

## Cohen seeks regionalization of solid waste facilities

If Union County residents are to see any financial relief from skyrocketing garbage disposal costs, county officials must find ways to regionalize such services, according to Union County Freeholder Neil Cohen.

"There is a misperception that once Union County constructs its Resource Recovery plant in Rahway, our problems will finally be over," Cohen said.

"However, once the garbage is burned, we still face the problem of what to do

with the ashes that are left behind," said the freeholder. "And this problem carries a significant price tag all its own."

Cohen faulted the Union County Utilities Authority, which is an independent agency not subject to the Board of Freeholders, for not addressing the subject of ash disposal, an issue he raised at a meeting in May, 1988.

"We need a comparative analysis of the costs of shipping the ash out of state versus regionalizing with

neighboring counties to operate a single ash dump locally that would eliminate transportation costs," Cohen said.

Some estimates already project the cost of an "ashfill," a landfill for the ash generated by resource recovery facilities, could run to nearly \$48 million, according to the freeholder. Cohen said it was imperative that the Legislature act on a bill (A-239) sponsored by Middlesex County Assemblyman George Spadaro, requiring the state

Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Commission to address the issue of ash disposal.

"If each county moves ahead individually, without any coordination by the state, we may end up with the costliest garbage disposal system ever dreamed of," Cohen said.

"Before counties move ahead and finance their own ashfills, state and county officials must take a serious look at whether a regional approach would be the cheapest alternative."

Every county does not necessarily have to have its own ashfill," said the freeholder.

Cohen warned that the Union County Utilities Authority is considering a site in the industrial section of Elizabeth, on Kaprowick Road, for such an ashfill.

However, the Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Commission "has not included resource recovery facility ash in its assessment of the state's disposal capacity requirements for hazardous waste disposal, and has not made any pro-

visions for the disposal of this ash," according to Spadaro's bill.

The proposed bill also warns that while the state is going about approving nearly 18 resource recovery facilities, the plans for the disposal of the ash only require that it be placed in "adjacent landfills equipped with the minimum protective devices."

Cohen said Spadaro's bill would establish guidelines ensuring that the ash from the resource recovery plants be managed in an environmentally sound manner.



AND I ALSO WANT... Santa listens carefully as two-year-old Matthew John Costello of Westfield whispers his Christmas list during Rahway Hospital's First Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Members of the hospital family gathered together with friends and relatives to sip hot chocolate and sing holiday carols as they took part in this new tradition. Santa arrived courtesy of the hospital's Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) to distribute candy canes to children.

## City awards contract to East Orange firm for refuse collection

by Pat DiMaggio  
At a special meeting last week, Rahway's Municipal Council awarded a contract for refuse collection and disposal.

It went to White Brothers, of East Orange.

Bids had also been received from B.F.I., Inc. Arace Brothers (who currently collect refuse in the City), and the Petrozello Company.

The three-year contract included a base bid of \$1,753,000, according to Councilman Max Sheld. The contract also includes provisions for trash (not generated from kitchen refuse) at \$15,000, building materials at \$15,000, schools at \$15,000 and multi-family dwellings at \$9.50 per unit. Dumpsters would carry a rental fee of \$270.

The City will save approximately \$273,800 during the three-year contract, said Sheld.

The contract was approved unanimously with Harvey Williams absent. The Organization meeting and swearing in of new council members will be held on Monday, January 2 at 8 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

at the meeting, Councilmen Jerry Coleman, James Fulcomer, John Marsh, Max Sheld, George Wagenhoffer and Harvey Williams were recognized for their terms of service to City government. The Organization meeting and swearing in of new council members will be held on Monday, January 2 at 8 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

## Pvt. Johnson completes course

Pvt. Amos Johnson Jr., stepson of Thelma L. Perkins of Lafayette St., Rahway, has completed a supply course at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the course, students received instruction in the maintenance of stock records and the procedures necessary to receive, store, issue and ship supplies and materials.

