said Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato, "not very well, but they're working. They do pick up some of the litter in the streets and that's an improvement."

Amato said that if the department can keep the trucks going without any more major breakdowns, he will begin having parking summonses issued next week. The fine is \$10.

However, the director said that he is rapidly coming to the same conclusion of his predecessor, Raphael P. Vitale. And that is, that the towing program should be resumed.

Cars that blocked the path of the city's sweeper trucks were towed away. But that was stopped by Mayor Steve Cappelletto during his first term of office and replaced with a \$10 fine. Former Public Works Director Vitale, and now Amato, felt that too many motorists are willing to accept the \$10 fine and don't move their cars.

"I know the mayor is still against towing," said Amato. "But it won't hurt to ask. If we are to clean up the city we must have the cooperation of our citizens, even if we must sometimes force them to cooperate."

"I wouldn't like to have my car towed. I wouldn't like the idea of having to stop whatever I'm doing and move my car. It's inconvenient. But when I ask myself what would I rather have, a clean city or a little inconvenience, I'll accept the inconvenience."

Amato said he would discuss the possible renewal of towing with the mayor this week.

Candidate McAleer: 'I know too much'

By Robert Larkins

"They didn't want me to run," says Richard McAleer of Hoboken, an independent candidate for governor. "They know I know where the money is going and they didn't want the public to find out."

McAleer said today "they" are some of the leaders of the state Democratic power structure, and their displeasure cost him his job as a project specialist with the state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

The state fired him after he announced his campaign last April. The state asserted he violated federal laws against political involvement but he said other staffers were allowed to run for lesser offices.

McAleer had worked more than three years for the state. "I saw all the money that was being wasted," he said.

"We have too much government. I know exactly what the government is—what agencies you do and don't need, what bureaucracies you can eliminate."

He claimed, for example, that there are at least 18,000 political appointees—state workers without



Richard McAleer
Governatorial candidate

Civil Service status—who got their jobs through friendship with an appointed official rather than through competitive testing.

He contended most of their jobs could be eliminated, and that he would appoint Civil Service workers to those jobs that are necessary.

He would allow each of his cabinet members only one political appointment, McAleer said.

McAleer said the DYFS alone hired about 7,000 out-of-state residents. He promises to hire only New Jersey residents.

Many of the state employees hired because of friendship have no real incentive to do well and lack the know-how and background in any case, he said. He added some of those employees take three and four-hour lunches and are more concerned with being seen with the "powers that be" than doing their jobs.

The use of computers in preparing lists of checks invites abuse, McAleer said, and he will appoint, if elected, someone determined to prevent such "corruptions."

He said he would end "sweetheart deals" with certain firms that supply the state with cars or office furniture, and replace them with competitive bidding.

McAleer said duplication of effort, for programs such as the effort to get jobs for welfare mothers, wastes money and he would correct that.

He said agencies that should only be bureaus have been expanded to divisions.

The Hoboken resident said he would expand Civil Service testing to cover more jobs and reduce the advantage often given to temporary employees who obtained their jobs through "connections." That advantage consists of listing qualifications for a job that could only be met by someone in that job, he said.

McAleer doesn't include the ordinary state employee, who obtained his or her job through competitive testing, in his criticism of state waste. In fact he would see that such employees receive regular increments (raises based on experience) rather than make them a basis of negotiations.

He's hoping for support statewide from those employees for his candidacy. He doesn't expect support from those who obtained their jobs through their friendship with a top state official.

"I wouldn't want their votes," he declared.

Parking authority ups '77 budget

The Hoboken Parking Authority has voted to raise its 1977 operating budget by 15 per cent, adding some \$55,000 in expenses and increasing total costs to nearly \$371,000 annually.

Operating expenses accounted for the largest single boost — \$30,000 projected over the remaining months of this year — pushing that line item up to \$139,000. Authority commissioners said the recent opening of a third parking garage compelled them to anticipate extra maintenance costs.

Also going up are utility costs by \$15,000 to \$45,000, the authority's management contract with Kinney by \$6,000 to \$47,270, promotional expenses by \$2,500 to \$9,000, and ad-

ministrative fringe benefits by \$1,500 to \$6,500.

The authority is hoping that enough revenues can be generated to balance the higher costs by attracting customers to the new Garage D, which, according to Joseph W. Hortendorf, executive director, has thus far drawn some 1,200 patrons.

In other fiscal business, the commissioners plan to contract officials of Hornblower and Weeks, a Manhattan-based investment firm, to

find out if the company is still interested in following through on a proposal made months ago on the possible advance refunding of bonds used to finance construction of the authority's three garages.

If the investment firm no longer wants to involve itself with the authority, the commissioners will reluctantly authorize Hortendorf to arrange a new agreement on the development of a refunding plan with another investment consultant.

Hoboken to take back Grand Hotel?

Instead of a promised Victorian-style restaurant, only a shell remains of the Grand Hotel in Hoboken. And that, said Councilman Robert Ranieri today, means that the new owner has not lived up to his contract and he will ask the city to take back the property.

The owner, Pasquale Severino, had purchased the old landmark building at Third and Hudson Streets at a public auction held by the city.

Severino, who paid \$27,500 for the Grand, has spent about \$3,000 more to clean out the old building and gut it, Ranieri estimated.

At the time of the sale, Severino

announced plans to convert the once-famous eating spot into a Victorian-type restaurant with small, modern apartments on the two upper floors. In his contract of sale, the new owner was given six months to turn the dilapidated old building into a restaurant business.

Severino's plans were approved by the city council on March 7. Ranieri said but the six-month timetable ran out last Wednesday.

"Now we have an empty, gutted building with a large metal container

outside, crammed with debris," said Ranieri, who lives close by. "We've watched a valuable piece of property waste away."

He said the new owner was put on notice by the law department that his time was running out.

Ranieri said he will ask the city council next week to have the property revert to the municipality because the new owner did not live up to contract conditions. The city will keep the \$27,500 purchase price, he said.

As the city decides its future fate, it also will have to move quickly to winterize the old structure, the councilman explained. He said it will probably have to be boarded up to protect it from the elements.

There has been talk that the city may tear it down if the present owner fails to open the new restaurant, Ranieri said, but since the original auction drew six bidders, he may try to persuade other members of the council to set a new auction date.

He said that the restaurant would be ideally located since 500 families live nearby in the Grogan Marine view Plaza and there is ample parking in municipal garages.

Large murals depicting scenes of old Hoboken were saved from vandals at the Grand Hotel and are now stored

in Stevens Institute. The councilman said he was waiting until the new restaurant was set to open so he could present them to the owner. Right now that date looks remote, he said.



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Ranieri said he has called the city's law department half a dozen times since finding out that the resolution he asked for was not on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting, without getting a response.

"I will take the matter up with the rest of the council at Monday night's caucus," he added.

Ranieri wants the lien placed on the property and two buildings because the city has yet to realize any financial return from the owners. More than \$68,000 plus interest is owed the city in taxes on the land and several hundred thousand is owed in lieu of tax payments based on 15 per cent of the annual gross rentals.

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Ranieri said he would like the owners, Integrated Resources, and the state Housing Finance Agency (HFA) named in any legal action that is taken. The HFA is the mortgage holder on the apartment buildings.

"The city is owed \$68,000 plus interest on the land the two buildings are on, plus the 15 per cent per year of the gross shelter rents that have been

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The councilman said he and Bartlett felt a lien should be placed on the property and buildings to protect the city's interests.

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Funds are being made available by the state in line with a mandate by State Education Commissioner Fred G. Burke directing that local districts improve performance by children on state-administered reading and math tests.

News of the board's successful appeal was announced at last night's meeting by McFeely who told The Jersey Journal that he'll probably recommend shortly that the school trustees hire "8 to 10" new regular classroom teachers to replace others being shifted to specialized positions under the state's "thorough and efficient" program.

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inspector, for littered conditions he found along the railroad's warehouse area on Observer Highway.

The long one-story building runs from Hudson Street to Madison Street.

The mayor said that he issued orders for the police and inspectors to make checks every second day, giving the railroad and trucking companies using the warehouse one day to clean up, and to give out more tickets if conditions haven't improved.

The motor vehicle summonses were issued to individual drivers and to companies for illegal parking of trucks and trailers.

Grogan lien move stalled Ranieri demands 'why?'

A resolution authorizing Hoboken to put a tax lien on the two 25-story apartment houses in the John J. Grogan Marineview Plaza project apparently isn't going to be ready for council action at Wednesday night's meeting. And the councilman who asked for it, Robert A. Ranieri, would like to know why?

"At this particular moment I'm a little more concerned with the law department's failure to service a

councilman's request than with the resolution itself," said Ranieri.

"If what I asked for is illegal or can't be done at this time, the department should advise me of this. But don't just ignore the request."

Ranieri said he has called the city's law department half a dozen times since finding out that the resolution he asked for was not on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting, without getting a response.

"I will take the matter up with the rest of the council at Monday night's caucus," he added.

Ranieri wants the lien placed on the property and two buildings because the city has yet to realize any financial return from the owners. More than \$68,000 plus interest is owed the city in taxes on the land and several hundred thousand is owed in lieu of tax payments based on 15 per cent of the annual gross rentals.

Ranieri seeks tax liens on Grogan Plaza

Hoboken may attempt to place tax liens on the two 25-story apartment houses in the John J. Grogan Marineview Plaza Project, it was learned today.

With the backing of the city Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta, Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri has asked the city's law department to look into what would be required to put liens on the apartment buildings from which the city has yet to realize any financial gain.

Ranieri said he would like the owners, Integrated Resources, and the state Housing Finance Agency (HFA) named in any legal action that is taken. The HFA is the mortgage holder on the apartment buildings.

"The city is owed \$68,000 plus interest on the land the two buildings are on, plus the 15 per cent per year of the gross shelter rents that have been

collected since the buildings were opened," he continued. "Only an audit of the company's records would show the rentals and we haven't been given the opportunity to see those records, as far as I know."

"But I'd estimate that it has to be somewhere around \$200,000 and could very easily be much more."

The councilman said he and Bartletta felt a lien should be placed on the property and buildings to protect the city's interests.

"The state has shown very little concern with Hoboken's position and difficulties resulting from the failure of the owners to live up to their end of the agreement," he continued. "The parking authority, which is also part of the overall agreement with the owners, has filed suit because they haven't lived up to their promises concerning the renting of parking spaces in the authority's garages. Hoboken should initiate some similar kind of action to protect its position."

Since what is owed to Hoboken falls in the realm of taxes or in lieu of payments Ranieri feels a lien on the property and buildings would be proper. However, he added that he wants the law department to explore all possibilities in the event some stronger action could be taken.

Hoboken to get \$316,000 more to hire 'specialists'

The Hoboken Board of Education will collect an extra \$316,000 from the state to employ 18 more reading and math specialists to teach pupils needing extra help in those subjects and this could lead to the hiring of 6 to 10 regular teachers, according to board officials.

Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of schools, said the state, passing favorably on the board's appeal of cutbacks in compensatory education outlays, is increasing the district's allocation to \$708,000.

Screening of applicants will be done over the next two weeks, said McFeely. When hired, the specialists will be spread among all grade levels through 12th grade, marking the first

time that the program has gone beyond sixth-grade, according to Francis McGorty, Title I director.

McGorty, who oversees the federally-funded remedial math and reading program, will also coordinate the state compensatory education program, which, he says, will be run in much the same way the Title I program.

Funds are being made available by the state in line with a mandate by State Education Commissioner Fred G. Burke directing that local districts improve performance by children on state-administered reading and math tests.

News of the board's successful appeal was announced at last night's meeting by McFeely who told The Jersey Journal that he'll probably recommend shortly that the school trustees hire "8 to 10" new regular classroom teachers to replace others being shifted to specialized positions under the state's "thorough and efficient" program.

When Mrs. Patricia Vermeil complained during the public portion of the meeting that her daughter, a fourth-grader at the Brandt School, is in a class with "no teacher," McFeely said his staff has found that with "some consolidations we've made, we're getting a little tight and we have to ease up."

Another parent said that Mrs. Vermeil's child is one of 36 children who make up two fourth-grades combined. She said one teacher is alternating between classes.

Trustee Leo McLaughlin volunteered that, despite the board's fiscal woes, the board would guarantee that "there'll be a teacher in every class."

In other business, the board:
• Denied requests by the State Department of Civil Service and Mayor Steve Cappiello, on behalf of the planning board, to use certain schools during after-school hours "due to budgetary problems," according to President Mary Stack Gaspar.

"The board should stick to its policy that no one gets (the schools) — and that goes for the mayor, too — until we get out of our financial straits," declared McLaughlin.

• Withdrew a resolution proposing the abolition of the post of assistant superintendent of schools for curriculum development, research and budget coordination at the behest of Trustee James Giani. The board has thus far declined to act on McFeely's request to fill the position.

• Heard Edwin Duray, Title VII bilingual coordinator, defend the spending of \$34,000 in "surplus" funds for the summer "bilingual cultural and recreation programs" in response to questions by Robert King, who complained that "middle-class" children "got nothing."

