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KUMPF'S STUDENT COUNCIL BOARD... Pictured are the newly elected members of the 1986-87 Carl Kumpf School of Clark Student Council Executive Board. They are: Bottom Row (left to right): David Bierdeau, Treasurer; Mike Cummer, 7th Grade Vice President, and Adam Szedaj, 6th Grade Vice President. Top Row (left to right): Tracy Mahon, President; Theresa Ferraro, 8th Grade Vice President, and Stephanie Cummone, Secretary. Mr. James Corcoran, Student Council Faculty Advisor, anticipates a productive year under the leadership of the new council.

Recycling subject of special Council meeting

by Pat DiMaggio

The Clark Municipal Council called a special meeting on Oct. 15 to discuss the state mandated Recycling Program and how it would affect residents of Clark.

The State Solid Waste Management Act provides the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with the authority to require the implementation of mandatory recycling in Union County.

The DEP had set forth the following schedule for compliance: All Union County municipalities must prepare their individual recycling plans and their proposed ordinances by Sept. 14. The county must coordinate these plans and submit them to the state by Oct. 14. By Nov. 14, all municipalities must have adopted ordinances to implement mandatory source separation, collection and marketing of at least one major recyclable material within two months of the 1987 budget adoption.

"What we will be saying to our citizens is that they must separate newspapers, plastic bottles or glass containers," said Councilman Joseph Poznak. "But there's been no talk about a reduction in our garbage bills."

Poznak said that if the township decides to enter into a plan with Union County it would result in an additional cost of $18 per year per household.

"There was no market years ago for this stuff and there's still no market," said Poznak.

At the Oct. 20 meeting of the Municipal Council an ordinance was approved calling for the recycling of newspapers. Council President Ray Krow said that arrangements would be made by the administration for either curbside collection or for citizens to bring their newspapers directly to the city yard. Krow also said that citizens could contribute their newspapers to charitable organizations but the organizations would be responsible for keeping records for the township.

November referendum asks for new fire sub-station, pumper

by Pat DiMaggio

Chief of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department Donald Kellerman urged Council Members to support the referendum for a new fire sub-station and pumper to appear on the ballot on Nov. 4.

Speaking before the regular council meeting held on Oct. 20, Kellerman thanked all those who had signed a petition circulated by the fire department in support of the referendum. Kellerman said more than 1900 signatures were collected.

"Each year everyone remarks about what a great tax saver the volunteer fire department is," said Kellerman, "and tonight I would like to substantiate that. In 1985 we responded to 286 fire calls. We spent 11,187 man hours in the performance of humane duties. This represents better than 287-40 hour work weeks, or roughly, six paid men for an entire year. This was done entirely volunteered by the manpower of the fire department."

In addition, Kellerman said that two fire homes are maintained, drivers and aspirant training is held each Sunday, company training is held monthly and 40 men have been sent to the New Jersey State Fire College.

Kellerman listed reasons for needing a new building and pumper. He cited lack of space, safety and the age of the present pumper.

"Our facilities on West Held Ave are overcrowded and present problems with storage space, walking room around the equipment, lack of convenient bathroom facilities and problems pertaing the apparatus out of the building," said Kellerman. "The present location next to Arthur L. Johnson High School, the Police Department and the library creates many problems for the men and equipment responding to fire calls because of traffic conditions. The pumper in need of replacement was built in 1950. It is in need of repairs and has once than served its useful life."

The cost for the building has been projected at $500,000, said Kellerman, and at $250,000 for the new engine. A total of $750,000 would have to be raised through a bond ordinance. "It is estimated that it would cost each household approximately $15 per year for the next ten years," said Kellerman. "This would affect us as taxpayers but we feel that it is necessary and will allow us to continue providing safe and reliable fire protection for the residents of Clark."

David Carl named ALJ principal

by Pat DiMaggio

Dr. Donald Metachnik, Superintendent of Schools Regional District 1, announced the appointment of Mr. David L. Carl as principal of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

The appointment was made on Oct. 21 at the regular meeting of the Regional Board of Education.

Mr. Carl was appointed as acting principal on Oct. 1 to fill the vacancy left by Louis DeRosa who retired on Sept. 30.

"Mr. Carl is an exceptionally well qualified assistant principal who will do an excellent job as a principal within the regional district," said Dr. Metachnik. "He believes very strongly in academic achievement for students and in the development of a well qualified staff in meeting the needs of each student and parent in the community of Clark. He is well respected by all who know him."

Mr. Carl began work in the regional district in 1961 as a Social Studies teacher at the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. He was also the Director of the District Title I Program for disadvantaged students. In 1973 he was appointed as assistant principal at Arthur L. Johnson.

DAVID CARL

Madison-Raritan traffic light and cat licensing approved by Council

by Pat DiMaggio

The Clark Municipal Council approved a resolution awarding a contract for the installation of a traffic light system at Madison Hill Road and Raritan Road at their regular meeting held on Oct. 20.