Johnson is a 1988 graduate of Francis M. Wood High School, Baltimore.

## No garbage pick-up Jan. 2

Because of the state closing of landfills on the holiday, there will be no garbage pick-up on Monday, January 2.

Garbage will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled day.

Happy NEW YEAR

## Board of Ed defeats motion to rescind coach appointment

by Pat DiMaggio  
A motion to rescind an appointment drew fire from a board member at Rahway's Board of Education meeting held last week.

The motion, which would have rescinded the appointment of an assistant girls' basketball coach, was not on the new business agenda when the board ended a private session. Board Member Peter Kowal moved the item for discussion.

Kowal said that there are, at present, two co-coaches for the 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball program, and said that it was one too many. "We are the only district in the county paying \$6,000 for 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball," he said. "This is a gross mistake by the board and a misappropriation of money. I strongly disagree with it."

Kowal said that if a female coach had been hired, the problem would have been alleviated. The varsity team at the High School has been eliminated, he said, because of poor participation. There is currently one coach at the assistant varsity level, one coach for junior varsity and two coaches for the 7th and 8th grades.

Kowal has attended several basketball games and noted that, at the High School at one game, only eight girls suited up with no practice. He accused the coaches of "tremendous mismanagement." "And now we are rewarding these guys," he continued.

Board Member Robert Munsey explained that the additional coach is needed for "equity" among the girls' and boys' teams. "The board's position for Affirmative Action reasons is to keep the ratio the same for the boys' and girls' teams at 11 to 1," he said. "We are trying to beef up the 7th and 8th grade programs to re-ignite interest and to generate more girls to have a varsity team. The \$2,200 cost to the board (for the 2nd coach)

shows equity in the girls' program."

In a vote on the motion to rescind the second coach, only Kowal and Board Member Antonio Garay voted in favor.

In other new business the council:

- Appointed Carmen Haytko as a special education aide at Madison School.
- Appointed Martin Kitch as a special education CORE teacher at the High School at \$25,223.

— Appointed Lawrence Watkins as a science teacher at the High School at \$42,020.

— Added Ellen Pankuch to the substitute list.

— Created and posted the position of teacher's aide for an emotionally-classified student at Roosevelt School.

— Appointed Celeste Ruzak as a clerk/typist at Roosevelt School at \$9,654.

— Accepted, with regret, the retirement resignation of Edward Zapkus, High School custodian.

## Board of Ed processes heavy docket

### Gives nod to change in tot enrollment age date

by Pat DiMaggio  
Rahway's Board of Education, at its regular meeting on December 20, approved for first reading a motion that will change the effective age cut-off date for pre-school children to four years of age by September 1, effective with the start of the 1990-91 school year, were unanimously approved by the board.

A committee composed of administrators, board members, teachers and parents made the recommendation, according to Board Member Lori Kennedy. "After researching and collecting data we concluded that it would be best for our children to change the entrance date," said Kennedy. "When we looked at the trend throughout the country, we found 43 states with an earlier cut-off date and six states with the same or later. We think this is a significant factor since standardized tests are the norm throughout the country."

Second reading of the motion and possible final adoption will take place at the January 17 meeting of the board.

In other business the board:

- Authorized its secretary to arrange with the Ebenezer African Episcopal Church to use one of the district buildings for Sunday worship for an extended period of time while their new church is being constructed.
- Ratified the appointment of Curtis Jackson as acting head custodian at the High School.
- Approved \$6.50 per hour as the rate of pay for substitute custodians.
- Approved Frederick Canady and Jean Paul Pierre as substitute custodians.

