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Council asks patience in leaf cleanup

by Pat DiMaggio
Residents who have watched their leaves pile up over the last few weeks can rest assured that they will be picked up, according to Clark's Municipal Council.

During their regular meeting on Monday night, the council declared a "state of emergency" in reference to the leaf situation, and hopes to enter into a contract with Blue and White

Disposal Service, Inc., Plainfield, the same company that completed the Township-wide fall clean-up this month.

The "state of emergency" was approved on the advice of Acting Chief Anton Danco.

If the contract is approved with Blue and White Disposal, pick-up will start within the week, according to Councilman Robert El-

lenport. The leaves will be transported to the Springfield Quarry, with no carry-over in the Township, said Ellenport.

If approved, the contract calls for each 30 cubic yard truckload to cost the Township \$200. Ellenport estimated that 5,200 cubic yards of leaves will be disposed of at a cost to the Township of \$34,600. Residents will be

notified when leaf removal will commence, he said.

During the recently completed fall clean-up program, Blue and White Disposal carted 41 truckloads of debris from Ward 1, 57 loads from Ward 2, 54 loads from Ward 3 and 48 loads from Ward 4, at a total cost to the Township of \$300,000.

The council also approved a resolution officially decid-

ing as public park property the area known as Picketon Park. "Hopefully, in the future, we can put in park equipment and see that it is utilized by the people," said

Councilman William Caruso.

In other business the council:

- Approved the award of a contract to W.E. Timmer-

man Co., Inc., Whitehouse in the amount of \$62,064 for the purchase of a new sewer jet.

- Established the annual salary for the director of law at \$21,918.
- Granted authority for the inclusion of Retired Police Captain John Waterson and Retired Sergeant Robert Hartung in the medical and dental plan benefits now granted to retired Township employees who

have completed 25 years of continuous service, when they reach 65.

- Accepted a proposal for a ContraCom II console including installation, one year maintenance and temporary setup of a radio station during the installation, for the total amount of \$69,700, to Motorola Communications and Electronics Inc., Glen Rock.
- Released payment of \$60,000 to Blue and White

Disposal Service Inc., Plainfield, for ward clean-up.

- Authorized payment in the amount of \$23,141 to Fire and Safety Services, Piscataway.
- Withdrew the request for bids for the improvement of King Street and directed the business administrator to redraft the bid specifications to clarify the maximum allowable amount for the assessable curbing.

Declares 'state of emergency'



BEFORE THE VOTE . . . At the height of the Presidential campaign, students in Karen Wolf's social studies class at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark conducted their own version of Decision '88. The 8th graders prepared themselves by reading newspapers and magazines, watching the debates, analyzing both sides, and evaluating the issues. They brought their ideas and opinions to a spirited round table discussion — a meaningful exchange that gave added dimension to the Bush vs. Dukakis decision. Pictured (back row) (front row): John Fleckenstein, Melissa Barto, and Karen Schmidt; (back row) Yvonne Clark, Melissa Cohen, Cathy Blekshe; Tammy Glowacki, and Michael Cheng.

FIRST CUT . . . N.J. Secretary Arthur R. Brown Jr. contends that a "Jersey Fresh" holiday meal "can't be beat." Slicing turkey for Muriel Ashley, a turkey grower in Flanders, Brown stressed the freshness and versatility of New Jersey's crops still available at farm stands, pick-your-own markets, or local supermarkets.

County C of C sponsors small business seminar

Kean College of New Jersey in Union has recently received approval for the establishment of a Small Business Development Center to provide free assistance to small businesses. A seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 8 a.m. (registration at 7:30).

Janet Steele Holloway, Statewide Director of the N. J. Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Rutgers Graduate School of Management in Newark, will be present at the seminar — at the Union County Chamber of Commerce office in Elizabeth — to explain the entire operation of the Center and the various services and types of counseling offered.

The one-hour program will end promptly at 9 a.m. It is open to all area business people.

Prospective participants are urged to get reservations in early since seating is limited. To reserve seating, call the Chamber office, 352-0900.

Clark Art Assn. to host Wilkinson

The Clark Art Association's program for Thursday, December 1 will be a print workshop in linoleum block. Dorothy Wilkinson, popular artist and printmaker, will be the instructor. Mrs. Wilkinson received her degree in art from the duCret School of the Arts, studied with local artist/teacher Charles Miller of Rahway, Wayland Gregory, Bound Brook, and Robert E. Lee.

Mrs. Wilkinson is a Charter Member of the Clark Art Association, serving as its first President in 1969. She is also a member of the Summit, Westfield, Kenilworth, and Creative Artists Art Associations.

She has won numerous awards and exhibits throughout New Jersey. Her works are currently included at The Art Studio Fine Art Gallery, Irving St., Rahway.

The program will be held 8 p.m. at Clark Town Hall (Brewer School), Westfield Ave. The public is invited. Participation fee for materials are members, \$1 and non-members, \$3. For information call Dot at 388-8657.



