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Kennedy:

Incinerator not answer for city fiscal woes

Democratic Mayoral candidate James J. Kennedy today strongly endorsed Governor Florio's four-month moratorium on the construction of 21 county incinerators.

Kennedy stated "There has not been enough scientific or technical analysis regarding incinerator operation. The Florio Administration recognizes solid waste treatment technology is changing rapidly.

The Martin Administration should have exhibited greater caution before making Rahway the disposal site for 1,440 tons of daily county garbage. The incinerator will expose our children to increased health hazards."

Kennedy noted "Warren County has an incinerator which has produced extremely toxic ash byproduct. Disposal costs for this toxic ash is three

times more costly than typical solid waste costs."

Kennedy claimed "The incinerator is a disastrous 'solution' to escalating property taxes. Against the rapidly rising costs of the expanded Martin/Hartnett Administration, there will be no real financial benefit to our city."

"Rahway has fought for years to shed the image of Martin/Hartnett was also making absolutely no sense

for Rahway to become a major state garbage incinerator center."

"The construction of an extensive incinerator will have a seriously harmful impact on the city's reputation and property value," argued Kennedy.

"While attempting to sell needed park land to offset soaring municipal costs, the Martin/Hartnett was also welcoming the construction

of a major incinerator," stated Kennedy.

"This Administration has caused the greatest single proportionate property tax increase in this City's financial history. Now the Martin/Hartnett Administration is attempting to bail out the cost of runaway government by selling the remaining park land and bringing in a tremendous in-

crease in property taxes, an unproven track record," stated Kennedy.

"Property taxpayers need long-term fiscal planning and stability. We can't afford short term 'fix-its' at the expense of our future and the health of our families," concluded Kennedy.



James J. Kennedy, mayoral hopeful

Hartnett:

Moratorium will bring larger incinerator!

Calls Kennedy/Brown position 'dangerous and uninformed'



KEEP IT SMALL... Union County Utilities Authority Treasurer and Union County Treasurer Joseph Hartnett, shown with the scale model of the Rahway science recovery project, does not want to see the project become a "super-regional facility."

Rahway Business Administrator and Union County Utilities Authority Treasurer Joseph Hartnett issued a warning today against "the dangerous and uninformed position taken by the local Kennedy-Brown alliance in favor of a moratorium on the Rahway Resource Recovery project."

"The only possible change that could occur from such a 'pause' or 'moratorium' is that Rahway will be forced to accept a larger, more regional incinerator, instead of one with all the built-in protections for Rahway citizens we have fought for over the years," Hartnett said. "Let's keep it as small as it is," Hartnett stated.

Referring to recently announced mayoral candidate Jim Kennedy and David Brown of the Concerned Citizens for the Environment, Hartnett said, "These two gentlemen are posing a serious threat to Rahway citizens by joining together

to support having the incinerator project included in the Florio administration's pause on resource recovery. If they care about Rahway, they would join the Martin administration in being against including Rahway in the pause."

The City Administrator noted, "through State Assembly Members Deverin, Hudak, and Cohen, and other sources, we have maintained direct contact on an almost daily basis with Governor Florio personally and with his administration. It has been made crystal clear to us that the sole purpose of the upcoming pause on resource recovery is not to stop it in New Jersey, but to promote regionalization."

"Therefore," Hartnett explained, "the only possible change for a project as far along as the Rahway project, if it is included in the moratorium, is that it will be forced to take in and burn more waste than it is

presently meant to; to become a super-regional facility."

The Utilities Authority official noted that the current plant design is for 1,440 tons per day of waste, or enough to serve Union County.

Hartnett criticized Kennedy for being "a follower of Mr. Brown's instead of a leader. Instead of pandering for votes from anti-resource recovery persons, he should be joining us in trying to protect the community, as we have consistently done over the years through every possible means, including lawsuits when necessary."

The Administrator said that "anyone who wants to see Rahway get a bigger incinerator just has to support the Kennedy/Brown position. This is unwise," Hartnett declared, adding, "it's a pipe dream if anyone is foolish enough to believe that supporting the Florio pause will make the Rahway project disappear."

"This project is real, it has its permits, it has its signed host community contract, the voters of Rahway voted for it, and it's going to happen," Hartnett said. "And, if we can successfully oppose those exploiting the issue for their personal agendas, like Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Brown, we can keep it to a reasonable size," Hartnett said.

Hartnett challenged the Kennedy/Brown alliance to "produce one shred of evidence that I'm wrong. I challenge them to show the people of Rahway anything to prove that the pause from Trenton might lead to cancellation of the Rahway project," Hartnett said. "It just is not true and it's deceitful for Kennedy and Brown to be trying to sell this line."

Hartnett included by saying, "I do not usually speak up during the political campaigns, but when it comes to resource recovery I have been appointed to

protect the interests of Rahway's citizens, and that is just what I will always do. I will fight any politician, Republican or Democrat, who try to hurt Rahway, and that includes Jimmy Kennedy and Dave Brown, whenever and if necessary," he said.

Historic gift shops to open

The Merchant's and Drover's and Terrell Tavern Museums will have the grand opening of the Gift Shop for the 1990 season on Saturday and Sunday, April 7 & 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Rahway Historical Society operates the Gift Shop, housed in the Terrell Tavern, and all profits go toward the restoration of the 250 year-plus buildings.