Mrs. Gaspar replied: "Our primary purpose is to educate children. It's the responsibility of the city to formulate recreation programs. I agree that there was nothing offered our children this summer. My kids got nothing." Board vice president James Farina, also city recreation director, sitting next to Mrs. Gaspar, said nothing.

• Learned from board council Robert W. Taylor that the First National State Bank of New Jersey's bid for \$1,470,000 in bonds for construction of the Calabro School at 5.15 per cent over 18 years has been accepted.

Taylor said the board continues to retain \$107,000 owed the contractor pending the completion of arbitration between him and the board over "a punch list of about 80 items." The state Department of Education issued a 60-day certificate of occupancy on Aug. 30 after the board had 218 steps inside the school replaced.

Hoboken 'Action' group set to help residents on woes

Have a problem? A group of Hoboken volunteers is "all fired up" to tackle problems that most residents give up on, according to Director Juan Garcia.

The group is called "Citizens United for New Action." CUNA for short, and is located in the basement of 809 Willow Ave.

"We'll be doing mostly referral and assistance work to start," said Garcia, "acting as the buffer between

government bureaucracy and citizens who need help."

"Everyone has problems at times and more often than not they don't know who to turn to or what government agency can help them. We try to put them in touch with the right agency and then make sure that the agency doesn't give them the runaround."

CUNA is accepting telephone calls for assistance and advice at 688-2861, Garcia added.

House tour in Hoboken

By Catherine Portman

When is a restored house fully restored? Never, Hoboken brownstone owners will assure visitors on Sunday, when the Hoboken Environment Committee sponsors its second annual house tour.

Six homes will be open for the occasion, and an urban garden in a private home on the Stevens Institute of Technology campus also will be included on the tour.

Claire Walter and her husband, Burns Cameron, who are among those opening their homes, report they are still finding surprises after living in their home for four years. As with most families in their situation, restoration is an on-going project.

Although generally enthusiastic about their home, the need to negotiate stairways became a temporary problem when he was consigned to crutches following a bicycle accident.

She comes from a coastal area in Connecticut, and he has a Navy background. The combined circumstances provided the ideal theme for their second-floor study, done in a nautical theme and overlooking a charming back yard garden.

Dora and Arnold Stern found the transition to brownstone living very easy. "We had lived in a split level home in Bergen County for many years," Mrs. Stern explains.

Sara and Lew Fretz, treasure their collection of Eskimo art — "not Alaskan, however. These are from Canadian Eskimos," Mrs. Fretz explains. Nigerian art also decorates the walls of their front parlor.

The Trinity Church at Washington and Seventh streets will have an exhibit of crafts by Hoboken residents. The Stevens Center on the Stevens campus will be open for refreshments from 3 to 5 p.m., affording visitors a view of the New York skyline.

The tour will be in progress from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are available on the day of the event from Ricco's Restaurant, Washington Street between 10th and 11th streets. Visitors will proceed at their own pace.

Carriage house on Court Street serves as an artist's study and will be featured on Sunday's Hoboken house tour.

Onetime gas fireplace and marble mantle are among features which visitors to the Hoboken home of Lew and Sara Fretz will admire. Mrs. Fretz is pictured in front parlor of their home.

Living room of Dora and Arnold Stern's home, to be included on Sunday's Hoboken house tour, runs the full length of the second floor. The airy look is favored by many brownstone owners whose refurbishment included breaking down of walls.

Original house for Mrs. Richard Whitehouse to both parts of her home on the Stevens campus. The Whitehouse's urban garden will be among tour features.

Burns Cameron and his wife, Claire Walter, devised a nautical theme for the second-floor study of their home, done in a nautical theme, and to the back yard garden.

Sewage testing proves success in Hoboken

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Either one of the two pilot sewage treatment systems Hoboken will be testing through December is capable of producing a discharge that is cleaner than all existing state and federal requirements, a spokesman for the engineering firm conducting the tests said today.

The \$100,000 project was started approximately three months ago under the direction of Mayo Lynch and Associates, a Hoboken engineering company.

"Daily tests are continuously performed on the discharge from both systems," the spokesman continued.

"The results are even better than we had anticipated. The tests will continue through December but there is no reason to believe that their efficiency will decline."

However, the company spokesman said that its job went beyond establishing that the two systems worked on Hoboken's sewage.

"We must also determine which of the two would be best for Hoboken to build based on initial construction costs and anticipated annual operational costs," he explained.

"That is part of the data we will be accumulating through December."

One system is called a "bio-disc." It consists of a series of large plastic discs that slowly rotate in a large drum. As sewage sludge passes through the drum it builds up a layer of bacteria on the discs, he said. In something like a chain reaction, the bacteria on the discs eat up the other bacteria and suspended solids resulting in a discharge that is better than 90 per cent free of all solids.

The other system is called a "trickling filter" and also uses the principal of bacteria destroying other bacteria. However, instead of using a drum with filter discs, the sludge is pumped into a large tower and allowed to flow downwards over filter plates.

Hoboken authorized the pilot project earlier this year after pulling out of the Hudson County Sewage Authority, a move the authority and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) say is legal but one that neither has yet to legally contest.

City officials contend that the withdrawal was prompted by local industrial leaders, who feared that once the county authority was operating Hoboken would be paying more than its fair share for sewage treatment. And efforts to obtain reasonably reliable cost figures from the authority to prove industry leaders wrong were fruitless.

Trenton trips fan flames in Hoboken

Hoboken Board of Education Secretary Thomas A. Gallo and Board Attorney Robert W. Taylor both went to Trenton yesterday and some city officials aren't pleased about it at all.

Gallo drove his own car. Taylor rode in a private car owned and driven by a board janitor — after its gas tank had been filled at the city's gas pumps in the public works garage. The city was recently ordered by the state to stop that practice because the state was losing the gasoline tax.

A few weeks ago, Hoboken paid the state more than \$700 in taxes for gasoline. The money was to cover gas that had been used in private cars of employees who were on city business.

The state also suggested that if city employees were using their private cars on official business the city should have them buy their gas at a regular service station and then reimburse them for what they had spent. That suggestion was not taken and employees instead are not using their own cars.

Hoboken may reduce teachers' free periods

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A member of the Hoboken school board said today he will recommend at the board's next meeting that administrative action be taken to eliminate excessive free periods for teachers — and that by doing so the board can save up to \$300,000 during the 1977-78 school year.

According to Otto Hottendorf, by making sure that no teacher gets more than the one free period required by the board's contract with the teachers, at least 25 teachers can be freed for other teaching duties.

"We have 179 teachers in the high school and junior high schools and an enrollment of approximately 2,900 students," he continued. "That averages out to approximately 16 students per teacher. It's a good ratio but one that we can't afford here in Hoboken in view of the fiscal crisis we are facing this school year."

"Our contract with the teachers says we must give the secondary education teachers one free period a day for either study hall, office or a preparation period. However, many

actually have two or three periods free each day.

"By eliminating these extra free periods I calculate that 25 teachers will be freed for other teaching assignments."

Hottendorf said that doing that would be a scheduling matter that the various school administrators — principals, department heads — would have to work at. "It can be done," he asserted.

What would be done with the 25 extra teachers? They won't lose their jobs, Hottendorf continued.

"Superintendent of Schools Thomas F. McFeely says he needs 12 more teachers for the Compensatory Education Program for which Hoboken will be getting over \$300,000," he said. "I suggest we use 12 of our existing teachers. They would go from the board payroll to the program payroll resulting in a savings of approximately \$300,000."

"The remaining 13 or so would serve as substitutes but at their regular pay. This would eliminate some need to bring in other substitute teachers for those who are sick. I estimate this would save the board about \$30,000 in per diem substitute teacher payments a year, about half of what we have been spending each year."

Hottendorf added that he will also recommend to the board at the Sept. 27 meeting that it refrain from filling most supervisory positions for a while.

"Even if the board did not have any major financial problems this school year, our future state funding is questionable since it is based on the income tax," he said. "And the future of the tax is in doubt. If the tax is allowed to die, as I think it will, there is no way of knowing or anticipating how much we will be getting in state aid. We should proceed with as much fiscal caution as possible."

READY TO GO — Men and equipment move into place on Fourth Street, between Willow and Clinton Streets, Hoboken, to prepare for the demolition of the old St. Mary Hospital building. The razing of the structure will begin next week as part of the hospital's overall modernization program.

No sweat on Plaza debt, Cappelletto says

It's just a matter of time before the owners of the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza pay Hoboken an estimated \$200,000 debt that's piled up over some three years, according to Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

Downplaying demands by Councilman Robert A. Ranieri for the placement of tax liens on the project's two 25-story apartment buildings, Cappelletto told members of the city council at last night's caucus that the owners are "not ignoring the city."

Added Cappelletto: "In the last several weeks, we have been in touch with the owners (Integrated Resources) and they are willing to pay. It's a question of deciding how much."

Payment problems hit the skids in 1975 when the owners sent Hoboken a check for several thousand dollars in real estate taxes for the land, but the city tax collector rejected payments because of tax debts lingering from 1973 and 1974, Cappelletto said.

It appears that the napping city fathers never made clear to the collector's office that Hoboken had

signed an agreement with the new owners providing for a tax abatement and a payment in lieu of 15 per cent of the gross shelter rents, a city spokesman related.

Now, says Cappelletto, "we estimate that in lieu payments have accumulated in the area of \$200,000. We can't tell how much because only the owners have control of the money collected — we have control of the audit." (The state Housing Finance Agency holds the mortgage on the property).

Ranieri, continuing to press for action by the city against the owners, complained that they are "sitting there scott-free while the average homeowner in Hoboken who falls behind on his tax payments gets a lien placed on his property."

But Thomas P. Calligy, assistant city attorney, representing Hoboken in negotiations with the owners on the lieu settlement, said that when taxes are owed, "a lien is automatically placed on the property."

What complicated matters on the Plaza project, said Calligy, was that

"taxes on the property were due prior to a transfer of the property at a time when the city housing authority had all the right in the world not to approve the transfer but apparently did nothing to protest it."

Council President Martin J. Brennan, a member of the authority, protested that the housing commissioners "didn't know" about the transfer, but Calligy went on to say that now the owners are maintaining, "we don't owe you any taxes."

When Ranieri insisted again on putting liens on the property to recover what he claims is \$68,712.02 owed Hoboken for the land, Calligy said: "The answer is absolutely no — no taxes are due on the land."

Negotiations, said Calligy, will focus on the question of the "beginning point when rents were being collected by the owners" from tenants at Grogan Marine View Plaza.

In other business, the council: • Advised S. Kenneth Pye of the city's Community Development Agency (CDA) to return in two weeks with a revised plan for a bicycle path along Shore Road.

Pye told the council that plans have been drawn calling for a six-foot divider to be placed along the east side of the road separating bike riders from vehicular traffic on the assumption that there would be no parking along either side of the roadway.

But Thomas Vecchione, alarm superintendent, said he was proposing, with sanction by the state Transportation Department, that parking be prohibited along both sides of the road only for the first 100 feet from Hudson Street.

Several council members, led by Walter Cramer, voiced fears about the plans failing to provide enough room for bicyclists to maneuver safely.

• Met in private caucus to discuss how to handle a request for a payment of some \$100,000 by the contractor reconstructing the city's 11th Street pumping station.

The city's lawmakers must decide whether to use funds from the general treasury or ask the city's federal government funding sources on the project to make the payment directly.

Hoboken faces loss of revenue and jobs

By Peter Hallam

Thousands of dollars that Hoboken makes each year for issuing various permits for building, electrical work, plumbing and new and rehabilitation construction may be lost to Hoboken unless it adopts the new state Uniform Construction Code — and it was supposed to have done that last January, city sources said today.

The code standardizes building, plumbing and electrical requirements throughout the state and was adopted last year by New Jersey. All municipalities were supposed to have adopted the code last January. Those which haven't, according to sources, face the possibility of having the state

take over all inspections and issuing of permits.

According to the sources, the city's Law Department has had all of the necessary paperwork to put through the ordinance adopting the state code since last November but has yet to submit it to the city council for its consideration.

Under the law, all code enforcement agencies — plumbing, fire prevention, building — come under the jurisdiction of the building inspector and department. The sources said that if the state takes over, none of these agencies would be necessary and there would be no need for the employees who hold the jobs.

The law also increases the fees

for permits to about three times what the city is now charging. The state takes approximately .006 per cent as its cut for the year, state officials say.

What happened to the city's adoption of the ordinance? According to Thomas Calligy, assistant city attorney, he isn't sure. The law director is on vacation, he added.

City inspectors who would be responsible for enforcing the code all feel that the ordinance should be adopted but are also at a loss to explain why it hasn't been presented to the council. James Caulfield, city building inspector, and Capt. Ray M. Falco, head of the fire prevention bureau, both said the ordinance should be approved.

"If there are things with the state code that the city doesn't like now is not the time to object," said Caulfield. "That should have been done when the legislature was considering it. Now that we have it we have to try to live with it."