"This concludes a long awaited effort by the council," said Council President Ray Krow. A contract was awarded to the low bidder, A.C. Brandner Electrical Contractors, Berkeley Heights, in the amount of $49,986 with the contract to be approved by the Director of Law.

An ordinance regulating the licensing and inoculation of cats was approved on a vote of four in favor with Council Members Bernard Hayden, Brian Todd and Ray Krow opposed.

A Clark resident spoke against adoption of the ordinance saying the licensing of cats was "against their nature". "They are a free animal and people can't always keep them home," said the resident.

Mayor George Nuceta said he would not sign the ordinance. "In reviewing the ordinance I find it is quite faulty," he said.

In other business the council:

Approved a resolution extending for an additional six months the moratorium on satellite dish antenna installations. Councilman Todd voted against the resolution.

Approved a resolution retaining the law firm of Fink and Rosner, P.C., Clark, for the purpose of defending tax appeals filed by property owners before the Union County Board of Taxation at a fee of $75 per case.

Approved a resolution planning approval for the installation of two new fire hydrants to be located on St. Germain Drive.

Appointed the following individuals to the Board of Adjustment: Regular Member, Robert J. Barrett to fill the unexpired term of Stuart F. Posnock, who resigned, which expires 12/31/89; Alternate Member, Gerald Zweiman to fill the unexpired term of Robert Barrett which expires 12/31/87. Alternate Member Leonard J. Kuman to fill the unexpired term of Gerald Zweiman which expires 12/31/86.

Approved a resolution, with the recommendation of the Fire Chief and Business Administrator, rejecting the bid submitted by Rockland Fire Equipment Co., Inc., New York, for the purchase of fire fighting equipment and authorizing the Business Administrator to readvertise for bids.

Kartzman to study chiropractic

David Kartzman, 44 Stonehenge Terrace, Clark, has been accepted into the Doctor of Chiropractic program at the National College of Chiropractic, Lombard, Ill. He joins approximately 900 other students working toward the D.C. degree at National College.

A 1980 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Kartzman completed his premedical studies at Cook College Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore (Dorothy) Kartzman of Clark.

To qualify for the Doctor of Chiropractic degree, Kartzman will complete the requirements by National College's 10 trimester, five academic year curriculum in the basic and clinical sciences, including an internship program at one of the college's three teaching clinics in the Chicago area. He also will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in human biology during his professional training at National College.

Senior Citizens Council to host legislative luncheon

The Annual Legislative Luncheon held by the Senior Citizens Council is now being planned for Friday, October 24, at the Galloping Hill Caterers, Five Point, Union, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The legislative luncheon provides an opportunity for informal dialogue and an airing of issues with those who hold state office.

The morning's agenda will provide time for discussion with the senior citizens on issues of the day before the legislators join the group for a buffet lunch.

In the afternoon session, Council members will have another opportunity to seek action on legislation they feel should be dealt with immediately.

Senior citizens in the Union County area can register for the day by calling in their reservations to the Council office, 964-7555. Reservations must be made as soon as possible and will close October 20.

The luncheon is subsidized by the council and is available to alternates and delegates for $6 and to all senior citizens for $9.

Evelyn Frank, council president, noted that the program, which is informal, "provides an excellent vehicle to ask for clarification on how laws are introduced and which bills are now awaiting passage from a committee to the floor."

Clark Library offers cassettes, window displays

Audio cassettes are now available at the Clark Public Library and may be borrowed by patrons for a period of 14 days.

Also at the library two window displays are being shown this month.

B'Nai B'rith Women JOY Chapter of Clark is showing "Dolls for Democracy." Dolls represented are Golda Meir, Clara Wertzmann, Jane Adams, George Washington Carver, Jonas Salk, Martin Luther King, Emma Lazarus, and St. Frances.

The Clark Volunteer Fire Dept. also has an informative display.

Anyone wishing more information on display guidelines should contact the Circulation Desk.

Country Western dance planned by VFW post

The John T. Ruddy V.F.W. Post, No. 7363 located on Broadway in Clark, will host a Country and Western Dance on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the post home, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Live music will be featured by "Jimmy Day and the Silver Dollar Band." Free beer and snacks will be provided. Participants may bring their own liquor.

Tickets are $8 per person and must be reserved. Phone Frances Kubliska at 388-2888 for Gene Uhlig at 381-7489 for further information and reservations.

Crossing guards needed in Clark

Mayor George G. Nuceta has announced the Clark Police are recruiting adults for the position of school crossing guards.

The salary is $8.95 per hour and includes benefits.

Inquiries may be made at the Clark Traffic Bureau or call 388-8848.

Johnson to host Roselle team

Johnson Regional High School will host Roselle at home at Nolan Field on Saturday, October 25. On this date, Johnson will also honor the Pop Warner football teams from Clark.

Holiday closings

Mayor George G. Nuceta has announced that the Municipal Offices and the Disposal & Recycling Center will be closed Tuesday, November 4, Tuesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 27 in observance of the holidays.

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