The selection of items in the Gift Shop includes a variety of hand-crafted goods some of which are specifically designed for the upcoming Easter & Spring Season. Both taverns which have been restored and furnished in the colonial period; are located at the corner of St. George and Westfield Avenues in Rahway.

For the Gift Shop schedule of future hours and dates, or for more information regarding museum tours, call 381-0441.



HIGH SCORERS... Bryan Currie and Caroline Chen, members of Rahway High's Chem I Science League competition team, were high scorers, which helped bring their team up to within one place of the top in their division in a statewide competition.

Rahway students triumph in science competition

Rahway High School students are, famous throughout New Jersey for their athletic and academic successes. Among their recent athletic feats have been the football, wrestling, and girls' basketball teams' splendid seasons, and their recent academic feats have included the Academic Challenge, Mock Trials and most recently, Science League award-winning teams.

Rahway students participate in the N.J. Science League, a state-wide organization divided into divisions, each including about seven schools. With Rahway in its division are Carteret, Colonia, Hoffman, Mother Seton, JFK (JFK and Woodbridge).

Rahway High's Biology Team includes Ravinder Roopia and Tracy Siegar; its Chemistry I team includes Caroline Chen, Bryan Currie, Eric Kahlilio, Eric Sloan and Alex Soem; and its Chemistry II team includes Jennifer Edmonds, Natasha Harris, John Tar and Tim Tobias.

On March 8, four members of our Chemistry I team, Caroline Chen, Bryan Currie, Eric Kahlilio and Eric Sloan competed in a match—with other four-member teams of 19-year chemistry students in the division. Rahway High Chem I came in 2nd among the seven area schools.

Caroline Chen and Bryan Currie were Rahway's high scorers. In addition, Caroline Chen scored 2nd of all the 28 students who took part in Chem I competition.

Gifted students get inside story on police work

by Pat DiMaggio

Police Officer Janice Witheridge gave an oral presentation to students at the Rahway Intermediate School on the requirements necessary to become a police officer. On Tuesday, March 13, Officer Witheridge addressed students of the Schoolwide Gifted and Talented Program, grades seven and eight, and discussed training, equipment used and equipment carried by police officers while on duty.

Mrs. Terri DiMatteo, instructor for the program, expressed thanks to Rahway Police Chief Barry Henderson for providing an officer to speak to her class.



COPS USE MANY SKILLS... Rahway Police Officer Janice Witheridge addresses a class of students from the Gifted and Talented Student Program at the Rahway Intermediate School.



WELL EQUIPPED... Officer Witheridge of the Rahway Police demonstrates equipment used in police vehicles to Rahway Intermediate School students.

Buy-back to shift 2.26 acres from Chase to Hartz

Some Chase parking to be shared

by Pat DiMaggio

At a special meeting held last week, Rahway's Municipal Council approved a resolution authorizing a buy-back of 2.26 acres of land from Chase Trans-Info, Inc. to allow expansion by Hartz Mountain Industries of the Rahway Corporate Center.

The buy-back of the land will allow Hartz Mountain Industries, which purchased 11 acres of land located in back of City Hall, to continue their plans for a mixed-use development. Hartz' concept includes development of 120,000 square feet of office space, a modern eight-screen movie theatre, 75,000 square feet of retail space and a 150-room hotel.

Chase Trans-Info, Inc. will retain sufficient acreage to maintain its existing building and parking spaces. Appraisals in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development established the purchase price of the land at \$210,000 per

acre for a total of \$474,600 for the 2.26 acres.

The council also approved a resolution amending a prior agreement whereby Chase will have the exclusive use of 50 off street parking spaces located on its property during the hours of 6 p.m.

to 6 a.m. and on weekends and legal holidays. During this period, the remaining spaces will be available for shared use between Chase and the City and also for use by the development to be constructed in the corporate center area.

Ballet preview tomorrow at 11

The N.J. Ballet, which will be performing at Rahway's Union County Arts Center Saturday evening at 8 p.m., will provide a preview in the form of a lecture-demo and mini-concert, at the arts center at 11 a.m. tomorrow (April 6).

Several hundred students from Rahway and Linden schools are expected to attend.

The arts center is located at the junction of Main and Irving Streets and Central Avenue.

tend, and the public is welcome to attend also. Admission is free.

Tickets for the Saturday evening performance are \$12.50 and \$15, and reserved seats are available at the box office.

The arts center is located at the junction of Main and Irving Streets and Central Avenue.

NOTE: The 24 hour

Narcotic Information Hotline
for Rahway is 388-1553



TWAS LIKE THE SOUND OF ANGELS... Tom Fitzharris (at right) entertained his brother members of the Rahway Retired Men's Club with a variety of Irish songs at the March 12 meeting. Al McWoldsen (center) tickled the ivories and Joe "O'Harko" also sang some old favorites of the Emerald Isle.

VFW Post to hold vet's bash

Members of V.F.W. Post 681 and its Auxiliary will sponsor an out-patient Veteran's party at their Post Home, Tuesday, April 17. Thirty Lyons VA patients and their aides will arrive at 5 p.m. to enjoy a home-cooked meal and bingo social.

Guests will be served meat loaf, mashed potatoes, salad, carrots, broccoli, rolls and butter, homemade cakes, jello, tea and coffee. Games and prizes will be offered after dinner.

Chairperson Doris Kopik is in charge of the party arrangements and will be joined by Commander Virgil Wilson and President June Harigan. Members are asked to help serve and greet the Lyons VA patients.