Another aspect of failing to adopt the code is the possibility that all building permits that the city has issued since January are technically illegal since they are not issued under the state code but under the city code.

Caulfield said he isn't sure that that is true. He said the state would have to decide that question.

Totaro first in Hoboken's police exam for captain

Hoboken Police Lt. Patrick Totaro and Sgt. Eugene McKenna are first in line for promotion to captain and lieutenant, respectively, according to notification they have received from Civil Service announcing the results of a recent promotion examination.

A spokesman for the department said today that the city hasn't been officially notified of the test results but the men who took them started getting notices from Civil Service late last week. He said the city should get its official notification of the results this week.

There are no vacancies in the department in the rank of captain at this time. However, one will open as of Dec. 1 when Capt. Walter Lebrink retires. Lebrink is currently on terminal leave.

Behind Totaro on the captain's list are Joseph Bischer, Patrick Donatucci, John McAleer, John Ferrante, Anthony L. Romano, and Leonard Rhodes.

There is one existing vacancy for lieutenant with two more to open by January through retirements and promotions. Following McKenna on the lieutenant's list are Angelo Radetich, Robert Hochstader, Gabriel Ferraiuolo, Stephen Darago, Thomas Donnelly, Robert Davis, James Giordano and Frank Turso.

The department spokesman said that other men may also have passed the test and be on the official list when Civil Service comes out with it. The city's knowledge of the test results is based on information supplied by those who have received their individual notices, he said, and passed it along to the department.

No word has been received by the city or any of its patrolmen on the results of the Civil Service examination for sergeant which was held before either the captain's or lieutenant's tests. The city has five openings in that rank at this time and three more will open when the sergeants eligible for lieutenant are promoted.

Seek to open schools to other uses

Although the Hoboken Board of Education and Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri have often differed in their opinions on how the schools should be run, the councilman and some board members are sharing the thought that the schools should be kept open for other uses if it all possible.

Ranieri has sent a letter to the board urging it to reconsider its decision to keep the schools closed to outside activities as a means of reducing its expenses and balancing its 1977-78 school budget.

"If the school board can't afford to pick the expenses for operating the schools for non-school use when it should at least offer the option of allowing outside agencies the opportunity of paying for their use," he continued. "I'm suggesting to the board that it figure out the various expenses involved so that it can give organizations a price for the use of the schools."

According to Mrs. Mary Gaspar, school board president, the board of

education has been doing just that since Monday.

"We are attempting to get facts and figures on what these various activities cost the board," she said. "It will take a few days to figure these items out but it shouldn't be any major problem."

Being taken into consideration is the cost of electricity, heat during the colder months, and supervisory and janitorial personnel to man the schools during the activities and to close them up when the activities have been concluded.

"The school board does not relish the idea of having to charge for the use of the schools," Mrs. Gaspar continued. "However, there are cost factors involved and someone must pay them. The school board is no longer able to absorb them so those who would use the schools must. It is not an ideal solution. Businesslike, perhaps, but not ideal."

"We would much rather continue as we have done in the past and allow the use without any change. But times are changing."

According to the councilman, he is seeking outside help for the financially troubled school board to keep the schools open.

Ranieri said he has sent a letter to U.S. Sens. Harrison A. Williams and Clifford P. Case, Rep. Joseph LaFante, state Sen. William V. Musto, and Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo and Chris Jackman, and Hoboken Community Development

Agency (CDA) Director Fred M. Bado advising them of the problem and asking for their help.

"I have asked them to see if there are any state or federal programs available that might be able to supply some funds to the school board which would allow the board to continue the past policy of free use of the schools," he said.

"If they are unable to help then I think the board is taking the right action in getting up cost figures," he asserted. "Having to pay for the use of the schools is better than not being allowed to use them at all."

Cost to repair chlorination system low

Getting Hoboken's chlorinating system back into operation will cost no more than the price of some plastic piping that the city has already bought from a local hardware store, according to Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato.

The director said today that he agreed with Business Administrator Edwin J. Chius that the prices that had been obtained on other parts for the work were "too high" and that the supplies should be returned to the company that had delivered them to the city.

"We will keep the plastic PVC piping, which the director has cleared, are return the rest of the items," Amato said. "After going over what the city has in stock I find that we can go about the job in a different way and still accomplish the repairs — and without any further expenditures."

Last Friday, Chius used police to send a letter to the company supplying the items telling it that the city was cancelling the order because the prices were too high.

Amato said that the city will use concrete piping it has in stock to form a housing for the plastic tubing. The tubing connects to the chlorination equipment and the main water line from Jersey City.

Should the tubing need to be replaced in the future it can be disconnected from the equipment and lines and pulled through the housing instead of the city having to dig up the streets.



A PASTOR RETIRES — The Rev. Albert J. Hess, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church in Hoboken, is faced by parishioners, Bishop Jerome Pechillo and family members at the Union Club, Hoboken on his retirement as pastor. From left are Mrs. Mary Hess, one of Father Hess' sisters; Father Hess; his brother, Robert Hess; Mrs. Helen Lyons, another sister of Father Hess and Bishop Pechillo.



FREEHOLDERS' AWARD — Hudson County Freeholder Vincent J. Puchillo admires models won by St. Francis Grammar School of Hoboken in the recent National Cheerleading Contest. From left are Doreen Varulita, Maryann Loda, Capt. Vollette Rabinov and Coach Pat DePalma. The cheerleaders were honored by a special Hudson County Freeholders resolution endorsed by Puchillo.



POSTAL TRIBUTE — Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto was among those honoring new Hoboken Postmaster Sam Tridante at a testimonial in the Stevens Center, Hoboken, sponsored by postal employees. From left are Al Lambase, chairman of the testimonial; Tridante; testmaster Thomas Kennedy and Cappelletto.

Recreation group will meet on needs

The Hoboken Recreation Commission will meet Thursday night to continue its discussions into the city's recreation programs and needs, Sue Newman, chairman, said today.

Among the items to be discussed are after-school activities for children 6 through 15 to 19 at various locations around the city; the need for improved maintenance and upkeep of the city's parks and playgrounds; the possibility of leasing out city-owned mini-park to private groups, and an anti-littering campaign.

Mrs. Newman said Applied Housing Associates has expressed interest in leasing the mini-park at 13th Street and Willow Avenue from the city so that it can take proper care of it. The city's law department is investigating the possibility of such an agreement, she said.

According to Mrs. Newman, the city has several other sites which were small parks or playgrounds at one time but have deteriorated to such an extent that they are no longer in use. However, if an agreement can be worked out with Applied Housing for the park it is interested in, other groups might be encouraged to do the same thing with the abandoned sites.

Beginning Oct. 8 at the Multi-Service Center, a drama program for the city's teenagers will get under way under the director of Ross London. The program will not only center on acting but will include training in lighting and production work.

Inexpensive trash cans will be made available to the schools, stores and civic or religious groups through the city's recreation department. Requests should be made to Director James J. Farina, she added.

Outside groups regain school use in Hoboken

The Hoboken Board of Education, which only weeks ago forbade the use of public schools by outside groups because of tight money, has voted to rescind that policy.

Board members said that while the system's fiscal situation remains unchanged, the city's need for recreational facilities outweighed the board's need to economize.

First to benefit from the move will be cheerleaders from the St. Francis Church parish, winners of a recent national cheerleading contest, who were granted the use of the high school on Oct. 28 and 29 for a benefit show.

Mary Stack Gaspar, board president, said she surveyed various schools to see which "could be made available for use by outside groups from 3 to 5 p.m."

Mrs. Gaspar said the Wallace School could be used three days a week, while the Kenley, Leinhardt and Rose schools were accessible on a five-day basis "at nominal cost to the board." The Brandt School, however, she said, wasn't available at all.

Trustee Leo McLaughlin said: "Our schools are the only place where our kids can have recreation; it's no use kidding ourselves. But we should be very careful that this (permission) isn't abused by giving it to everybody who asks for it."

Board vice president James Farina, who also serves as city recreation director, advised his

colleagues: "It's very important this resolution pass tonight. We have very limited facilities in the city for recreation. We can sit down with responsible groups and come to a workable agreement."

In other business, the board appointed 25 more remedial reading and math teachers with the aid of additional funds received under a state compensatory education grant program. Five classroom teachers were transferred into the compensatory education program.

Also, Richard Ciro's resignation as girls basketball coach was accepted by the board. "Personal reasons" were cited.

Thomas F. McPeely, superintendent of schools, told the audience that because of the board's fiscal squeeze he anticipated teachers would be volunteering to help give out lunches to children participating in the board's hot lunch program. The number of teachers aides who normally would handle that job has been drastically cut back this year.

But Michael Donofrio, head of the Hoboken Teachers Association (HTA), told a reporter after the meeting that he has as yet received no formal request from the board or the superintendent's office for the teachers to donate their time.

"I was shocked to hear that tonight," said Donofrio. "If they did ask us to do that, it would be a violation of our contract's condition of employment." Donofrio said he hoped the situation could be worked out.

Board must pay HTA today or face court

By Peter Hallam

The Hoboken Teachers Association (HTA) and the board of education today appeared to be headed for another date in court unless the board is able to come up with approximately \$160,000 in back teachers' salaries before the end of the business day.

And the attorney for the school board, Robert W. Taylor, says the board can't do it.

The new crisis is the result of a court decision handed down Sept. 12 dealing with the contract that ended the 1975 teachers' strike. The HTA contended that the contract entitled it to an additional \$400 in pay for one of the contract years. The school board said it didn't, but the court ruled in favor of the teachers and ordered a \$400 payment be made to each teacher no later than today.

According to Taylor, the 10 days the courts gave the board to make the payments was "not enough time" and an agreement was trying to be worked out with the teachers. But Michael Donofrio, president of the HTA, said the union expected the board to "live up to the court order."

Taylor said the teachers would get their money but probably not today. He said that Sept. 20 was a more realistic date for payment.

Little League field suffers from 'overuse'

"Overuse" has taken its toll of Hoboken's recently rehabilitated Little League field at Fourth and River streets, Health and Welfare Director James Farina said today.

Farina, whose duties also include directing the city's recreational activities and caring for the city's parks and fields, said immediate steps will be taken to get the 16th Street field into playable condition to take some pressure off the Little League field.

This past spring more than \$10,000 was spent on resodding the field and sprucing up the playing area. According to a report filed with the director by Robert Hill, a horticulturist working for the Community Development Agency (CDA),

conditions at the field are not good and are getting worse.

Hill said that besides general overuse, there also has been some abuse of the field. His report stated that "spiked" athletic shoes were being worn by some and this caused the sod to be torn up. And torn up chunks of sod were not replaced, leaving holes in the playing field.

The report also said there were infestations of crabgrass and weeds which must be removed or they will overrun the field. Also, the grass isn't being watered enough.

Farina said excess dirt from the island dividers on 11th Street will be used to fill in the 16th Street field where needed. The field will then be groomed and put into use for recreation.

City to pay pump station contractor

Work may stop shortly on the reconstruction of Hoboken's 11th Street sewage pumping station because the contractor who has been on the job for more than six months has yet to receive any payment from the city for work that has been completed.

But the city hopes to eliminate that possibility today. A special meeting of the city council was called for noon at which time a payment of \$139,000 to Heuer Inc. of Walwick, N.J., was to be approved.

"We fouled up," said Business Administrator Edwin J. Chius. "It is a case of bureaucratic red tape. I not sure exactly where the foul-up occurred but at least the city is now moving to correct it."

The pumping station was destroyed two years ago this month by an explosion believed to have been caused by the accidental dumping of illegal industrial wastes into the sewerage system. Tests performed after the explosion turned up a substance with a petroleum base which authorities believe came from a local printing plant.

Hoboken was awarded a grant of almost \$400,000 in federal and state funds to rebuild the station but that was more than a year in coming. During the interim, the city was forced by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to spend thousands of dollars on temporary pumping equipment.

Fusilli notes minorities hired as welfare probers

Five women, two blacks and two Hispanics are among the 16 persons hired for the new county welfare fraud investigative unit established in order to save Hudson County taxpayers approximately \$3 million a year, Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli reported today.

Obviously answering fellow Freeholder Glenn Cunningham's threat to go over all the freeholders' heads to the federal government if affirmative action is not carried out in hiring practices, Fusilli explained they were hired with funds provided by the federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act.

He estimated the cost at \$150,000, based on salaries of 16 investigators at approximately \$9,000 each and a clerk at \$8,500.

Fusilli said the investigators were from eight different municipalities in Hudson, an average of two from each city, under the county CETA program. None is from Jersey City, he explained, because that city is in another CETA program.

Cunningham had criticized the county's affirmative action program at a freeholders' caucus before Thursday night's regular meeting, but Fusilli, who headed a committee working on the establishment of the unit, said minorities were being hired. He said Cunningham, a freeholder from Jersey City, could inspect the list of those hired as investigators in order to show blacks, Hispanics and women were on the squad.

