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Newsbriefs

School board to tour Brayton, talk enrollment

SUMMIT - Tours of the recent renovations and addition at Brayton School, 89 Tulip St., will be conducted prior to the Board of Education meeting there on Thursday, Oct. 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting starts at 8 p.m. and will include test results, the district's maintenance report, and space and enrollment needs. At the beginning of the meeting, Brayton School Principal Cheryl Mogetz and selected students and teachers will make a presentation about construction and renovation work at the school.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Christine Johnson will present the district's annual testing report regarding last year's ESPA, GEPA and HSPA results. School Business Administrator Paul Griggs will report on the district's facilities and maintenance plan.

Public discussion will continue on the issue of the district's space and enrollment needs. Superintendent of Schools Carolyn Deacon opened this discussion to the public following her presentation at the board's Oct. 14 workshop meeting on the district's growing enrollment and resultant need for additional space.

The Summit Board of Education invites residents to attend the meeting and participate in the tour and discussions.

African-American Action Association holds fall forum

SUMMIT - The Summit African-American Action Association, or SAA, will hold its second annual fall forum on achievement in the Summit school system. Parents and caregivers of Summit students are invited to attend.

The SAA fall forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1, in the Summit High School Library.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Carolyn Deacon, Summit Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Deacon will provide an update on the district's progress on addressing minority achievement.

The four informative workshops to be offered include building relationships with school professionals; helping your child advocate him/herself; time management 101; and supporting a winning student.

Childcare and refreshments will be available. For information, call 908-447-4847.

Calvary Church show is on TV-36

SUMMIT - A show about the 150th anniversary of Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit will air throughout October on TV-36.

Billed by its producer, city resident Margaret Paslaru, as a "celebratory mini-documentary," the program features extensive footage of events that have marked the occasion, in addition to historic photos of the church, which stands at the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues.

The show will air on Wednesdays at 6 and 9 p.m., on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and on Saturdays at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Tatlock Field approval sought

SUMMIT - The Board of Recreation has scheduled an emergency meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave., to discuss and approve Tatlock Field improvements.

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Brown resigns as city administrator; reflects on changes during last five years

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT - When City Administrator Stuart Brown announced his resignation last week, he said he wasn't quite ready to share the next professional opportunity. His resignation becomes effective Jan. 7, 2005.

At the Tuesday, Oct. 5, Common Council meeting, Council President Henry Ogden described the announcement as "good news and bad news." He added, "We're very excited for you."

Mr. Brown said at the meeting, "It's been an amazing experience working with a great staff. It's tremendous to have a mayor and council who volunteer endless hours to the city. Not every community has that."

During an interview in his office, he said, "I always tend to take risks." Mr. Brown has spent nearly five years in Summit, first as assistant city administrator and parking services director, then, after a nation-wide search, as city administrator, replacing Reagan Burkholder, who retired after 17 years in the position.

During Mr. Brown's tenure, he initiated free parking for customers



Stuart Brown

in the Park & Shop lots. "You have to look at why there's a problem and what is our primary reason for being here," he said. "It's to promote commuters and support our shoppers. People go to the mall for free parking. Why shouldn't we? You eliminate obstacles: no gates, no tickets. It made economic sense, and our revenues went up," he said, "because we were filling the employee lots." While there was some resistance to the concept, he noted,

"Change is difficult for people."

Mr. Brown compared Summit to Westfield, saying a parking garage is on the referendum there and increased rates for customers are being discussed. In terms of downtown businesses, he said Summit is thriving. When some stores leave, such as Persuickity, it may be they are closing their stores throughout New Jersey. "It has nothing to do with the downtown. It's all market-driven," he said.

Even in the last four and one-half years, Mr. Brown noted, restaurants have expanded to meet culinary tastes. No longer limited to mainly Italian, the city now boasts sushi, Thai and other regional cuisine.

Signs directing drivers to various locations have also enhanced the downtown. Mr. Brown pointed out an award of excellence given to the designer firm for Summit's signs. "I hear comments about how easy it is to find your way around," he said.

Mr. Brown started his employment in Summit just when construction was getting underway for the downtown renovation. "It was disruptive to business and people got impatient," he said, "but there is economic vitality and I was just someone to vent to."

