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Six vie for three seats on elementary Board



Marlon DiMartino



John Schroeck



John Fitzpatrick



Toby D'Ambola



Michael J. Dudek



Melvin D. Altman

By R.R. Faszczewski
Clark's more than 11,000 voters will have a plethora of decisions, as usual, to make in Tuesday's Board of Education Elections, both for the elementary school district and for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in the township.

The elementary school district's budget for 1985-1986 includes \$4,913,358 to be raised in taxes in support of the current expense budget and \$199,950 in support of capital outlay. Voters in Clark and in the other communities which comprise the regional district, a total of six townships in all, will cast ballots on \$17,698,350 to be raised in taxes for current expense and \$274,500 in taxes in support of capital outlay.

The total elementary budget is a 7.48 percent boost over the last fiscal year, current expense is up 4.1 percent and capital outlay is being increased by 3.4 percent. It is estimated the school taxes on the average home in Clark valued at about \$114,000 after the recent revaluation, will go up \$32 per year or \$6.83 per month if the elementary district tab is approved.

Because of the revaluation in Clark figures were not available at press time from the county taxation office on the effect of the regional budget on the township's taxpayers. However, the current expense figure for the overall budget is up about 2 percent over last year, and capital outlay about 73 percent and debt service, which is not voted on at the annual school election, is down about 3 percent.

The overall budget increase for the regional schools will be about 2.6 percent. One of two contenders for the Board who has run before, John Schroeck, 62, of 56 Hutchinson St., has been a township resident for 35 years and has been married for 39 years. He and his wife, Mrs. Betty Schroeck, have a son, Justin Schroeck. He spent three and a half years on active duty in the Navy as a deep sea diver during World War II and is a graduate of Irvington High School and the Newark Conservatory of Music. He was employed in a managerial position with the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. for 27 years before he left to take a position with the Sales Division of Food Enterprises, Inc. The president of the Clark Civic & Taxpayers Committee, Inc., the hospital is a member of the United Taxpayers of New Jersey in Cedar Grove.

Also running again for the elementary body is Toby D'Ambola, Jr. of 120 John St. He received both his bachelor and master of arts degrees from Montclair State College in Upper Merion, Pa. with honors in his major field, mathematics. He also has educational background in business, finance, computer programming and administration/supervision. Employed for the past 17 years as a mathematics and computer instructor for the Nutley Board of Education, he taught the high school equivalency program in mathematics and science in the Nutley Adult School and has been a professor at both Essex County and Bloomfield Colleges. Mr. D'Ambola has also taught in the summer school program in the regional district. He was the manager of a boys baseball team for 10 years and the league director for another five. Currently involved in the Clark girls' softball league, he is the senior class advisor at Nutley High School. The candidate's three daughters all attend Clark public schools and he is an eight-year township resident. A newcomer to Board races, Marlon DiMartino of 37 Harold Ave. has been a Clark resident for 12 years.

Clark schools offer screening

The Clark public schools are looking for children who will be three or four years old by Tuesday, Dec. 31 for their pre-school program. To take advantage of this free screening please telephone 388-6394.

Township expands recycling services

Those who wish items picked up on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays must telephone 388-3600 Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to arrange for this pickup. All items to be picked up must be placed at curbside. The disposal and recycling center is open daily Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Waste motor oil can also be deposited during the week.

Disposal center to close

The Clark Township Disposal and Recycling Center will be closed from Friday, April 5, to Monday, April 8 to observe the Easter holidays, reports Joseph J. Monaco, Business Administrator and director of public works and engineering.

Older Americans

Older Americans... A public service program from the United States Department of Health and Human Services.



BEYOND THE CALL... Stanley Fink, second from left, was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Certificate from the Township of Clark for his outstanding service to the Union County Red Cross. Jerry Goll, right, also made a presentation to Mr. Fink on behalf of the Union County Red Cross. Looking on are Mayor George G. Nucera left, and Mr. Fink's daughter, Irene Fink.

Council: We want Inman Ave. exit

By R.R. Faszczewski
Clark's Township Council March 18 gave its unanimous approval to a resolution urging the state department of transportation to construct an entrance and exit for the Garden State Parkway at Inman Ave., Colonia.

The township has been fighting for the last several months to have the Inman Ave. exit constructed because of what it calls the burdensome increase in traffic in Clark caused by the Clark circle at Exit No. 135 of the parkway. According to Second Ward Councilman William Caruso, one of the leaders of the fight, he is seeking the support of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, of all the rest of the municipalities in Union County and of Woodbridge and Edison in Middlesex County for the new exit.

Councilman Caruso told The Clark Patriot Philip Cerria, the mayor of Woodbridge, has proposed an exit near the Metropark train station in Iselin which may relieve some of Clark's traffic problems, but the councilman is not at all sure it will. Commenting on the opposition of Rahway Mayor Daniel L. Martin and the Rahway City Council to the proposal, Councilman Caruso said Rahway is too far away from the actual traffic problem in Clark to actually be concerned about it.

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PRESENTING COLORS... Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 21 of the Clark-Winfield Girl Scout Assn., shown, left to right, giving the flag ceremony to open a recent meeting of the Valley Road School Parent-Teacher Assn. in Clark, are Jennifer Wollenberg, Susan Marczewski, Jamie Clark and leader, Kathleen Cunningham.

BULLETIN

Following a discussion with Clark Mayor George G. Nucera and Second Ward Councilman William Caruso the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has decided to introduce a resolution on the proposed Inman Ave., Colonia, exit of the Garden State Parkway. The resolution is expected to come up for a vote today at 7:30 p.m. in the freeholders meeting room of the Union County Administration Building, located behind the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth, reports Freeholder Walter Boright.



American Heart Association