Fusilli said the squad, being trained by County Prosecutor James T. O'Halloran's staff, should be ready for action in a week or two.

He said the unit should cut down on part of the \$10.5 million welfare costs paid out of county taxes.

Freeholders Morris T. Longo and Anne H. O'Malley worked with him on the committee setting up the unit, he said.

Hoboken inspectors to be on job until 7 p.m.

Hoboken's Housing Squad has expanded its activities to include evening inspections, Michael Curcio, squad supervisor, said today.

"We will be making inspections up to 7 p.m. to accommodate residents who work during the normal hours the squad is on duty," he continued. "In the past, inspections were made up to 4 p.m., the normal quitting time for the inspectors."

The evening inspection, Curcio said, will apply to all dwelling units in the city, including hotels and rooming houses.

According to Curcio, the squad has had some difficulty in getting into all of the apartments it should because the tenant or tenants worked and no one was home to let them in.

"There is a direct financial loss to the city as a result of these missed inspections as well as being put into the position of not knowing if an apartment meets the minimum housing standards," he continued.

"The city is reimbursed by the state for every inspection it makes," he said, but not for missed inspections — even if the inspectors went to the apartment.

Weehawken project spurs Hoboken fears

As Weehawken residents sought more information about the three high rise senior citizen apartments proposed for the Park Avenue reservoir site, Hoboken officials were casting a concerned eye on what the construction would mean to the Hoboken sewage treatment plant.

The Weehawken proposal has touched off verbal sparring matches between Democrats and Republicans, but most residents were trying to measure how the \$40 million complex will affect their lives.

Opponents in Weehawken are beginning to talk about the "mysterious" apartment construction, claiming there are no set plans and that the buildings could be anywhere between 21 and 50 stories.

The planning board has set an Oct. 11 date for a public hearing on the application filed by developer James Canino and Alvin Raphael. They have not yet completed the purchase of the property, owned by the Hackensack Water Co. which requires approval of the State Public Utilities Commission. The minimum set by the company for the purchase was \$1.6 million.

While Hoboken officials kept mum, that silence could be broken if and when the Weehawken development gets the approval of the planning board.

While Hoboken has no say in what Weehawken allows to be built, it does treat a major portion of the sewage for the township and there is some fear that 1,500 additional citizens will increase the Hoboken treatment plant's operating costs — but not enough to force the negotiation of a new contract.

Weehawken and Union City have a long-term contract with Hoboken to treat a portion of their sewage for an annual fee of \$80,000. The contract goes back to the late 1950s. For the last 10 years, Hoboken officials have been trying to get their counterparts in Weehawken and Union City to negotiate a new contract, claiming that the \$80,000 fee is no longer adequate.

Hoboken finds there's catch to repairing basin

Reopening a clogged catch basin at Fifth and Bloomfield streets has turned into a major project for the Hoboken Public Works Department, according to Director Andrew J. Amato, but he vows it's one that will be completed.

"Part of the line that connected the catch basin with the main sewer is missing," said the director, "and it will have to be replaced if we are to get the basin operating again."

The director said that sometime in the past, the connection between the basin and the sewer line was apparently broken or crushed and was never repaired.

"We don't have any idea of when it happened but that basin on the southeast corner of Fifth and Bloomfield streets has been backing up for at least 10 years, maybe more," he continued. "We found pieces of the old red clay pipe that was originally used."

The basin is about 10 to 15 feet deep. Approximately three or four feet below the street surface is an overflow. The overflow is supposed to be connected to the sewer line by the pipe.

"We will be putting in a new section of pipe, connecting the basin to the remains of the old red clay pipe," he said. "That part of the line has been cleaned out and checked for breaks. It's clear so all we have to do is now put in the new section and that should relieve the situation."

Amato said the job would be completed today. It started Tuesday and should have been finished that same day if all of the necessary materials and equipment had been available. But they were not and the work crew spent most of the afternoon, after in vain for materials and supplies.

As the 4 p.m. quitting time approached, activity resumed. All of the dirt that had been taken out to expose the line was put back in — without the repairs being made. It was opened again yesterday and the work continued.

Amato said that there were some "wasted manhours" but he did not know the reason for the delay. However, he was looking into the matter.

"But even with the delay this job is going to cost the city less than it would have if we had farmed it out to a contractor," he added.

Hoboken repairing collapsed, clogged corner catch basins

A program to repair or replace a number of collapsed corner catch basins in Hoboken has been started by the city's Public Works Department, Director Andrew J. Amato said today.

City workmen yesterday began digging up a portion of the intersection of Fifth and Bloomfield streets to repair a basin on the southeast corner that hasn't been operating properly for at least 10 years. It is the first of several that will be fixed.

According to Amato, he was asked to attend to that particular basin by Sixth Ward Councilman Nazzio Malifetti, who had been contacted by neighborhood residents. Heavy rains over the last week caused flooding at the corner, with the water almost reaching the steps to a grocery store.

"But that isn't the only one," the director continued. "There are several others with collapsed lines or so clogged that they don't work anymore and have caused flooding at the corners."

"They will be repaired and cleaned out as quickly as possible."

Fusilli raps Carter welfare reform plan

Hudson County Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, who has been invited by U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams to testify concerning welfare reform, believes President Jimmy Carter's reform plan is "too far down the road" in its timetable.

Carter's plan would not go into effect until 1981, Fusilli noted today, but he believes it should be put into effect "not later than fiscal 1979" in order to lighten the financial burden on counties and municipalities. (The federal fiscal year commences October, 1979).

Fusilli conferred with Williams and various federal officials in Washington last week as president of the New Jersey Association of Counties.

He also appeared as the Democratic representative from the state on the national welfare board.

Fusilli believes that Hudson Rep. Joseph LaForte, recently appointed to the House Committee on Welfare Reform, will play a key role in trying to get an early implementation of federal welfare reform legislation.

Residents near the proposed project, which would be funded through a state Housing Finance Agency mortgage, want to know how the increased population will affect the township as a whole.

"We hear that about 1,000 people will be living in those apartments," said one Second Ward resident. "It has to affect our police department and other municipal services. If it's for seniors and they eventually move, who will replace them? New residents with children will drain our public schools and increase the school budget. It's a vicious cycle."

Currently the area is zoned for a maximum 14-story but this can easily be changed by the Township Committee as it was in the controversial Gregory Avenue senior citizen apartment project which never got off the ground.

While the Democrats on the Township Committee pushed through the tax abatement for the Park Avenue housing complex, they have kept a very low profile as to their personal positions on the controversy. Some have indicated that the Park Avenue project is the best of two evils, the other being the Gregory Avenue proposal which met with vigorous public opposition.

The GOP members of the local governing body, Dominick Facchini and James Dow, say that "although not against senior citizen housing, they are vehemently against this project."

Foreign chocolate suited Hoboken taste, Chius says

Edwin J. Chius, Hoboken's business administrator, doesn't think there was anything improper, illegal — or even controversial — in the purchase of several hundred dollars worth of imported chocolates and cake for local kiddies entertained at a recent recreation department party.

"I really don't see what everyone is getting so excited about," said Chius. "We received a quality product for a very fair and reasonable price and the fact that it was imported, at least some of it was, should have no bearing at all."

"The purchase was made through a local merchant whom the city has dealt with before. He provides prompt and reliable service. And we spent no more than we have in the past on such parties. In fact, we spent less."

The purchase of the chocolates and cake were questioned at last Wednesday's council meeting by Dr. Robert King, who suggested that the \$400 might have been put to a better recreation use.

Chius said that no attempt was made by his office to hide or disguise the purchase.

"One reason Dr. King was able to bring the matter up at all was that the requisition from my office was clearly made out and stated exactly what we bought, including brand names," Chius said. "Chocolate and cake would have sufficed if we wanted to hide anything."

"The city received quality merchandise at a very favorable price and I see nothing wrong with that at all."

Farina vows he'll cooperate with all recreational groups

Citing an apparent misunderstanding of his position on citizen-sponsored recreation activities in Hoboken, Director James J. Farina, today pledged his full cooperation with all groups wishing to become involved in its own or city-sponsored recreation programs.

"The response I got from some residents indicates that they felt my position was one that would discourage citizen participation," Farina said.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. I encourage their participation. I welcome it. The last thing I want to do is to chase away involvement."

"The point I was trying to make was that as more persons and groups become involved in the field of recreation the more need there is for some form of coordination and organization of the programs and the facilities they will need in which to conduct them."

The director said the quickest way to discourage citizen involvement was to make residents feel that they weren't accomplishing anything. "I'm concerned with duplicating efforts," he continued. "If two citizen groups and the city are all preparing to do something similar at the same time, one or all might turn out to be a failure from thinned out participation. That's why I believe that coordination and organization of recreational activities is necessary."

"I am putting the recreation department at the disposal of any and all citizen groups that are interested in organizing some kind of recreational activity. In that way the department will know what activities are going on and what direction the city's program should take. And perhaps we can give some advice to make the proposed activity a solid success."

"We all have the same goal — a solid recreation program for the children of the city."

\$11,000 could reopen 2 sites to non-school use

At a cost of approximately \$11,000, the Hoboken Board of Education will be able to open two of its schools for afternoon and evening activities and recreation programs.

That's what Mrs. Mary Gaspar, school board president, told the schools facilities committee at a meeting last night. And that information could prompt the board to rescind the resolution that closed all board buildings to non-school activities. The board meets at 8 tonight.

Mrs. Gaspar has been going through cost data since last week. Yesterday she said that it was her opinion that some schools could be kept open until 5 p.m. without incurring any additional cost to the board. And for approximately \$11,000 the board could make available the A. J. Demarest School three nights a week and the Wallace School five nights.

"These figures would cover usage beginning in January and ending in March or early April," she continued. "And there are some requirements that groups using the facilities would have to agree to before permission can be granted."

"One is that they provide their own supervisory personnel for the activities. Another is that they agree to accept responsibility for any problems that come up in the school area they are using during the time they are using it. In other words, if there is some damage or vandalism they will have to pay for it."

Mrs. Gaspar said that the school board would probably have to do some rescheduling of its janitorial personnel so there is someone on duty in the two schools when they are in use.

Houn takes the oath as Hoboken fire chief

James Houn, 56, is Hoboken's new fire chief.

Houn, who has been serving as acting chief since last year, was sworn in yesterday afternoon during ceremonies in the office of Mayor Steve Cappiello.

The new chief joined the department in 1948 following a stint with the U.S. Army. He saw action in Europe, Africa and the Middle East during World War II and was discharged as a staff sergeant.

Houn was promoted to captain in 1959 and made deputy chief in 1964. He has been serving as acting chief since last year when Patrick J. Carmody, the former fire chief, started his terminal leave prior to retirement.

The appointment of Houn as chief was done without benefit of a Civil Service examination. Only three deputy chiefs applied to take the test. However, when there are three or less men applying for such an examination the city has the right to waive the test and appoint without it.



CUBISM — Youngsters who probably never heard of the artist Picasso can still enjoy playing in and on the multi-colored equipment formed from cubes in Church Square Park, Hoboken. The city installed new playcubes as part of a park rehabilitation program. The old cubes had been stolen. See Newman, standing, watches the play of a group of children.

2,400 jobs created by 4.8M fed grant

Renovation of Hoboken's downtown area got another lift yesterday when the city received a \$4.8 million federal grant to rehabilitate the Erie Lackawanna terminal.

The Public Works grant, which will give priority to local residents for the 2,400 jobs the construction work is expected to generate, will be put towards the \$10 million creation of a major commercial and transportation center.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he was "elated" over the size of the grant and said he hopes to eventually get total funding for the project.

"It will definitely be a key element in the redevelopment of the entire downtown area," Cappiello said. "We're hoping its impact spreads along the entire waterfront area. It should definitely be an economic boon for us."

Although the city had exhausted its Public Works funds with the \$4.3 million grant for repair of its water lines, Hoboken officials resubmitted its application as a joint project with the state Department of Transportation. The state bought the terminal from the bankrupt railroad for \$300,000 18 months ago and will lease it to the city.

The ambitious plan also calls for creation of a mass transit rail link between the terminal and Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands. An existing commuter rail line could reportedly be activated and hooked up to provide direct service between Hoboken and the sports complex.

The director of the Community Development Agency said the Public Works Act specifically states construction must begin within 90 days of grant approval. Fred Bado said renovation would include both interior and exterior work and the main waiting room would get "a complete cosmetic overhaul."

Plans call for construction of a farmer's market, parks, a floating restaurant and possibly creation of two cinemas. The original plan would have cost \$35 million but was scaled down to \$10 million so it could be completed in less time.

Renovation of the aging terminal also calls for a modernization of passenger service areas and the creation of varied commercial outlets. Present proposals include development of art galleries, bars, restaurants and a museum but are still being ironed out.

The terminal now handles some 40,000 commuters daily.

Hoboken terminal gets Byrne pledge

Gov. Brendan Byrne didn't come to Hoboken empty-handed yesterday when he was the main guest at Mayor Steve Cappiello's \$50-a-plate victory luncheon in the Union Club.