- Approved a motion to allocate up to \$400 to pay for the expenses of Charles Brainard to perform with the "All Eastern Band" in Boston, Mass., March 2-5, sponsored by the Music Educators Conference.
- Adjusted the salaries of Paul DiGianno, Adult School Director, from \$4,800 for 1987-88 to \$5,000 for 1988-89; and of Carmine Venes, Saturday Enrichment Coordinator, from \$2,400 for 1987-88 to \$2,500 for 1988-89.
- Adjusted the salary of Donald Pennell to \$27,992.
- Adjusted the salary of Harry Reiser to \$41,192.
- Appointed JoAnne Campanelli as play assistant for the High School at \$725.
- Appointed Lajuane Barth as a substitute secretary at the rate of \$13 per hour.
- Accepted the resignation of James Rath, special education teacher at the High School.
- Accepted the resignation of Agnes Barry, science teacher at the Intermediate School.
- Accepted the resignation of Linda Foster, gifted and talented teacher at the Intermediate School.
- Added Marianne Riley, Robert Heller and Milton Schloff to the substitute teacher list.
- Appointed Marcia Bigos as a teacher at Roosevelt School at \$29,481.
- Accepted the resignation of Valerie Olcott.
- Changed the unrecognized title of Director of

- Pupil Personnel Services to Director of Student Personnel Services.
- Submitted an application under the State Department of Education for Economic Security Act in the amount of \$3,766.
- Approved the following title changes: "Supervisor of Curriculum" to "Director of Curriculum," "Director of Pupil Personnel Services" to "Director of Student Personnel Services," and "Chemical Health Consultant" to "Substance Awareness Coordinator."
- Submitted to the county superintendent of schools for approval to use the unrecognized title of "Director of Curriculum and Instruction" for the 1988-89 school year.
- Created and posted the position of teacher aide for kindergarten classes at the Madison School.
- Accepted a donation of 110 musical instrument toys as gifts from Paul Vahradnik to be used for the pre-kindergarten program.
- Accepted a donation of candy from Liberty Bell Transportation Company, Edison, for the Chapter 1 pre-school program.
- Accepted a donation of 110 activity books as gifts from Nicole Bilarczyk to be used for the pre-kindergarten program.
- Authorized an application for the Basic Skills Improvement Program, State Compensatory Education and Education Consolidation and Improvement Act.

- Authorized the application for Carryover Funds.
- Submitted an application under the Governor's Teacher Grant Program for the 1989-90 school year, entitled "Homework Help Line" developed by Patricia Kasper, Cleveland School.
- Approved the job description for special class student aide.
- Approved payment in the amount of \$10,055 to Morton, Russo and Maggio for professional services rendered at the High School.
- Approved final payment in the amount of \$808.52 to Morton, Russo and Maggio for services rendered on the Roosevelt School repaving project.
- Approved payment in the amount of \$2,634.60 to F.A. Pratt, Inc. for electrical work completed on the Franklin School heating and ventilating project.
- Approved payment in the amount of \$16,365.40 to F.A. Pratt, Inc. for mechanical work completed on the Franklin School heating and ventilating project.
- Declared an IBM 85 typewriter as surplus.
- Accepted a \$250 donation from the Sideliners to offset the cost of lighting at the night football game with Summit.
- Approved a resolution determining the form and other details of \$619,000 school bonds.



THE PLEASURE OF GIVING... Rahway residents Eleanor Hudzik, Gordon Harris, Joan Kryvernick and Edith Roberts were recently feted at the Rahway Hospital's Annual Hospice Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, which included a formal dinner. The volunteer members of the hospital's Hospice team were awarded certificates for their achievements.

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**HEALTHY RIDE** . . . Clark resident Joseph Bilella was the first outpatient to utilize Rahway Hospital's all-new Healthy Heart Center. He is following an individualized program developed under the guidance of an interdisciplinary team led by the center's Medical Director. To his right is Cardiac Rehabilitation Coordinator Linda Murphy. The Healthy Heart Center is dedicated to the prevention of cardiac disease and the rehabilitation of those who have incurred heart attacks. Further information on this progressive program can be obtained by calling 499-8073.

## Dedicated DWI fighters honored

The State Commission on Drunk Driving has issued commendations to 11 municipal and state police officers for their outstanding efforts in fighting drunk driving through educating themselves to education and public awareness activities as well as enforcing the state's drunk driving statutes.