Another accomplishment, Mr. Brown noted, is in the area of employee morale. "This happens in organizations," he said. "We have great employees and always did, but we tend to take people for granted. It's no different than a marriage. When people are excited about their jobs, they're more productive." He has made an effort, he said, to instill a sense that people are working for the city, not just for a department. "They recognize each other and will pass a phone call on. You're calling someone you know and then you give better service to the customer. It should be intuitive, but it's not."

He has initiated a number of methods for more give-and-take, he noted. Among them is a breakfast for employees, served at the Recreation Center by the managers wearing chef's hats and aprons. The annual holiday party has become more of a thank you event, an informal affair at the VFW, which has increased staff attendance because everyone feels welcome, Mr. Brown said.

In addition, bocce ball teams made up of city employees have helped raise money for a staff member in need. Mr. Brown said, "We raised over \$4,000 for one city employee

whose family had faced a serious illness and has two kids. We set up an account for each kid, and the message is that you're part of a family. We take care of each other." He added, "What are we about? You always have to start there. If you're happy to come to work, you share ideas."

Another area that has benefited from his expertise is sound fiscal management, including budgets that will result in long-term savings and/or service improvements.

Mr. Brown lives in Fanwood with his wife Nancy and two children: Ally, 6, and Harrison, a one-year-old. He received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and graduate degree in Cincinnati where he was in charge of economic development in the downtown before coming to Summit.

Mr. Brown concluded, "There are so many people who really care about this town I've worked with great people in the community."

Mr. Ogden of the Common Council said a transition committee has been appointed, which includes Councilwoman Cindy Martin as chairwoman, Mayor Jordan Glatt, Councilwoman Diane Klaff and Councilman Frank Macioce.

Police officers honored for meritorious service

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT - Sgt. Michael Rabasca and Detective Andrew Bartolotti received meritorious service awards at the Tuesday, Oct. 5, Common Council meeting for outstanding handling of two unusual incidents.

Mayor Jordan Glatt, in reading a proclamation, explained that Detective Bartolotti led an investigation at the Douglas Infiniti dealership on Franklin Place. The arson that destroyed the building resulted in \$1.7 million in losses, the largest in the history of Summit, he said. Police Chief Robert Lucid presented the meritorious service award, saying, "This was an outstanding investigative enterprise."

Sgt. Rabasca was recognized for his pursuit of a suspect at 4 a.m. at the Summit Train Station. The suspect was arrested for suspected marijuana and cocaine possession, but the officer also discovered a bag holding dangerous weapons: a Tech 9 machine pistol and a .39 caliber revolver. Mayor Glatt praised the officer's "well-developed instincts."

Chief Lucid said, "It's not surprising to me that he would take the initiative to discover the weapons."

During the meeting, Council President Henry Ogden commented on the Annual Police Report, saying it was "very impressive. The police department does an incredible job." Mr. Ogden said copies of the report are available at City Hall and the Summit Public Library. The report covers a variety of statistics, initiatives and highlights.

Motor vehicle crashes were on

the rise in 2003, according to the report. But though the year saw an increase in reported and non-reportable crashes, it also saw a reduction in injuries. Of 23 people arrested for driving while intoxicated, 11 were involved in motor vehicle crashes.

Summonses for 2003 came to 725; in 2002 the number was 1,479. Other comparisons involved radar/speed enforcement: 614 summonses in 2003, about half of what it was in 2002. Those numbers can be attributed, police said, to staffing limitations within the department.

The traffic bureau arranged for 2,577 extra duty assignments, a decrease of 510 from the previous year. The decrease was due to the temporary relocation of Temple Sinai and the closing of the Novartis site, according to the report.

In 2003, 15 pedestrians were struck, two less than the previous year. A fatal pedestrian accident took place at 11:54 a.m. Sept. 16, 2003. Eileen Ringwood of Summit was struck and killed at the intersection of Maple and Broad streets. The driver of the truck that struck Ms. Ringwood pleaded guilty in Summit Municipal Court for failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Pedestrian safety continues to be a city-wide problem, the report states.