The governor didn't drop any bombshells during his brief talk to the more than 500 guests. But prior to speaking he advised Cappiello that the city will be getting additional state funds for its \$4 million Erie-Lackawanna railroad terminal redevelopment project. How much? Byrne didn't say.

"I don't have the figures with me," Byrne said when asked by reporters, "but Hoboken is getting additional state monies for the project."

Hoboken is looking for \$2.2 million more. The state has to date given the city a grant of \$1.8 million for the project.

Cappiello expects to get a better idea today what additional funds are coming. He and other city officials are going to Trenton to check out other state sources of revenues for the purpose of developing additional grants in the future.

In Washington, meanwhile, Rep. Joseph A. LeFante of Bayonne announced that the federal public works

grant for Hoboken will amount to \$4.8 million. LeFante estimated that the project will mean more than 240 jobs. He said he is pleased that the terminal, which is a national landmark, will be restored.

The luncheon was billed as a "non-partisan" affair since one of the members of the mayor's winning ticket in May, Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani, is a Republican and head of the city's GOP committee.

The longest speech of the day was given by Mayor Thomas F. X. Smith of Jersey City, who was introduced by Cappiello as "the titular head of the Hudson County Democratic party."

Smith made a strong pitch for the re-election of Byrne as governor. He stated that after being courted by both major candidates for his endorsement, he believed that only Byrne has the know-how to help the cities.

"We can't expect much from a man who is thinking suburban," he said, referring to Byrne's opponent, state Sen. Raymond Bateman.

Following the luncheon, Byrne, the mayor and other local and county officials walked down Washington Street glad-handing residents. The reception was warm, but somewhat reserved.

Both Smith and Cappiello made it clear that they are not supporting Byrne for the purpose of party unity.

They expect help from the state in return in solving some of their major problems. One of the biggest that is shared by Hoboken and Jersey City is the \$40 million Jersey City Water filtration plant that is being built and the possible 45 per cent rate increase that Jersey City may have to pass along to customers such as Hoboken.

Cappiello even went so far as to say that in spite of the good press Hoboken has been getting because of its efforts to bring the city back it is really not any better off than any other urban area and is still looking for a lot of help from the state and federal governments.

William Van Wie and Fire Capt. Carmine Guilo were chairmen for the luncheon.



Gov. Brendan Byrne, left, and Mayor Steve Cappiello respond to the crowd attending a luncheon at the Union Club, Hoboken.

Imported candy a 'sticky' issue

Hoboken officials today appear to be confronted with a contradiction. How can they continue to maintain their image of efficient and frugal government spending while serving up expensive imported chocolates and cake to youngsters at a recreation department-sponsored party?

The matter of the party and approximately \$400 in imported goodies was brought up by Dr. Robert King at Wednesday night's council meeting. King suggested that the city's funds could have been put to much better recreational use — and got no arguments from city council members.

Candy and cake are usually standard fare at recreation department parties for the children. But, imported? According to Health and Welfare Director James J. Farina, his department did put the requisition through to the city's business administrator, Edwin J. Chius, for the goodies, but no mention was made of domestic or imported.

"My department didn't do the ordering or buying," Farina said. "We accepted what was delivered and served it to the kids at the party."

Some is still left over and will be served at the next party. Farina said since the order went through the business administration and the (Chius) arranged the purchase, Farina didn't think there was any reason to question the fact that the candy and cake were imported.

"There was no reason to question whether it was a good purchase or not," Farina continued. "It was of good quality, there was more than enough to go around, the kids enjoyed it, and there's enough left for another party."

However, some councilmen feel that Hoboken doesn't have to serve imported goodies at such events, even though they did vote to pay the bill. Council-at-large Robert A. Ranieri is one of them.

"I don't think the business administrator exercised particularly good judgment in this instance," asserted Ranieri. "But I know nothing like this will happen again — I'm sure of that."

Director Chius was not available to explain his decision to order the imported candy and cake.

Hoboken will act to adopt state's construction code

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that he has instructed the city's law department to immediately prepare an ordinance adopting the state's new Uniform Construction Code for submission to the city council.

The code was to have been adopted by all municipalities in the state no later than January. It was disclosed in yesterday's Jersey Journal that Hoboken was one of the few communities that had failed to do so and was risking a possible takeover of all inspection duties and the issuing of

all buildings and construction permits by the state.

"There was a reason for the delay, and from our point of view, a good one," asserted the mayor. "There was and still is great concern with the added expense the adoption of this ordinance is going to cost the city."

"Additional employees will probably be needed by the city to enforce the ordinance," he continued. "And once we have adopted it the state is going to expect us to vigorously enforce it."

building, electrical, plumbing and fire prevention codes throughout the state, will approximately triple the fees for permits that the city has been charging. However, the mayor said he wasn't sure that the additional income would cover the cost of additional employees needed for enforcement.

"Although this situation is still cloudy, I have ordered the law department to prepare the ordinance and get it down to the council," he continued. "It should be ready for the Oct. 5 or 12 meeting."

Where it's needed

That prospective 45 per cent increase in the water rate for Hoboken is fully understood in Hoboken's city hall, but is it understood by the state and federal governments?

Maxwell House ordinarily pays 30 per cent of Hoboken's water bill and, when production there increases, the percentage goes up to 40. Maxwell House is certainly not kidding when it says it might leave town if the water rate goes up.

If the state and federal governments cannot possibly give more money to Hoboken, could they divert funds, already assigned, to the water bills to avert a disaster?

Hoboken prepares to derail illegal parking at ferry terminal

Council employees working at the Hoboken railroad facilities are about to have their hands full with the city's police department.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, public safety director, said today that the city is about ready to crack down again on parking procedures and practices in the area of the old ferry terminal on Hudson Place.

"Cars owned by railroad employees are being carelessly parked in the area, blocking fire lanes and creating a hazard," Cappiello asserted. "This is not the first time that this has happened. It has been going on for sometime."

"We have frequently talked with railroad officials and got some action

from them. But it was short-lived and we always seem to end up back where we started."

Cappiello said that only a few months ago the city cracked down on the parking problem in the terminal area. Railroad officials cooperated and for several weeks the problem was abated.

"But then it slowly started to get worse," the mayor continued. "Now it's as bad as it was then."

The buildings in the area are constructed of wood. The city's concern

is that should a fire start, firefighting equipment would be unable to get to the blaze because of fire lanes blocked by illegally-parked cars.

"We could lose a good portion of our waterfront in such a fire," Cappiello said. "And it could spread right into Jersey City's waterfront area."

The mayor said that police would be patrolling the area and issuing tickets to cars that block the fire lanes. He added that the possibility of having illegally parked cars towed away was also being considered.

Hoboken teacher pact sets Sept. 30 payment deadline

An agreement has been reached between the Hoboken Board of Education and the Hoboken Teachers' Association (HTA) which will allow the court-ordered payment of \$100,000 to the HTA's members to be deferred until no later than Sept. 30.

The money, amounting to approximately \$400 per teacher, was to have been paid out no later than yesterday according to a court order issued

Sept. 12. The order settled a question of interpretation of the contract that ended the 1976 teachers' strike.

As of yesterday morning the teachers were expecting the school board to come up with the checks by the end of the school day. But Robert W. Taylor, board attorney, was able to reach the attorney for the HTA and work out an agreement under which the checks will be given out no later

than Sept. 30 — possibly a few days before.

According to Taylor, the problem was one of banking logistics rather than reluctance on the part of the school board to honor the court order.

"The board's payroll and checks are handled by our bank and there just wasn't enough time for the bank to reach the attorney for the HTA and work out an agreement under which the checks will be given out no later

Hoboken may ease stand on those after-school activities

Hoboken Board of Education members may be having second thoughts about closing down the city's school to all after-school activities and functions.

The nine members of the board will get the chance to publicly state their position on that decision tomorrow night. A resolution rescinding the measure that closed the schools is on the agenda for the 8 p.m. meeting.

James J. Farina, who is the city's recreation director as well as a board

member, said that he had the resolution prepared.

"The reason for not allowing the schools to be used for non-school purposes was the lack of money," he said. "Well, I don't think it will cost that much to allow them to be used, and we can find the money if we look for it to cover the cost."

Mrs. Mary Gaspar, board president, says she's been checking cost figures and now feels that maybe the schools can be kept open daily from 3 to 5 p.m. without any additional cost to the school board.

She said the board would probably be able to open three schools during those hours without additional cost. However, keeping the schools open past 5 p.m. and using more than three of them would definitely create a cost factor.

There is another possibility the board might decide upon. And it is allowing outside groups and organizations to use the schools provided they pay for the cost. St. Francis Church is making such a proposal to the board. A resolution of that proposal is also on the agenda for the meeting.

Hoboken to make it clear Grogan Plaza must pay up

While Top Hoboken officials are in Trenton today to confer with representatives of the State Housing and Finance Agency, Councilman Robert Ranieri said he will make it clear that the city wants the \$250,000 owed it by the Grogan Marine View Plaza apartment project.

Ranieri said the conference was arranged by William Johnson of the HFA, who argued that holds the mortgage on the \$50 million housing development.

Ranieri has been pressing for the city to file a tax lien against Marine View for the \$250,000 that is due in lieu of taxes. The city law department notified him that no lien is required, however, and that payment will be made as soon as an accounting can be completed of how much is owed.

The councilman said he will make it clear to the HFA today, however, that Hoboken expects the 12 per cent interest penalty to be paid by Marine View as any small home owner would be expected to pay for failing to pay taxes on time. Marine View's agreement calls for the city to receive 15 per cent of the annual rents in lieu of taxes.

Ranieri said a representative of the

Hoboken Parking Authority also will be at the conference since Marine View owes that agency \$150,000 in back rentals.

The councilman said the agreement calls for the apartment development to pay \$50 each month for parking spaces in the building's garages.

Ranieri said he will press for full payment and penalties today with the HFA. "I'm not interested in compromise solutions," he said. Mayor Steve Cappiello and representatives of the city law department and housing authority also are at the Trenton meeting.

For everyone

In Hoboken, Residents Seeking Valid Programs (RSVP) is planning to seek recreational and educational opportunities and programs for the average children in the city.

A RSVP spokesman says children from low income families should get all help possible, but the youngsters from middle income families should not be left high and dry.

RSVP does not want to exclude anyone, but to include everyone, the spokesman says. How to accomplish that without being accused of elitism or racism will be difficult. The cleanup of Elysian Park by RSVP was a great beginning.

On the job

Andrew J. Amato has been Hoboken's public works director since last June and, so far, he has come to public attention only when he asks for more men and more equipment.

If he did not make those requests, he would not be a typical public works director. As a matter of fact, he is not quite typical.

There are frequent sewer and water main breaks in Hoboken and Amato is always on the spot when the DPW crews show up. That is to be expected, of course.

But Amato frequently takes off his coat, grabs a shovel and gets into the hole with the working crew. He doesn't hesitate to sweat a little. He isn't fussy about getting mud on his shoes or his hands.

Hoboken is lucky to have him because he cares.

Overtime lag irks workers in Hoboken

Laborers and drivers for Hoboken's Public Works Department are threatening to refuse to work any more overtime for the city unless it pays for work performed over a month ago, it was learned today from department sources.

According to some of the men, the city has been holding up checks for overtime worked in August and September. Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato said he wasn't holding up any of the checks but refused to discuss the matter further.

However, sources said that Amato met with a group of the men from his department Thursday night to discuss the situation. A five-man committee was formed to represent them in any further dealings with the city.

Meanwhile, First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano said he would question Amato about the overtime situation at Monday night's caucus of the council.

"The men have a contract with the city," said the councilman. "If they work overtime they are supposed to get time-and-a-half and it is to be paid as soon as possible. To me that means the next week, not months later."

"The city freely accepts their services when it puts them on overtime. Then it should freely live up to its end of the bargain — pay them what is due them and pay them on time."

Romano added that he believed the men were correct in refusing to work any extra hours as long as the city was taking its time in paying them. The councilman said he would support their efforts and insist that if the men do work overtime, they be paid time-and-a-half for it, not straight time or time off.

Sources said that the men worked last weekend only because Amato requested they wait one more week before taking any action.

They added that if the overtime question isn't resolved by Friday they will refuse to work next Saturday or Sunday. Any men to pick up rubbish that accumulates over the weekends or to work on any emergencies that come up.

But according to Mayor Steve Cappiello, the matter will be resolved this week. The mayor said that he didn't know of any checks that were held up for over a month.

"There is a problem and that's getting people around here to live within their budgets," he said. "But we will resolve it."

Teachers gag on lunch cuts in Hoboken

Hoboken school teachers are not seeing eye to eye with the board of education on the operation of the new mandated lunch program and may file a grievance against the board if it cuts down in any way the traditional hour lunch period they have been getting.

According to Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of schools, the children participating in the lunch program do not need a full hour. Once they have finished eating they will need supervision.

McFeely said the board would like to use teachers to provide that supervision by possibly extending the instructional periods and cutting the lunch hour.