At a recognition ceremony, held during National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, State Attorney General Cary Edwards said, "Not only will we continue to vigorously enforce New Jersey's drunk driving laws, but we will continue to educate the public about the dangers of driving while under the influence of anything, whether drugs or alcohol."

The Attorney General illuminated trees in front of the Justice Complex with 765 white lights to symbolize the number of lives saved since 1981, when New Jersey had a peak number of drunk driving deaths of 376.

Division of Highway Traffic Safety Director William

T. Taylor said, "We need to be especially aware of the dangers of drunk and drugged driving during the holiday season. People need to learn to choose strategies that will get them home safely, such as picking a designated driver, who stays sober and drives friends who have been drinking."

The division's statistics show that in 1987, 31 people were killed on New Jersey roadways during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Also, the number of fatal accidents per month rises during the late fall and hits a peak in December, Taylor said.

The division, a branch of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety headed by the Attorney General, develops and implements programs to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities caused by motor vehicle accidents.



## Hospital offers new year smokeless program

Make a New Year's Resolution—quit smoking. Beginning January 11, Overlook Hospital will start its state-of-the-art "Smokeless System" program.

The program gives participants many techniques that not only help the person quit, but also help them to stay smokeless forever.

To fit all schedules, two class times are offered: 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The nine classes will span four weeks to give participants the support they need.

Call Overlook's Department of Health Education at 522-2963 for more information and registration.

## Vo-tech lists spring courses

Union County Vocational-Technical School recently distributed 160,000 tabloid informational brochures for its Spring 1989 Semester. Many day school as well as evening division programs are available in over 15 Trade and Industry areas.

Day school courses with openings for the spring term include Baking, Food Service, Commercial Art, Diesel Mechanics, Electronics, Machine Shop and Welding. Day school classes begin on January 30; evening division, January 19.

Anyone who has not yet received a copy of the Vo-tech Spring brochure or who needs further information, may call the Admissions Office at 889-2000.

## Champagne corks pose eye danger

Champagne is a traditional ingredient in most New Year's Eve celebrations. But the festivities could turn to tragedy if a popping champagne cork strikes someone in the eye.

Dr. John W. Norris, Director of the Northern New Jersey Eye Institute in South Orange warns that a flying champagne cork acts like a small projectile and is a potentially blinding weapon.

According to Norris, the cork is just small enough to get by the facial bones that normally protect our eyes from larger objects. The impact of an airborne cork can cause painful surface damage or even serious internal damage which could lead to blindness. There is also the possibility of developing a traumatic cataract which is more difficult to treat than a cataract caused by the aging process.

Champagne should be opened when chilled to about 45 degrees. A few simple rules of thumb should insure a holiday celebration free of eye trauma.

1) Keep the bottle cold. Warm bottles are more likely to explode unexpectedly.

2) Remove the foil over the cork and then carefully remove the wire mesh while holding the palm of your hand over the cork.

3) Place a towel over the entire top of the bottle and tilt it to a 45 degree angle. Grip the cork firmly with one hand while slowly twisting it to break the seal. If the cork will not budge, run cool water over it for a few seconds. Keeping the bottle at 45 degrees, hold the cork firmly and gently "roll" the cork until it comes out of the bottle, rather than "popping" it.



**FOR CONTRIBUTED SERVICES** . . . Ann Baran (left), acting Union County Deputy Manager and Director, Dept. of Human Services, and Fran Sabatino (right) Union County representative and vice-chairman of the county Private Industry Council (PIC), presided over recent ceremonies honoring, among others, the Rahway Community Action Organization, represented by Rev. Edward Allen (center). The honorees were contributors to the county summer jobs program.

## Contributors to jobs program honored

The Union County Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP), which provided over 880 youths with jobs or training services this past summer, recently held an awards luncheon to honor their public/private sector contributors.