Fire Dept. seeks members

The Clark Volunteer Fire Department is accepting applications for new members. Any township resident interested may obtain an application form any Thursday evening between 7 and 9 p.m. and any Sunday morning between 9 and noon at fire headquarters on Broadway.

Requirements: good driving record, between 18 and 40 years of age and residing in the township of Clark.

Taxpayers' group seeks members

"With the growing power of the political action committees (PACs) who represent the self-interest groups, the taxpayer has even less voice! Pro-taxpayer legislation is being fought vigorously, at all levels of government by these PACs and politicians who do their bidding." So says the Clark Civic & Taxpayers Committee, Inc., citing the following three examples:

- 1) The People's Right to Petition (Initiative & Referendum) in Trenton;
- 2) the Balanced Budget Amendment in D.C.; and
- 3) locally what happens when "we, the people" vote down the school budget but still get hit with an ever-growing school cost!

UCC to hike tuition

The Board of Trustees of Union County College recently approved a two-stage tuition increase: \$5 per credit hour on January 1, 1989, and \$5 on June 1, 1989. Tuition for Union County residents will be \$36 per credit hour effective January 1, and \$41 per credit hour effective June 1.

Dr. Derek N. Nunney, UCC president, pointed out that this will be the college's first tuition increase in 4-1/2 years as the High Education Price Index increased 30 percent. He said the tuition increase will cost the average Union County student an additional \$45 in January and an additional \$45 in September.

Pressures of increases for Blue Cross-Blue Shield benefits for employees, for insurance coverage, for utilities and for garbage removal, are blamed for the hike.

prices, closing of two schools, and an almost non-existent rate of inflation, the school bureaucracy finds it necessary to absorb a huge chunk of our local taxes."

Write to the CCTC for a membership application at P.O. Box 744, Clark 07066. Attn: Marion Stunger. Single membership is \$3, double, \$5.

It is the aim of Clark Civic & Taxpayers Committee, Inc. (CCTC) to inform and increase public awareness of issues directly or indirectly affecting the taxpayer at all levels of government! The committee is a non-political organization, except to work toward the enactment of legislation which is in the interest of the taxpayer and toward the repeal of any legislation adverse thereto.

The CCTC is looking for support. "The big spenders, bureaucrats and other users of taxes are well organized and delight in fighting us with our own money!" stated a CCTC spokesperson.

He added, "Each and every bureaucrat will tell you how much they have done over the years. Remember, all this time we've been paying top tax dollars in spite of this our roads are in disgraceful condition, our school system saps the life's blood out of a community by oppressive, ever-climbing school budgets. In spite of a large reduction in student population, reduction in oil

Efforts renewed to impose smoking ban at ALJ

by Pat DiMaggio
The Regional Board of Education, governing policy at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, will try once again to implement a ban on smoking on all school properties for all school employees and visitors.

At its regular meeting on November 8, the board approved for first reading a new policy banning smoking in the Regional district. According to Thomas Long, assistant to the superintendent for public relations, the board introduced a similar policy several months ago, but withdrew it before final approval to allow staff members and students an opportunity to attend smoking cessation classes.

The new policy would enforce a smoking ban for all students in all facilities of the Regional High Schools, on school sites, athletic fields, in buildings and on vehicles when students are transported.

If the ban is adopted, effective January 1, smoking will not be permitted by any staff member, at any time, in all facilities of the Regional

district, including athletic fields, and board vehicles. The ban will pertain to teachers, teacher aides, administrators, supervisors, interpreters, secretaries, clerks, custodians, maintenance staff, cafeteria employees, bus drivers and all other employees of the district, as well as vendors or consultants who may be employed by the board.

Second reading and possible final adoption for this policy will be held at an open public meeting on December 6, at 8 p.m., in the Instructional Media Center of the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield.

Students who violate the policy will be disciplined and staff members will also face reprimands from the administration.

During the 1988-89 school year, the Regional district will provide free smoking cessation programs for any staff member or student desiring to participate. Prospective employees will be

informed of this policy prior to employment, and citizens who are observed smoking on school sites, at athletic activities, in buildings and at graduation ceremonies will be asked to refrain.

Girls' softball names officers

At the annual meeting of the Girls' Softball League of Clark the following were elected to the Board of Directors: Joe Chimento, John Kolmos, and Diane Triola.

The Board of Directors elected officers as follows: President — Howard Flisser, Vice-President — Frank Perelli, Secretary — Tom Bishop, and Treasurer — Joe Chimento.



ALJ HOMECOMING CANDIDATES . . . Once again ALJ has selected its Homecoming Court for the 1988-89 school year. The nominees are seniors, seated from left, Jen Burns, Maria Cutinello, Donna Miller; and top row, Stacy Stewart, Donna Black, Kelly Koch, Bethann O'Brien and Jenny Ostzewski. The candidates were chosen by the faculty who based their choice on academic standing, personality, poise and extracurricular activities.