Sources within the Hoboken Teachers' Association (HTA) say that should the board persist in its efforts to reduce the teacher's lunch hour a grievance will be filed with the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC).

However, McFeely felt that the HTA would take the problem up with him or the school board before filing a grievance. "It doesn't have to, but we usually work these things out among ourselves," he said.

Nobody's talking about Hoboken foreclosures

Hoboken is preparing to foreclose on 10 pieces of property in the city. But for the moment, only the city's law department knows where they are, and it isn't telling.

A resolution authorizing the department to initiate foreclosure proceedings is on the agenda for city council action Wednesday, but it still hasn't come down from the law department to the city clerk, so he doesn't know where the properties are.

The secretarial staff in the law department would say nothing about the matter, explaining that it was instructed by Director Lawrence Florio to give no information unless it was cleared by him or one of the legal staff members.

Florio could not be reached, but Thomas Calligy, assistant city at-

torney, was reached after court where he had served as city prosecutor.

Calligy was advised that the secretarial staff would not give out the information on the properties and was asked if he would do so.

"I'm not familiar with the matter," he said. "Let me look into it and then decide."

Several hours later the secretarial staff was contacted again but clearance had not been given by Calligy. He said he was "very busy" with something else, but he would look into it when finished.

A little later, another call was made to Calligy, but he had left "for lunch" a staff member said. He gave no instructions concerning the release of the information on the foreclosure list.

New books stock Hoboken Library

A total of 442 books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month. Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and are available now to library members.

Some of the new books are:

The Managerial Woman, by Margaret Hennig and Anne Jardim; The Book of Lists, by David Wallechinsky, Irving Wallace and Amy Wallace; At Random: Reminiscences, by Bennett Cerf; How To Take Charge Of Your Life, by Mildred Newman and Bernard Berkowitz; The Education of a Prejudiced Man, by Joseph Gerard Brennan; The Totalitarian Temptation, by Jean-Francois Revel; The Public

Burning: A Novel, by Robert Coover; An American Romance: A Novel, by John Casey; Quiet As A Nun: A Tale of Murder, by Antonia Fraser; Chase of the Wind: A Historical Novel, by E. V. Thompson; I Judas: A Novel, by Taylor Caldwell and Jess Stearn; Myself When Young: The Shaping of a Writer, by Daphne du Maurier; Dear Me: An Autobiography, by Peter Ustinov; The Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture, by Wendell Berry; Promises To Keep: Carter's First Hundred Days, by Robert Shogan; Six Men, by Alistair Cooke; Peter's Quotations: Ideas For Our Time, by Laurence J. Peter; Revolutionary Ladies, by Philip Young; Infants of the Spring: Memoirs, by Anthony Powell; The Second Deadly Sin: A Novel, by

Lawrence Sanders; The Immigrants: A Novel, by Howard Fast; Reflections On Life After Life, by Raymond A. Moody, Jr., M.D.; Dickens of London, by Wolf Mankowitz; Queens of England, by Norah Lofts; Psychiatric Terror: How Soviet Psychiatry Is Used To Suppress Dissent, by Sidney Black and Peter Reddaway; PR As In President: A Pro Looks At Press Agents, Media, and the 1976 Candidates, by Vic Gold; Sinai Tapestry: A Novel, by Edward Whittemore; Water Under the Bridge: A Novel, by Sumner Locke Elliott; Song of Solomon: A Novel, by Toni Morrison; A Scots Quair: A Trilogy of Novels, by Lewis Grassie Gibbon; The Professor of Desire: A Novel, by Philip Roth; Jewel of the Sea: A Novel, by Ellen Argo; Heart and Minds: The Common Journey of Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre, by Axel Madsen; Totally Natural Beauty: The Natural Beauty Treatment Book, by Nona Aguilier; The Bridge Burn: My Life and Play, by Alan Sontag; Karen Ann: The Quinlans Tell Their Story, by Joseph and Julia Quinlan with Phyllis Battelle; Over By The River and Other Stories, by William Maxwell, and Prince of Thieves: The Memoirs of the World's Greatest Forger, by Brian David Boyer.

Hoboken parents seek aid for 'average' kids

Are children from average or middle income families in Hoboken being excluded from participating in most of the programs offered by the city and its related agencies?

A group of Hoboken residents, mostly property owners, who call themselves Residents Seeking Valid Program (RSVP), says they are and are planning to do something about it.

"The average child is being overlooked," said Mrs. Pam Brennan, a spokesman for the group. "It seems that everything in the fields of education and recreation is aimed at the children from low income families. And there is nothing wrong with that. They should be getting all the help possible. But don't leave the kids from middle-income families completely high and dry."

According to Mrs. Brennan,

RSVP's main goal will be to seek out recreational and educational opportunities and programs for the average children in the city. However, they will not exclude anyone else who wants to participate.

"Our purpose is not to exclude anyone from taking part, but in getting the city and other agencies to sponsor programs that everyone can be part of," she asserted.

RSVP is not only concerned itself with programs but is also concerned with facilities in the city. One of them, Elysian Park, got a thorough cleaning over the weekend by RSVP members.

Mrs. Brennan also took note of conditions in the park, citing instances where a tree had fallen or been cut down and then never removed, and play equipment that has been broken for over a year.

Hoboken weighing moves if water rates rise

Hoboken city officials are planning to meet next week to discuss the city's position on the proposed 45 percent increase in the charges it pays Jersey City for water.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that he has asked the mayor to call a meeting between Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city council and all involved city officials to formulate Hoboken's position on the rate increase when it goes before the state Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on Oct. 27.

According to Jersey City officials, the PUC hearing will depend on whether or not the state comes up with \$6 million from its water bond issue for Jersey City. But Councilman Ranieri believes the increase will be sought regardless.

"I don't believe the \$6 million is going to make too much difference," said the councilman. "Jersey City should have sought state and federal aid for the reconstruction of its filtration plant. Instead, it went to a bond issue and is now having problems meeting its financial commitments. We are spending \$6 million in federal funds in Hoboken to replace

and repair our water lines. That should mean a considerable savings in our overall consumption for Hoboken.

But that decrease in use will mean less in revenues for Jersey City in the future. Therefore, it will have to go after another rate increase to make up the difference."

Ranieri said he would recommend to the mayor that Hoboken turn over its water distribution system to Jersey City if there are any more rate increases, or that the city seriously consider returning its charter to the state.

"The handwriting is already on the wall — our largest taxpayer, employer and water user, Maxwell House Coffee, has already curtailed its operation in Hoboken considerably," the councilman said.

"Further increases in water rates will force it out of the city."

"The loss of Maxwell House would be a blow Hoboken could not recover from. So the city might as well fold up and turn everything over to the state."

Hoboken DPW says extra pay or no overtime

Time and a half or straight time? That appears to be the issue Hoboken has to resolve with its Public Works Department laborers and foremen this week if it wants them to be on the streets over the weekend.

The men threatened last week to refuse to work any overtime for the city unless checks that were owed to the men were released. This was presented as the main issue by city officials.

However, it was learned today from a member of the five-man committee formed to negotiate with city officials that the main concern was whether the men should be paid straight time or time and a half.

Mayor Steve Cappiello conceded that this matter was still to be settled, adding that the city is firm on straight time.

"If we give public works employees time and a half for their overtime hours I don't see how we can avoid giving it to our police and firemen, also," Cappiello asserted. "They are now paid at the same hourly rate for overtime as they get for regular time."

"Even at straight time the city spends more on overtime than it wants to. Time and a half would greatly increase the city's expenses."

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano said the city was "not treating the men fairly."

"Hoboken's workmen and laborers don't make anything near what a policeman or fireman makes a year, so comparing them isn't fair," he asserted. "I favor paying them time and a half and I intend taking the matter up with the city council to see that they get it."

Romano said he believed that the city promised its laborers last year during negotiations with the Municipal Employees Association that it would pay them time and a half for overtime work.

"Since there doesn't seem to be a written contract it's difficult to determine what was promised," the councilman said, "but I remember overtime was one of the major concerns."

Mayor Cappiello disagreed. He said that no such promise was made.

Hoboken rips hike in water

By TERRY BRENNAN

Hoboken officials yesterday equated Jersey City plans to increase the city's water rates by 45 percent with giving its largest employer an "unwanted push out of the city."

Councilman Robert Ranieri, enraged over what he called an "unconscionable and exorbitant" rate proposal, called the increase "simply too much for Maxwell House to absorb." Ranieri said the proposed increase would destroy the Mile Square City because the firm presently pays one half the city's taxes.

"The only solutions would either be to let Jersey City take over our distribution system or have the state run the filtration plant," Ranieri said. "We may as well hand over the city charter to the state if this goes through. We obviously need help from somewhere."

Although Maxwell House persistently denies recurring rumors they ever had plans to desert Hoboken, Ranieri said company officials would have no choice if the state Public Utilities Commission approves the rates later this month. The proposed rate hike would take effect Jan. 1 and would add up to a 120 percent increase over the past 18 months.

Jersey City officials will ask the PUC for the rate increase at hearings starting Oct. 26 so it can pay off bonds on its \$60 million water filtration plant. Hoboken is dependent on Jersey City for its water supply and has been suffering through increasing rates because a court ordered construction of the plant 10 years ago.

Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith has repeatedly asked Gov. Brendan T. Byrne for state takeover of the facility. Jersey City is struggling to offset an estimated \$3.2 million deficit in debt service and is paying off \$19 million in construction bonds.

Jersey City officials insist the city has no choice but to increase its rate if the state doesn't come up with \$6 million in a water bond issue. Rates would increase 40 percent in Jersey City and 45 percent in Hoboken, Lyndhurst and West Caldwell if the package gets PUC approval.

Hoboken presently pays \$10.00 per 1,000 cubic feet compared to \$6.70 per 1,000 cubic feet for Jersey City consumers. The difference in consumer cost reportedly stems from Hoboken's need to redistribute the water after it pays the Jersey City rate.

Hoboken council wants crackdown on littering

Hoboken's police have apparently been taking lightly an order issued several weeks ago by Mayor Steve Cappiello, the Public Safety Director, for them to start strong enforcement of the city's anti-littering laws.

The city council still isn't satisfied with conditions in the city and is having the city clerk send a letter to the mayor and Police Chief George W. Crimmins asking that all uniformed men be instructed in the procedures used to issue littering summonses.

According to city court records,

very few littering summonses have been given out by police or anyone else in the last few weeks.

Meanwhile, Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer, chairman of the council's Public Works Committee, issued the committee's report on conditions within the department and recommendations for improving them and the anti-littering efforts.

The committee recommends that Director Andrew J. Amato be allowed to hire five additional men as street sweepers, purchase five new trucks to replace equipment that has broken down and can't be repaired and start a compactor operation at the city garage on Observer Highway so that the city trucks will not have to make so many trips to the dump in Kearny.

It was also recommended that the city look into the possibility of purchasing three large compactor trucks as an alternate to five smaller dump trucks and use them to pickup rubbish not handled by the contract garbage collector.

Director Amato, however, prefers not to buy the large trucks unless the city is going to start collecting its own garbage. He said that the compactor trucks are good only for collecting rubbish while the smaller dump trucks can perform a variety of duties.

The report also summarized that while the department did need men and equipment the supervisor had to take most of the blame for allowing conditions to deteriorate.

The committee recommended that the city initiate several actions to help the public works department combat littering. They include an updated anti-littering ordinance that would put the responsibility for keeping individual areas clean on the property owners, strict enforcement of the law by the police department, resurfacing the towing program, a consolidated garage for all automotive repairs, and a reorganization of the public works work force so that there is full coverage on weekends.

It was also suggested that an educational campaign be started among local school children as a long-range effort to enlist public support of anti-litter programs.

'English-only' edict irritates Hoboken aide

A controversial sign that tells maintenance employees of the Hoboken Housing Authority that they are allowed to speak only English on the job will be one of the matters taken up by the authority commissioners at Thursday's meeting.

Edwin Duroy, one of the commissioners, says he wants the sign down because he finds it "pointless and insulting."

"I don't know who put up the sign but I asked our executive director (Joseph Caliguire) to have it removed and he refused," said Duroy. "The authority doesn't have any policy on such things so if someone should speak in another language what are we supposed to do, fire him?"

"We couldn't do that, and I wouldn't stand for it if we could. As someone who himself is bi-lingual, I find it very insulting."

Duroy said he didn't know what prompted the sign to be put up in the first place.

Candidate McAleer blasts waste of state monies

Millions of dollars of state money are wasted each year on state cars and the rental of state offices, according to Richard D. McAleer of Hoboken, an independent candidate for governor.

McAleer was on loan to the Treasury Department from the Division of Youth and Family Services, where he was chief of the state motor pool in the northern region, until he was fired when he announced his candidacy.

McAleer says each state agency buys its cars from a single vendor, Capital Motors in Trenton. They turn the ownership over to the central motor pool, which then leases the car back to the agency for \$14 a day and 14 cents a mile.

