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Confusion reigns in garbage issue

by Pat DiMaggio
Clark's Solid Waste Committee is still gathering information on a proposal to change garbage collection into a Township-wide program, said Councilman Robert Ellenport at the council's executive meeting held last week.

Notices sent by haulers two weeks ago to residents advising them of the cost of pick-up for bulk items and grass clippings caused some confusion when the fee schedules were mailed out unsigned. Residents thought the fees were instituted by the Township, said Ellenport, Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee.

"The haulers, by not having signed the mailings, further confused the issues," he said. "They shocked residents. The rates being charged for bulk items and grass clippings were without the input of the township."

Clark is currently serviced by seven scavengers who pick up household waste twice a week. Bulk items and grass clippings must be negotiated separately with residents and their individual haulers. The Solid Waste Committee was appointed to study a proposal by Mayor George Nucera to change to one Township-wide garbage collector.

Ellenport said the township-wide garbage contract proposal is being discussed by neighboring municipalities including Scotch Plains and Perth Amboy. "Based upon initial bids we believe strongly in the committee's recommendation for a Township-wide collector."

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increases," said Councilman Robert Ellenport. The council approved a total of \$101,154 in increases over the mayor's budget and approved a total of \$437,364.04 in decreases over the mayor's budget.

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proposed to separate neighborhoods into districts with fees for garbage collection to be levied according to the districts' valuations.

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Clark met with opposition. Smoke detectors are presently tested by the Fire Prevention Bureau, which is self-sustaining from fees collected from inspectors. The request will be removed from the council's regular April 18 meeting's agenda.



VICTIMS REMEMBERED... William Tisdall of Clark, pictured at right, holds a resolution proclaiming April 17-23 as Crime Victims' Rights Week in the county. James Futomer, Union County Firefighter, at left, noted that the county has a Victim/Witness Assistance Program to aid victims of crimes and witnesses.

Nucera endorses state funding

In a letter written to Assemblyman Bob Franks, Clark Mayor George Nucera endorsed Assembly Concurrent Resolution 97 which would require the state government to fund all new or expanded programs it mandates onto local governments.

"The grass roots support this legislation is receiving its fantastic," said Assembly Majority Conference Leader Bob Franks, co-prime sponsor of the bill along with Assembly Speaker Chuck Hardwick.

"Clearly, local budgets are being shaped as much, if not more, by state mandates as they are by a community's local needs," said Franks. "Through this legislation, for the first time, fiscal integrity and responsibility will be brought to all levels of government and property tax burdens will be relieved."

The bill is currently in the Assembly State Government Committee. Should ACR-97 pass the Legislature by August 6, it will appear on the November ballot for voter approval.

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Members of Y Squares, a square dance club which holds its dances at Kumpf School, Clark, every second and fourth Friday, will



TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER... Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with a program in the school's Halsey Hall, attended by more than 400 people of all ages. Jonathan Dayton was the first of four schools to be open in the district which includes A.L. Johnson in Clark. Among attendees at the anniversary program were Clark Township Council members Carmine Cristiani (left), Carol Pluta and Bernard Hayden (at right) and Melvin Altman (2nd from right), member of the District Board. They heard County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Vito Gagliardi of Clark (inset) address the gathering. Jonathan Dayton Principal Anne Romano organized and emceed the program.

Col. Monaco to speak on drugs

Members of the Clark Senior Center will meet Thursday, April 21, 1 p.m. at the Brewer Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, to hear Col. Joseph J. Monaco, Clark's Business Administrator, talk on "Say 'No' to Drugs."

Col Monaco has received intensive training from the army on this subject and has lectured extensively on it.

He will reveal the extent of drug use in Clark, newest methods of combating it, and detecting its presence visually. He will take questions from the audience.

Regular Senior Center meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m., except during July and August. Refreshments are served.

Photo exhibit at Clark Library

The Clark Art Association is sponsoring an exhibition of photographic art by award-winning commercial photographer Bob Deasy for the month of April at the Clark Public Library.

The collection of limited editions encompasses both black-and-white and color prints, with a diverse range of subject matter from animals to spaces to still life.

The exhibit will run the remainder of the month during normal library hours. The library is located at 303 Westfield Avenue in Clark, next to the police station. For library hours, call 388-5999.

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Council sets pool fees, acts on library air

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Clark Township Council appointed management personnel and set membership fees for the Clark pool at a recent meeting.

The following personnel were appointed for the Clark Community Pool for the 1988 season: Auditor, Frank E. Suplee; Purchasing Authority, Joseph J. Monaco; Treasurer, Jeanne Decker; Pool Director, Thomas Paduano; Assistant Manager, Lisa Haas; Assis-

Mayor expresses support for K of C fund-raiser

Mayor George G. Nucera of Clark issued a proclamation last week in support of the Annual Fund-Raising Drive of the New Jersey State Council, Knights of Columbus, if the field of Mental Retardation, and I sincerely hope that the people of our community will contribute generously to this program.

Grand Knight Ronald Diegan said that the members of the Knights of Columbus Council #5503 will be asking for donations in shopping centers and other public places in the Township of Clark area.

The fund drive, which is being conducted for the 14th consecutive year by the K of C Councils throughout the state, has raised over \$4 million to date.

Honor students named at Montclair State

The following Clark residents have been named to the honor's list at Montclair State College for the fall semester:

Joyce Fischer, Doris Way, majoring in fine arts, 3.50 average; Wendy Godfrey, Lake Ave., home economics major, 3.75

average; Denise McDeade, Dawn Drive, undeclared major, 3.60 average; Douglas Morton, Fairview Rd., physical education major, 3.71 average; Colleen Mullin, Arbor Lane, recreation professions major, 4.0 average; Paula Rounicellis, Westfield Ave., speech and theater major, 4.0 average.

Warning: all dogs must be licensed!

The Township of Clark Bureau of Health reminds all dog owners of the necessity by state law to either renew licensing of their dogs or to register any newly acquired dog over six months of age. A new dog must have had its rabies shot and must show proof when getting a license.

There is a late charge for re-registration of \$1.50. Cost for license is \$5.20 for a dog spayed or neutered and \$8.20 for a dog not spayed or neutered.

The license can be obtained in Room 28 of the Municipal Building (Brewer School), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



FIRST GRADS... 59 Special Police Officers, including nine from the Clark Police Department, received certificates from the First Special Police Basic Training Class of the Union County Police Academy in graduation exercises held at Union High School. Certificates were presented by Union County Prosecutor John Stanler and Scotch Plains Police Chief Robert Luce, President of the Union County Police Chiefs Association. The Clark nine who completed the 6-month intensive training course, are, from the left, in light shirts,

James Gillich, Alexander Miller, William Hofschneider, Harry Mathis, Joseph Antenucci, Ernest Pauliny, Salvatore Ruggiero, Edward Kolesar and Matthew Casady. Also pictured are Chief Anthony T. Smar (5th from left) and Police Dept. Liaison, Lt. William Duffy (3rd from right). Special recognition was afforded Gillich who received the New Jersey Police Training Commission Merit Award and Ruggiero for his assistance as a section leader.

demonstrate square dancing. Refreshments — hot dogs with fixins', coffee, tea, and dessert — are included for the donation of \$3 per person. For tickets, contact Joan Tese, Mayor Nucera's secretary, in Room 24, Municipal Building, before April 15.