Seatbelt violations were also enforced during the year. From May 19 through June 1, 66 summonses were issued; from Nov. 17 through Nov. 30, 45 summonses were issued.

In 2003, the Juvenile Bureau conducted 316 investigations, with 46 formal complaints filed in family

court. The bureau emphasized programs for juveniles during the year, such as expanding the D.A.R.E. program at the high school and middle school. Fifth graders were also instructed in the D.A.R.E. program, which deals with the effects of drug and alcohol abuse, violence and self-esteem. Approximately 285 students were involved over a period of 10 weeks, with an officer conducting a 45-minute class each week. Officers also participated in an "Adopt a Cop" program. "Fatal vision goggles" were acquired, with demonstrations given to students. An anti-violence and anti-bullying program was implemented at the elementary schools, as well as a child identification program. Other initiatives geared towards youngsters included instruction in stranger awareness and internet safety.

Two incidents involving arrests stood out in 2003.

On June 7, an armed suspect attempted to shoot Sgt. Joseph Sodano, who was able to help a kidnapped victim to safety. Detective Sgt. Robert Weck and Sgt. Paul Kelly, along with Detective John J. Reilly, investigated the whereabouts of the suspect. A confidential informant informed them a month later that he was in Syracuse, N.Y. Sgt. Weck and Sgt. Kelly traveled to Syracuse and, with the assistance of the Syracuse Police, apprehended the suspect along with the weapon used during the carjacking.

In another incident, Detective Michael Rabasca investigated an identity theft that included an attempt to purchase a motor vehicle in



OFFICERS HONORED - Detective Andrew Bartolotti, left, and Sergeant Michael Rabasca, right, received meritorious service awards at the Tuesday, Oct. 5, Common Council meeting. Det. Bartolotti investigated an arson case at Douglas Infiniti and Sgt. Rabasca pursued a suspect who possessed dangerous weapons.

Summit. Officers found numerous types of fraudulently obtained documents, including credit cards in other individuals' names. The FBI and Secret Service responded and informed Summit Police that the suspects were part of a state-wide identity theft system. The suspects, a man and a woman, were charged with numerous counts of theft and forgery as well as possession of sim-

ulated documents.

The Patrol Bureau segment of the report is dedicated to the memory of Holly Renner. Dispatcher Renner was a member of the department from Nov. 16, 1987, until Sept. 18, 2003, when she died at age 44. The tribute states, "For 16 years, Holly brought her warmth and sunny personality to her job every day. She will be missed."

Landlord reacts to impact of potential freight train

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT - Along with warnings about the impact of freight trains traversing in and near Summit, at least one local landlord has expressed his

own trepidations.

Tim Erday of Summit Truck and Auto Body said he will reconfigure his plan to build several apartment units on Franklin Place, which would back on land near the tracks

for the Summit Train Station. His reasoning, he said, is partially due to the prospect of noise from freight trains in the middle of the night.

Mr. Erday said in a telephone interview, "Enter the garbage train and you have a totally different picture."

He said he would meet with a technical review board, with an architect and engineer, next week to revise his plan. He still intends to build 12 units, he said, but would move them nearer the street, with parking at the rear, just above the tracks, and would add a sound-deflecting wall.

He said 17 units are already in place, for a total of 29 units when the project is complete. He had also consolidated his plan to encompass one piece of property rather than separate parcels. "It's much better," he said.

Mr. Erday has owned Summit Truck and Auto Body since 1981 and emphasized that operating hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., which does not really disturb neighbors. His father, he said, bought properties on Franklin Place and Mr. Erday continued that trend, investing in residential homes in 1977, 1979 and 1994. When he first proposed the residential units, he said, "The neighbors loved it."

Now he is concerned, he said, that the freight line would knock down the value of all properties, both residential and commercial.

"You can't build where people won't rent or buy," he said.

"I can promise you there will be more accidents and backup of traffic on Route 22, all the way to Springfield and Summit," he said of re-activated railroad crossings and more aggressive drivers. Mr. Erday, along with other concerned citizens, has been active in the Stop the Train Coalition.

Approximately 200 people came to a "Stop the Train" meeting Thursday evening, Sept. 23, in Summit High School, according to East Summit Association President Bob Sheehan.