There is "a tremendous abuse" by state employees and the "big political plums" regarding unauthorized and unofficial use of state cars, McAleer claims.

"This is costing the taxpayer a huge amount of money," he said since "there were never any exact figures available as to the true monies spent on gasoline."

He also said there was waste involved in tires and other automotive equipment. McAleer said a private vendor once asked McAleer to sign a voucher for a car battery even though there were already five batteries ordered for the car. He claimed the vendor was eventually paid for all batteries.

"Most of the state cars are unsafe for the driver and more importantly the people in other cars," he said.

The procedure for renting office space also needs changing, McAleer said. "Every single rental agreement has to be signed by the speaker of the general assembly. This smells of kickbacks and everything that is wrong and corrupt."

He gave one example of the Division of Youth and Family Services renting a building in downtown Trenton for \$1 million when they could have rented the unused state Home for Girls for \$1 a year.

He estimated it would be cheaper for the state to build a huge capital complex like the one New York completed in Albany than to continue the renting procedures now in effect.

McAleer said he would "completely overhaul most of the waste" because he knows "first hand what is really going on in state government." McAleer hopes to show the voters of the state why an income tax is not needed and why nothing need replace it.

Get involved

The State Housing Finance Agency has ruled that Integrated Resources — owners of two apartment houses in the John J. Grogan Marineview Plaza complex — must pay the city whatever taxes or payments in lieu of taxes which are due.

City officials say the bill will add up to more than \$300,000 plus 12 percent a year interest for about four years.

The developer is going to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to work out a refinancing plan which would involve rent subsidies.

City officials are concerned that the HUD negotiations might affect the city's parking garages which are part of the Marineview Plaza complex. There are fears that the city might get stuck with the more than \$600,000 a year payments involved in the garage construction bond issue.

The answer is obvious. If the city is concerned, it should get involved immediately in the negotiations between the apartment developer and HUD. In order to protect its interests, the city has no other option.

State says: Hoboken entitled to Grogan taxes

Hoboken has over \$300,000, plus 12 percent a year interest, coming shortly from the owners of the two apartment houses in the John J. Grogan Marineview Plaza complex, Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today.

Ranieri and other city officials, including Mayor Steve Cappiello, met Friday with the owners and representatives of the state Housing Finance Agency (HFA) in Trenton on the matter of overdue taxes and in lieu of tax payments due the city on the two 25-story apartment houses.

The councilman said that a result of that meeting, the owners—Integrated Resources—has been ordered by the HFA to pay the city whatever it is due.

According to the councilman, the city is owed taxes on the land for 1973 and 1974 totaling \$33,202, plus 12 percent a year interest on the unpaid amount.

In 1975 the apartment houses became occupied, bringing them under the in-lieu-of-tax-payment agreement with the city, through which Hoboken was to get 15 percent of the

gross shelter rents. For that year the city should have received \$23,500, \$96,000 for 1976, and \$165,000 for the first three quarters of 1977. All of the overdue amounts are also subject to the 12 percent a year late charge.

"The city will audit their figures to make sure they are right," he continued. "I expect them to be even higher once that has been accomplished."

The state's order was something of a moral victory for the councilman,

who had been at odds with the city's law department over the responsibility of the owners to pay taxes on the undeveloped land. Ranieri had insisted that the corporation owned more than \$60,000 in taxes. The law department said that none were due, just the in lieu of tax payments.

"They are subject to land taxes until the buildings are granted their certificates of occupancy," he said.

"Then the in lieu of tax agreement goes into effect for that year and for the life of the mortgage."

Mayor Cappiello said he was pleased with the outcome of the Trenton meeting but added that the city already has the money spent. He explained that the city has to come up with more than \$300,000 to make up what was cut from the board of education's 1977-78 budget and later restored by the state on appeal.

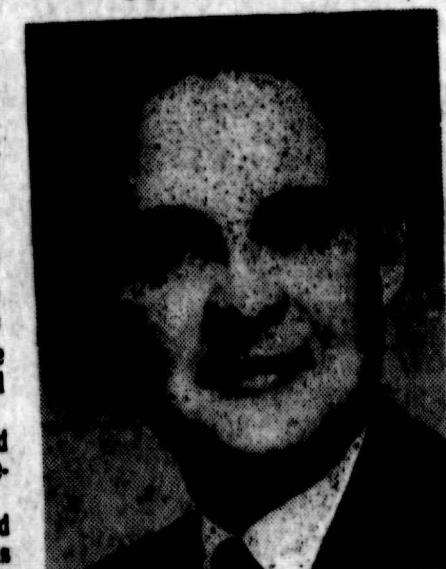
Industrial school trustees elect Wassman president

Vincent J. Wassman of Hoboken, a member of the board of trustees of the School for Industrial Education of the City of Hoboken since 1964, has been unanimously elected president of the board.

Elected first vice president at the board's annual reorganization meeting was Clayton Anderson of Hoboken, a past president of the Hoboken National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and a business and civil leader.

Louis Mongiello, a retired railroad executive, was elected second vice president of the board.

The trustees elected Bernard Scrivani, a Hoboken councilman, as treasurer. Scrivani was completing a term as board president but declined to run again.



Vincent J. Wassman
Civil, veterans' activist

Order special cops off Hoboken payroll

Hoboken has been ordered by the state Department of Civil Service to drop four policemen from the city's payroll, three of them Puerto Rican, because they are temporary officers filling vacancies for which there is a valid list of Civil Service-approved eligibles. Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

The men—Angel Alicia, Martino Perez, Jose Clausen, and David Matthews—were ordered dropped from the city's payroll as of today. All are Hoboken residents.

Cappiello said he was not happy about the Civil Service order — but somewhat amused. "While we are being sued on one hand by the federal government for alleged discriminatory hiring and promotional practices in the fire department against blacks and Hispanics, we are

being ripped off Hispanic officers in the police department on the other," he said.

"The city needs these men and their capabilities," continued Cappiello. "Unfortunately, there is a list of men who took and passed the Civil Service examination for patrolman and I must appoint men from it to their positions."

Cappiello did not wish to discuss the fine points of the suit filed against Hoboken and 11 other New Jersey municipalities, including Jersey City, by the U.S. Justice Department. However, he felt it was not justified.

Hoboken does not have any blacks and only one Hispanic in the fire department. However, Cappiello said this was "not by design" but just happened.

"It is not logical to have a police

department that has good ethnic balance and a fire department that doesn't," he continued. "Why would we discriminate in the fire department and not in the police department? It's pointless."

The mayor explained that the good ethnic balance in the police department came about because blacks and Hispanics eligible for appointment selected it over the fire department.

"It is only in the last few years that Civil Service has been giving separate examinations for policemen and firemen," he continued. "At one time, the same test was given for both and men who passed it were eligible for appointment to either."

A very small number of representatives from the minority groups expressed any interest in the fire department. I can recall only one black who first accepted appointment to the police department, switched to the fire department, and then switched back to the police."

Cappiello pointed out that Hoboken even had a bilingual examination called by Civil Service and the men who passed it selected the police department over the fire department.

"I know of no instances during my career in public life or when I was a police officer of any blacks or Hispanics being refused appointment to the fire department or not being promoted," he added.

Hoboken pledges no instant replay of street snarls

Hoboken officials today hope to coordinate various projects in the city to eliminate the traffic snarls that yesterday tied up emergency vehicles as well as regular traffic.

According to Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato, the main problem is the street resurfacing program, which has forced the closing of several streets.

"The contractor was to have done certain streets but apparently changed his mind at the last moment and did others," said Amato. "So we had streets closed with no work being done on them and other streets open with work going on. This resulted in conflicting diversions of traffic and a real mess."

One instance was a section of Washington Street, between Second and Third Streets. A number of area residents came out of their homes yesterday morning to find that their cars had been towed away so the resurfacing could be done. However, they hadn't received any advance warning. The warning signs had been posted on other streets, but not on Washington Street.

Amato said he was becoming "directly involved" in coordinating the rest of the resurfacing schedule.

"A little inconvenience to motorists is to be expected," said the

director. "But we can't have our emergency vehicles getting tied up in traffic jams because they don't know which streets are closed and which are open."

"The contractor will be required to give me a copy of his schedule at least 24 hours in advance and there won't be any changes in it east-bound unless they are cleared with me first."

One particularly bad spot was Fifth Street, a narrow one-lane east bound street. Garden Street was blocked off south of the intersection of Fifth, forcing southbound traffic to divert into Fifth. This caused backups on Garden for several blocks north of the intersection, and on Fifth all the way from Washington Street west to Clinton Street.

Construction work on St. Mary Hospital forced the closing of Willow Avenue at Fourth Street. Willow is one-way southbound also. Vehicles at that point were fed into Fifth, adding to the traffic jam.

Traffic flow at Washington and Fifth Streets is controlled by a traffic light. When the light was red from vehicles heading east on Fifth the congestion grew heavier. No police officers were seen directing traffic at Fifth and Washington.

Senior center move set

next month

The SMILE Senior Citizen Center in Hoboken will be moving to a larger facility next month, a spokesman for the city's senior citizen program said today.

A lease agreement has been worked out with the Hoboken Elks Club at 1005 Washington St. for the center to use their facility during the day. SMILE, which stands for Seniors Make It Look Easy, is currently located at 60 Sixth St.

Edwin Chius, a spokesman for the Elks and Hoboken's Business Administrator, said that the club will be able to rent space to the center for less money than it now pays for a smaller area.

Chius said only its cost of providing the space with heat and electricity based on the number of square feet of floor space used. The Elks will not make any profit on the lease agreement, he added.

The move is contemplated on or about Nov. 1.

Upsala's 'Theater' 88 Hoboken-inspired 10/6/77

Ed Fonseca, new addition this fall to the Upsala College faculty, is directing an imaginative Hoboken-inspired version of Paul Sils' "Story Theater," on campus.

Fonseca, a young man who lives near the college in East Orange, developed a new approach to "Story Theater," a compilation of stories based on Aesop and Brothers Grimm, from work last summer as a creative dramatic instructor at the Hoboken Day Care Center for children between the ages of six and 10.

"Hoboken has considerable ethnic charm, and it was my original intention to give 'Story Theater' a Puerto Rican background," Fonseca said. "But Upsala has Swedish heritage and many members of the cast are blonde, so I decided to give it a generally ethnic background."

However, Fonseca said there still will be a Spanish flavor to the production. Grimm's "Red Riding Hood," Fonseca continued, will be done with Spanish accents and the play will have a carnival atmosphere reminiscent of the St. Ann's Feast he attended in the summer in Hoboken.

Fonseca, who teaches drama at Upsala, tried out his new ideas for "Story Theater" with his youngsters at the Hoboken Day Care Center. They played various scenes for him and now he's anxious to see how it works with college students.

The college's Workshop 90 Theater will present performances October 14, 15, 22 and 28 at 8 p.m. and matinees at 2 o'clock on October 15 and 28 and at 2:30 o'clock on October 22.

Timetable is set for Hoboken budget 88 10/12/77

Hoboken's various department heads have just over a month to get their proposed 1978 operating budgets ready. And for the first time they've got a pre-set time schedule to meet in order to do it.

Business Administrator Edwin J. Chius has notified all the directors and city personnel responsible for preparing budget requests that the

budgets will be worked out between Oct. 20 and Nov. 23.

On Oct. 20 budget requests for salaries and wages, overtime anticipated for the year, and uniform and clothing allowances are to be submitted to Chius and Mayor Steve Cappiello. On Oct. 27 the estimates for other expenses are to be turned over. By Nov. 1 or 2 the mayor and

Chius will return to the departments the revised budgets with "caps" — the maximum amount that they will be allowed to spend.

On Nov. 10 the directors and department heads must return their adjusted budgets conforming to the caps. If they cannot operate the departments within the caps, they must include written explanations

telling why and include the amount of additional funds that will be needed.

The directors will meet on Nov. 21 to finalize their budget requests and complete their final drafts. Then on Nov. 23, the final editions will be submitted to the mayor. The mayor will have until Jan. 10 to add or subtract from the director's requests. On that day he must submit the budget to the city council for its study.

State may foreclose on Grogan mortgage 88 10/10/77

By Peter Hallam

The state Housing Finance Agency (HFA) has threatened to foreclose on the owners of the two-story apartment houses in Hoboken's John J. Grogan Marineview Plaza. City sources say the owners are behind some \$1.8 million in their mortgage payments to the state.

Mayor Steve Cappiello confirmed

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authority. The owners owe Hoboken more than \$300,000 in taxes and in lieu of tax payments on the two buildings, and more than \$400,000 to the parking authority for the rental of garage parking spaces.

Although Hoboken has not collected any taxes or in lieu of tax payment from the owners, once the state takes over the properties will become tax exempt.

City officials point out that in past instances, where the state has stepped in it has always paid something to the municipality. However, it would only be a token sum compared to the

more than \$600,000 a year Hoboken had expected to realize from the project.

According to the sources, the foreclosure by the state will hinge on whether or not the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will become involved in the project.