"The county received an additional \$100,000 in state funds for the SYETP, based on its outstanding performance during the summer of 1988," said Brian Fahey, Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman and Private Industry Council (PIC) liaison. "This shows what a great job the Union County

Department of Human Services and the PIC are doing, and it is even more gratifying, since this is a time when summer youth funds have been reduced statewide and nationally."

Awards were presented to the N.J. Employment Service for the Private Sector Jobs Program, National State Bank and United Jersey Bank for their financial contributions.

The following were honored for classroom and work experience programs: Roselle Board of Education, Elizabeth Board of Education, Plainfield Board of

Education, Plainfield Housing Authority, Grant Ave. Community Center, Union County Day Treatment Center, Plainfield Mayor's Task Force on Youth, Westfield Community Center, Union County Regional High School, Elizabeth Summer Youth Employment and Training Program, Rahway Community Action Organization.

Ann Baran, acting Deputy County Manager and Director, Department of Human Services, and Fran Sabatino, Vice Chair of PIC, presided over the ceremonies.

Baran and Sabatino agreed that Union County Government's commitment to the program was evident by its funding of a full-time youth coordinator, the emphasis on year-round youth services and by providing a centralized job bank and referral services for all youths, regardless of income.

Representatives from the N.J. Department of Labor praised the outstanding record of the program and the county's efforts to involve the community, businesses, government and education in providing meaningful work experiences and its emphasis on remedial and vocational skills training programs.

This Christmas season, these four, along with almost 6,000 Americans of all ages and backgrounds, celebrated the season of giving in the towns and villages of 63 countries around the world.

Peace Corps Director Lorett Miller Ruppe, reflecting on her travels to volunteer sites around the world, notes: "In country after country, I have been honored to accept the deepest thanks and appreciation, on behalf of our volunteers, from presidents and ministers, but most of all from the people—the villagers, farmers, women, laborers, and youth... for the special gift our volunteers bring."

And in giving, the volunteer receives. Lee Iacocca is just one among the many leaders of American business, banking, and academia who have noted that "Services in the Peace Corps develops leadership, resourcefulness, and sensitivity, qualities I look for when I hire managers. The continued growth of America is going to depend more and more upon the kinds of skills, perspectives and cross-cultural experiences brought back by returning Peace Corps volunteers."

Applications are now being sought for expanding programs throughout the world. There is an urgent need for U.S. citizens with

## Christmas in the Peace Corps

### Volunteers needed for new year

This holiday season, 659 men and women from the tri-state area spent their Christmas at Peace Corps volunteers in 65 countries around the world.

Margaret Legowski, 33, of Westfield, left her position as Chair of the Far Hills Country Day School Social Studies Dept. to spend two years in Sri Lanka, sharing her skills with local teachers of English. Joining the Peace Corps, she says, is a chance to do her part in narrowing the development gap between the first and third worlds.

Others from the tri-state area include Donald Begley, 61, a retired small businessman from Morris (serving in St. Lucia in the Caribbean); College grad Timothy Mahoney, 22, of Westogue, (serving in Guatemala); and Stephanie Fager, 25, a research technologist from Forest Hills, N.Y. (serving in Papua, New Guinea).

Interested applicants should call 264-0981, or write Peace Corps Recruitment, 90 Church St., Room 1317, New York, NY 10007.

five or more years of teaching experience to take part in a one-year teacher education program to begin this spring in the Philippines.

In agriculture, individuals are being sought who have commercial farm experience, or have participated in 4-H, FFA or FHA programs. Other assignments include forestry, special education, business, and health and nutrition.

A college degree is not required for many job assignments. However, an individual must be at least 18 and should have at least three to five years of full-time work experience.

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## Discount offered to early bird camp registrants

The YM-YWHA of Union County is offering incentives to early registrants for its summer camp program. Those signing up until February 24 will be entitled to pay last summer's camp fees.

There will also be a 10 percent family discount on a 2nd child, and 20 percent off on additional children.

For more information on camp '89, contact Program Director, Ken Mandel at 289-8112.

## Wine, beer, shots pack same punch

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