"This was really to inform people about the opposition to the freight train reactivation," he said. Mr. Sheehan said that the people who will be negatively affected are the residents in Summit and nearby communities.

"Those who will profit are the Department of Transportation, Port Authority and the Morristown and Erie Railroad," he said. "The audience was very good. They wanted to learn more, but we finally had to end the meeting by 10 p.m."

Speakers included Senator Tom Keane as well as coalition members Steve Weiss from Edison, Joe Deocorio, mayor of Roselle Park, and Carol Westerley from Kenilworth. Summit Mayor Jordan Glatt was moderator and Common

Councilman Andy Lark co-chaired the event. City Solicitor Barry Osman presented the legal ramifications and Mr. Lark addressed quality of life issues.

River Road land to be auctioned in November

SUMMIT - City-owned property at the juncture of River Road and Morris Avenue will be auctioned at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12, in City Hall, according to City Clerk David Hughes. It had originally been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m.

Common Council adopted a resolution at the Tuesday, Oct. 5, meeting authorizing the sale of 26 River Road. The half-acre of vacant land is situated in the light industrial zone. Premises are to be conveyed in "as is" condition. At one time a house and barn were on the property, which backs on the Passaic River. Rather than having the auction handled through the city, a private firm has been hired, Mr. Hughes said. Max Spann of Clifton has listed the Summit property on its website.

The resolution stated lots are conveyed subject to existing encumbrances, liens, zoning regulations, covenants and other restrictions.



CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS - When SAGE, an elder-care resource based in Summit, held its recent annual meeting, attendees included members of the organization's current board of trustees, including, from left, Bill Strodt of Summit, Adrian Hawkins of Hillside, Karen Chaplin of Summit and Saul Spivak, Ph.D., of Short Hills. The meeting is featured in a full page of photos in an Eye on You in today's edition of the Summit Herald.

New Providence

Local juveniles taken into custody

On Friday, Oct. 1, Patrolman Steven Drown took two local juveniles, both age 17, into protective custody at approximately 10:30 p.m. in the parking lot of The Murray Hill Inn.

Police said the boys were taken into custody after police responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle in

the parking lot, and reported that upon approaching the vehicle, Patrolman Drown observed "alcoholic beverages in plain view." In addition, authorities noted, four bags suspected to contain marijuana were also found in the vehicle.

Both of the juveniles were transported to New Providence Police

Headquarters, where they were processed and released to their parents. Juvenile complaints were signed against both boys, and the matter was forwarded to the Union County Family Court in Elizabeth.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, Corp. Thomas Dreissig arrested Mark E. Alexander, 41, of New Providence on an active bench warrant out of Newark. Police said Mr. Alexander was released after posting \$500 cash bail pending a Newark Municipal Court hearing.

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, Corp. Dreissig charged Jeffrey S. Merrill, 22, of New Providence with driving while his license was suspended. Police said the charges stemmed from Mr. Merrill's vehicle being stopped on South Street after the officer reported he observed an equipment violation. Mr. Merrill was released on his own recognizance pending a municipal court hearing.

Also on Oct. 5, Patrolman Stephen Opalewski charged Lisandro Resto, 28, of New Brunswick with driving an uninsured motor vehicle after the vehicle was stopped on South Street for a reported registration violation. Mr. Resto was released on his own recognizance pending a municipal court hearing.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, Luis R. Torres, 43, of Bergenfield was arrested by Patrolman Drown and charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. The arrest, authorities said, occurred after police responded to the Presbyterian Church at New Providence on a reported disturbance. Mr. Torres was allegedly found to be carrying a loaded handgun without the required permit, and the matter was forwarded to the Union County Prosecutor's Office for possible grand jury action.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, Patrolman Drown charged Jeff Feaster, 18, and Jessie Windham, 19, of Newark with peddling without a permit. The charges, authorities said, stem from the men reportedly being observed selling items in the Village Shopping Center parking lot without the required permits. Both of the suspects were released on their own recognizance pending a municipal court hearing.