The owners are looking to be included in one of HUD's subsidy programs and, if accepted, will be able to meet most of their financial commitments, the sources said.

However, it was not known how such an agreement would affect the parking authority, and the contract it has with the owners to rent one parking space in the garages for every apartment in the two buildings.

Although the four parking garages were built with the understanding that the apartment buildings would account for half of the available parking spaces, the owners have not lived up to that agreement. Adding to the problem is the fact that only two of the four apartment buildings have been built.

The rents from the parking spaces would to a large extent offset the approximately \$670,000 a year the parking authority has to pay on its \$5.5 million construction bond issue. Hoboken guaranteed payment of the bonds, and since the authority's income has not been sufficient to meet that commitment it has been making the twice a year payments to the bond holders.

Cappiello may lay it on the line with Amato 88 10/21/77

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Public Works Director, Andrew J. Amato are due for a long talk during which the mayor hopes to straighten out differences the director has been having with the city council.

It will be that or the possible removal of Amato from office, according to the mayor. Cappiello said that several council members are very disturbed by a number of statements Amato has made and are thinking about pushing to have him fired.

However, no members of the council would admit to that. Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said there has been no discussion among the council members of removing Amato from office, but there has been plenty of talk on his relationship with the council.

"It is my opinion that the director has not yet learned what he can and cannot do as director," said Ranieri. "He has brought with him from private business preconceived ideas on how things should be done. And in private business they may work fine. Unfortunately, government doesn't work that way."

"We have a series of checks and balances that we are required to use. And that means that we can't always move as fast on matters as we should or would like to. That can be frustrating to a man used to taking immediate action on problems affecting his business."

Ranieri said that it was the council that suggested to the mayor that he call in Amato and clearly explain what his duties, responsibilities and limitations are.

According to Amato, the city has numerous problems with its water, sewage, rubbish collections and adequate equipment and manpower and the city council isn't exactly setting speed records helping him resolve them.

Amato also threatened to file criminal charges against the council if it didn't become more responsive to the needs of the city.

The director said he hadn't heard anything about any council members trying to remove him from office. "I can't stop them if that's what they want to do," he said. "But I'm not going to become a lamb because of that possibility."

"This city has problems, big problems that are going to get worse if we don't start taking some positive action on them. We can't afford to sit around and have endless discussions on what we should do about them. We spend too much time talking and not enough time doing."

Amato admitted that he might have been "off-base" with some of the remarks he made about the council's efforts. But on the other hand, he felt that the council hasn't always shown him the respect he deserves as director.

Amato silent on 6 men who failed to work sewer job 88 10/11/77

Six laborers in Hoboken's Public Works Department are reportedly in trouble with their director, Andrew J. Amato, for failing to return to a sewer line cleaning job on upper Grand Street after lunch Friday. It was learned today from sources within the Union City Public Works Department.

Both Union City and Jersey City had provided Hoboken with men and equipment to help with the job.

Director Amato refused to comment on the matter. However, he added that should something "like that" come up it would be considered strictly a departmental matter and adequate action would be taken to reprimand the offenders.

According to sources, Amato waited at the scene until late Friday afternoon for the men to return. When they did not he took off saying he was heading for the Public Works garage

at Observer Highway and Willow Avenue.

It was reported that Amato advised the workmen that they would not be paid for the afternoon. But when asked about this, Amato again refused to comment.

Hoboken has been working on the sewer line, with the help of Jersey City and Union City, since the early part of last week. Amato said that some progress has been made but there is still a major problem in the northwest section of the city because of the line.

"I don't think those lines were subject to periodic cleaning for at least 10 or 15 years," continued the director. "The sludge has built up in them and now it's hard as a rock."

"We tried blasting it out with water at 1,500 pounds of pressure but that didn't do much. We just have to keep working at it."

The problem is in the line on Grand Street, from 15th to 10th Street, and on 15th Street, from Grand Street to Park Avenue.

Amato said that other lines in the same general area were also congested with sludge but not as bad as the line on Grand and 15th Streets.

Can't find sewer clog — or sewer 88 10/14/77

There may be a very good reason why Hoboken's sewer lines at 15th and Grand Streets aren't running properly. There might not be any lines at all, or at least none in one area, Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato said today.

According to the director, his men were preparing to clean out the clogged lines by hand when equipment lent by Jersey City and Union City failed to open them. But when they started digging they didn't find any sewer line.

"We figured that the main clog was on Grand Street, about 85 feet south of the corner of 15th," Amato continued. "So the street was opened and they started digging for the line — and they kept digging, without finding anything."

The director said the crew is down about nine feet now and still hasn't hit anything that looks like a sewer line, even one that might have been crushed or broken.

"It might be deeper than nine feet but I doubt it," he continued. "Still, there is that possibility, so the men will go down a little deeper."

Amato said he isn't sure what he would do if there is no sewer line section at that point.

"If there isn't any line there I'll have to take it up with the engineers," he said. "The department can put the line in but the engineers should check things out first to make sure that we aren't creating larger problems by doing it."

Ranieri seeking crackdown on dumpsters left on street 88 10/12/77

An incident on lower Bloomfield Street last night pointed out the need for an ordinance to control portable truck containers, Councilman Robert Ranieri of Hoboken said today.

The councilman asserted police found one of the large dumpsters standing next to a fire hydrant, completely blocking its use by firemen.

Police questioned neighbors but no one knew who owned the container, who put it there or how long it was going to stay there, Ranieri said.

He said he has asked the law department for a local law for making users of such containers obtain a permit from the city building inspector.

"When a permit is obtained, the city will know who is using the container and who to contact in an emergency," he explained. At the present time many of the containers have no label attached and no one knows why they are parked in the street, he said.

He emphasized that his law was not intended to discourage their use but to control them. The permit fee he will propose will be relatively small, he said.

Jersey City seen seeking water rate rise 88 10/17/77

A Hoboken councilman today predicted that Jersey City would be seeking an additional water rate increase for Hoboken even if it gets the 45 per cent increase this month from the state Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that Hoboken's water consumption is continuing to fall and the 45 per cent increase Jersey City is looking for won't be enough to offset current deficits in the Jersey City water utility operation.

"The 45 per cent increase Jersey City is looking for is based on Hoboken's old water consumption rate," said the councilman. "We are now using about half of that old amount. Therefore, Jersey City will have to seek another increase in the near future, probably another 45 per cent."

Meanwhile, the Hoboken Law Department is preparing a letter for Jersey City requesting that the minimum amount of water Hoboken is required to buy from Jersey City each day be lowered from just over eight million gallons to 5.5 million gallons.

The minimum was changed from 10 million gallons a day during the summer. But usage figures for last month showed that Hoboken consumed only 6.3 million gallons a day.

And for this month the figure has dropped again, Ranieri said.

"Average use for October to date shows we are consuming approximately 5.8 million gallons a day," he added.



KIWANIS SALES — Joseph Iervolino, left, and Marvin Lubow, right, give presents to Hoboken mayor Steve Cappiello in return for his donation to the Kiwanis sale and fund-raising drive.

Ranieri to push for more U.S. anti-recession cash 88 10/12/77

Hoboken received an extra \$1 million this year in federal anti-recession funds. It was a one-shot package. But, thanks to Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, Hoboken and other urban areas may get another windfall next year.

It was through Ranieri's efforts that the National League of Cities has agreed to consider a resolution urging the federal government to continue the program for another year. Ranieri is Hoboken's delegate to the league and a member of its steering committee on effective government.

The councilman, who recently returned from a League meeting in Chicago, said there was "great sentiment" against continuation of the program on the part of the more affluent cities. However, the unemployment figures, on which the one-shot grants were based, for Hoboken and other troubled cities spoke for themselves.

"The resolution will be considered at the National Congress of Cities in December when it meets in San Francisco," he continued. "The fact that we were able to get the resolution on the agenda over strong opposition indicates that we have a fairly good chance of getting it passed."

If approved, the resolution will be presented to Congress for its consideration.

Cappiello, DPW laborers work out weekend hours 88 10/16/77

Mayor Steve Cappiello and Hoboken Public Works Department laborers have resolved their differences over weekend hours and extra time payments insuring that a staff will be on duty this weekend to keep the city relatively clean.

Laborers and foremen had been threatening to refuse weekend overtime work unless they were paid time and a half for their hours. The city refused, claiming that if they got time and half it would have to pay it to police and firemen as well.

Mayor Cappiello declined to discuss the terms of the agreement but said that it did not include time and a half.

"The city will have four or five laborers on duty with one foreman," he added. "But they will be paid at the regular rate and only for the hours they work."

Cappiello said that he and Public Works Director Andrew J. Amato met with a five-man committee formed by the workmen earlier this week.

"I think they understand the city's position," he continued. "We are being practical. Not arbitrary."

The mayor said that the additional time will be worked out a rotating schedule so that everyone in the department who wants to work extra gets an equal opportunity to do so.

Hoboken report details state of school disrepair 88 10/12/77

The Hoboken Board of Education wants to hear what the public has to say about what should be done with the city's public schools over the next decade before asking its consultant to produce state-mandated recommendations.

The board has scheduled a Nov. 2 hearing on a proposed 10-year "school facilities master plan." It will be held at 7 p.m. in the board meeting room at the Wallace School.

At last night's board meeting, school trustees received copies of a voluminous study, marked "preliminary," prepared by the local architectural and engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch Associates, outlining problems with city schools.

But deleted from the report is a section on "Timetable and Impacts" which is supposed to detail specific recommendations on, among other things, "new school facilities."

Board Counsel Robert W. Taylor told the audience that the study is still "incomplete" and that the board is still seeking public input before accepting the consultant's conclusions.

A section of the report focusing on evaluations of the city public schools offers these observations:

• The Leimkauf (No. 8) School is "basically sound but in a deteriorated condition due to lack of maintenance and years of wear. . . . The major inadequacy . . . is the dangerous deterioration of the walls which allows extensive seepage from rain with consequent falling plaster and peeling paint." Also, "the concrete basement floor is 'settling' and windows are 'falling apart.' And, 'all of the classes (except sixth-grade) are overcrowded.'"

• Similar criticisms prevail for the Connors (No. 9) School, where the "boiler pressure is inadequate to heat the building efficiently."

• The Rue (No. 1) School suffers from the same defects. Also, "audio-visual techniques cannot be used in most of the classrooms because the electrical system is so poor that either there are no plugs or the current is inadequate for such usage without blowing fuses."

• Elementary school pupils at the Brandt (No. 2) School, as noted last night by Mrs. Alice Gense, "must use either the roof (when the weather is good) or their classrooms (for gym)." High school students sharing the school hold their gym classes in the auditorium. Trustee Otto Hottendorf said the board was "contemplating constructing a bubble out of fiber-glass" above the roof, but Taylor said the cost could run as high as \$100,000.

• At Demarest Junior High, "there are 17 specialized rooms only

three of which approach the minimum acceptable area." Also, "science labs lack gas and running water." The building's roof is "cracked and bubbling."

• Use of Hoboken High's pool is so heavy by the community that "there is literally no slack time which the high school students themselves can use for additional or expanded activities."

• Because of the school's excessive use by various community groups, there is "additional wear on the facilities, damage to equipment and fixtures, theft and inadequate time for student use. . . . Not infrequently, student activities are canceled or curtailed to accommodate the community."

Even when the school board comes up with a set of final recommendations, the trustees must still cope with the problem of where to find the funds to carry out their plans.

Hoboken may revive tow-away program 88 10/17/77

The towing away of cars that interfere with Hoboken's street sweeping operations was never a popular program with Mayor Steve Cappiello. It was at Cappiello's insistence that the program was ended almost four years ago.

But circumstances change in four years and the mayor today says that towing may again have to become a way of life for Hoboken motorists.

"That is not to say that towing will definitely start again," said the mayor, "but it is a possibility that Hoboken must consider if it is to have an effective street cleaning program."

One of the things that may have had some bearing on the mayor's revised thinking is the report on the Public Works Department's operations compiled by Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer and his Public Works Committee.

A suggestion made in the report for increasing the department's ability to cope with the city's rubbish and litter problem was to reinstitute the alternate side of the street towing program in conjunction with the sweeping of the streets.

"Several things have happened since the program was discontinued," Cappiello said. "The number of cars that are being abandoned in the city has increased and more and more people seem to be using the city as a parking lot while they commute to New York."

"The latter is a traffic flow problem which we should be able to counter with additional meters. But the towing program did help keep certain streets free of all-day parkers."

Cappiello said that towing is probably the best way to eliminate the abandoned car problem, but any

new towing program would have to be operated more efficiently than the old one.

"There were many inadequacies in the old program," he continued. "The tow trucks were frequently unable to tow all the cars in off certain streets. So we had instances in which motorists parked on the north of one street were towed in while others parked at the other end were not — even though they were also parked illegally."

"It never seemed right to me that one illegal parker should have to get a ticket and pay for the towing while another didn't, just because the tow truck and sweeper couldn't get to where his car was parked during the sweeping hours. These inadequacies will have to be worked out if towing is to resume."