Police News

Summit

Lawn jockey stolen after midnight

Police reported the theft of a lawn sculpture that occurred Sunday, Oct. 10, between midnight and daybreak. The sculpture, which weighed about 50 pounds, was described as a painted lawn jockey with a white face, red jacket, white pants and black boots, with a black lamp in an outstretched left arm.

In other thefts: On Wednesday, Oct. 13, the theft from the trunk of a motor vehicle parked in a Broad Street parking lot occurred between 6 p.m. on Oct. 12 and 12:40 a.m. Oct. 13. Reported missing were an IBM Thinkpad laptop valued at \$3,000; a Sony Cleie palm pilot valued at \$300, a leather computer bag, a Spring cell phone valued at \$200 and keys to another vehicle.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the theft of a Fleet visa check card, last seen in a Union Place restaurant at 5:52 p.m. on Oct. 8 was reported.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, the theft of a Martin Biller 1999 Opus 58 violin with case, valued at \$4,000, from a vehicle parked in a DeForest

Avenue drug store lot was reported. The incident occurred between 4 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the theft of Motorola cell phone, valued at \$138 from a backpack located at Kent Place School on Norwood Avenue was reported. The incident occurred during the evening of Oct. 1.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, the theft of a girl's lavender bicycle from a Springfield Avenue residence between 6 p.m. on Sept. 21 and 8 a.m. on Sept. 22 was reported.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the theft of a Magna 18-speed blue bicycle, valued at \$57, from the train station between 7:15 a.m. and 9 p.m. was reported.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, malicious mischief to a Union Place restaurant property was reported. The awning on the business was cut with a knife and the restaurant van was keyed.

On Monday, Oct. 11, malicious mischief was reported at the high school when a rock was thrown through a glass door. The incident occurred during the evening of Oct. 10.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, the theft of

an American flag with stars arranged in a peace symbol was reported stolen from a Middle Avenue residence between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Oct. 8.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, malicious mischief at an unoccupied High Street residence during the night of Oct. 9 was reported. A window was smashed with a rock, but no entry gained. Nothing was reported missing.

In arrests: On Friday, Oct. 8, Cristian R. Quezada, 18, of Newark was arrested and charged at Summit Police Headquarters for receiving stolen property.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, Ruben Resendiz Delgado, 26, of Kenilworth was arrested and charged at Morris Avenue and Elm Street for being an unlicensed driver and for contempt of court.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, Fernando Andrade, 52, of Brooklyn was arrested and charged at Dayton Road and Broad Street for driving with a suspended license.

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School of Paris is lecture topic

AREA — A guest speaker from New York's Metropolitan Museum will speak on behalf of the non-profit Summit Area Community School on Monday, Oct. 18, at Summit Middle School in the auditorium at 8 p.m. His topic is "Matisse and Modern Masters: Reconsidering Modernism." Tuition is \$15.

Guest speaker Marvin Schwartz said his slide lecture will take a fresh look at the School of Paris, featuring works currently on exhibit at the Metropolitan. Seeing what was being produced in or near the French capitol from the end of the 19th century.

News



PTA WELCOMES NEW PARENTS — The PTA of Thomas P. Hughes School in Berkeley Heights hosted a recent welcoming reception for new incoming parents. Reviewing the school activity calendar are, from left, Eugene Ho, Rich and Lisa Giambalvo, PTA President Jennifer Carlick and Sally Bennett.

Adult school hosts autumn bus trips

AREA — Spaces are still available on three upcoming daylong bus trips being hosted by the non-profit Summit Area Community School. For registration or details, call the school at 908-273-1141.

Washington Irving's Sunnyside and the Glenview Mansion are the destinations on Friday, Oct. 22. Tuition, which is all-inclusive, is \$79. The home of the author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" is in riverside Tarrytown, N.Y., and is the day's first stop. Docents dressed in period costumes will bring the estate to life, and lunch will be buffet-style at the Pennybridge Restaurant. In the afternoon, a guided tour will be offered of Glenview Mansion, considered a fine example of American Eastlake. Completed in 1877 and overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades, six period rooms have been restored.

The day will continue at the Hudson River Museum, Westchester's

oldest and largest museum, noted for its collection of 19th and 20th century American art and history.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, will feature a day trip called "The Manhattan Sampler." With lively guide Tony Grifa on board, participants will first learn about some of New York's notable movie sites, then will get off the bus and visit Strawberry Fields and see the Conservatory Garden, with 20,000 mums in bloom. Other highlights include Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Patrick's Cathedral, selected sites in Harlem including the Apollo Theater, the theater district and Rockefeller Center. Commentary will also be provided as the group passes by the UN Plaza and through Soho and Tribeca, and lunch will be enjoyed in Greenwich Village at the Minetta Tavern. The afternoon will include stops at both St. Paul's Chapel and Ground Zero. Tuition for the day, all-inclusive, is \$85.

The history of Manhattan is the theme of a trip being hosted on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The all-inclusive tuition is \$92 per person. The first stop for the group is the New York Historical Society, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary with a special exhibit on Alexander Hamilton, "The Man Who Made America." In addition, another show, "Impressions of NY," features prints depicting New York City spanning from 1626, the earliest known view of New Amsterdam, to 1995.

Next on the day's agenda is a sumptuous lunch served family-style at a restaurant called Carmine's, and then the participants move on to the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, the only museum in the U.S. that is devoted exclusively to historic and contemporary design. A guided tour of the museum will enlighten visitors as the nature of design as they explore its impact on the quality of our lives.

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Election Day poll workers are needed

SUMMIT — Both political parties need to hire additional poll workers for General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2. In order to be eligible for employment in Summit, interested people must be registered voters from any Union County community.

Registered Democrats may call 908-273-4856. Republicans should call 908-277-4398.

Unaffiliated voters, those who have never voted in a primary, may call the Union County Election Board at 908-527-4120.

"All new election board workers are required to attend a county Board of Elections one-hour training session to learn the basics of election machine operation," said David L. Hughes, Summit's City Clerk.

Board workers earn \$200 for the day's work. The County pays an additional \$12.50 for picking up or returning election materials to City Hall, making it possible to earn \$225 on that day. (Republicans for the General Election and Democrats for the Primary Election.)

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New Providence

Local juveniles taken into custody

On Friday, Oct. 1, Patrolman Steven Drown took two local juveniles, both age 17, into protective custody at approximately 10:30 p.m. in the parking lot of The Murray Hill Inn.

Police said the boys were taken into custody after police responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle in

the parking lot, and reported that upon approaching the vehicle, Patrolman Drown observed "alcoholic beverages in plain view." In addition, authorities noted, four bags suspected to contain marijuana were also found in the vehicle.

Both of the juveniles were transported to New Providence Police

Headquarters, where they were processed and released to their parents. Juvenile complaints were signed against both boys, and the matter was forwarded to the Union County Family Court in Elizabeth.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, Corp. Thomas Dreissig arrested Mark E. Alexander, 41, of New Providence on an active bench warrant out of Newark. Police said Mr. Alexander was released after posting \$500 cash bail pending a Newark Municipal Court hearing.

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, Corp. Dreissig charged Jeffrey S. Merrill, 22, of New Providence with driving while his license was suspended. Police said the charges stemmed from Mr. Merrill's vehicle being stopped on South Street after the officer reported he observed an equipment violation. Mr. Merrill was released on his own recognizance pending a municipal court hearing.

Also on Oct. 5, Patrolman Stephen Opalewski charged Lisandro Resto, 28, of New Brunswick with driving an uninsured motor vehicle after the vehicle was stopped on South Street for a reported registration violation. Mr. Resto was released on his own recognizance pending a municipal court hearing.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, Luis R. Torres, 43, of Bergenfield was arrested by Patrolman Drown and charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. The arrest, authorities said, occurred after police responded to the Presbyterian Church at New Providence on a reported disturbance. Mr. Torres was allegedly found to be carrying a loaded handgun without the required permit, and the matter was forwarded to the Union County Prosecutor's Office for possible grand jury action.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, Patrolman Drown charged Jeff Feaster, 18, and Jessie Windham, 19, of Newark with peddling without a permit. The charges, authorities said, stem from the men reportedly being observed selling items in the Village Shopping Center parking lot without the required permits. Both of the suspects were released on their own recognizance pending a municipal court hearing.

Police News

Summit

Lawn jockey stolen after midnight

Police reported the theft of a lawn sculpture that occurred Sunday, Oct. 10, between midnight and daybreak. The sculpture, which weighed about 50 pounds, was described as a painted lawn jockey with a white face, red jacket, white pants and black boots, with a black lamp in an outstretched left arm.

In other thefts:
On Wednesday, Oct. 13, the theft from the trunk of a motor vehicle parked in a Broad Street parking lot occurred between 6 p.m. on Oct. 12 and 12:40 a.m. on Oct. 13. Reported missing were an IBM Thinkpad laptop valued at \$3,000; a Sony Clie palm pilot valued at \$300, a leather computer bag, a Spring cell phone valued at \$200 and keys to another vehicle.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the theft of a Fleet visa check card, last seen in a Union Place restaurant at 5:52 p.m. on Oct. 8 was reported.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, the theft of a Martin Biller 1999 Opus 58 violin with case, valued at \$4,000, from a vehicle parked in a DeForest

Avenue drug store lot was reported. The incident occurred between 4 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the theft of Motorola cell phone, valued at \$138 from a backpack located at Kent Place School on Norwood Avenue was reported. The incident occurred during the evening of Oct. 1.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, the theft of a girl's lavender bicycle from a Springfield Avenue residence between 6 p.m. on Sept. 21 and 8 a.m. on Sept. 22 was reported.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the theft of a Magna 18-speed blue bicycle, valued at \$57, from the train station between 7:15 a.m. and 9 p.m. was reported.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, malicious mischief to a Union Place restaurant property was reported. The awning on the business was cut with a knife and the restaurant van was keyed.

On Monday, Oct. 11, malicious mischief was reported at the high school when a rock was thrown through a glass door. The incident occurred during the evening of Oct. 10.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, the theft of

an American flag with stars arranged in a peace symbol was reported stolen from a Middle Avenue residence between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Oct. 8.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, malicious mischief at an unoccupied High Street residence during the night of Oct. 9 was reported. A window was smashed with a rock, but no entry gained. Nothing was reported missing.

In arrests:
On Friday, Oct. 8, Cristian R. Qaezada, 18, of Newark was arrested and charged at Summit Police Headquarters for receiving stolen property.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, Ruben Resendiz Delgado, 26, of Kenilworth was arrested and charged at Morris Avenue and Elm Street for being an unlicensed driver and for contempt of court.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, Fernando Andrade, 52, of Brooklyn was arrested and charged at Dayton Road and Broad Street for driving with a suspended license.

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School of Paris is lecture topic

AREA — A guest speaker from New York's Metropolitan Museum will speak on behalf of the non-profit Summit Area Community School on Monday, Oct. 18, at Summit Middle School in the auditorium at 8 p.m. His topic is "Matisse and Modern Masters: Reconsidering Modernism." Tuition is \$15.

Guest speaker Marvin Schwartz said his slide lecture will take a fresh look at the School of Paris, featuring works currently on exhibit at the Metropolitan. Seeing what was being produced in or near the French capitol from the end of the 19th century.

News



PTA WELCOMES NEW PARENTS — The PTA of Thomas P. Hughes School in Berkeley Heights hosted a recent welcoming reception for new incoming parents. Reviewing the school activity calendar are, from left, Eugene Ho, Rich and Lisa Giambalvo, PTA President Jennifer Carlick and Sally Bennett.

Adult school hosts autumn bus trips

AREA — Spaces are still available on three upcoming daylong bus trips being hosted by the non-profit Summit Area Community School. For registration or details, call the school at 908-273-1141.

Washington Irving's Sunnyside and the Glenview Mansion are the destinations on Friday, Oct. 22. Tuition, which is all-inclusive, is \$79. The home of the author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" is in riverside Tarrytown, N.Y., and is the day's first stop. Docents dressed in period costumes will bring the estate to life, and lunch will be buffet-style at the Pennybridge Restaurant. In the afternoon, a guided tour will be offered of Glenview Mansion, considered a fine example of American Eastlake. Completed in 1877 and overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades, six period rooms have been restored.

The day will continue at the Hudson River Museum, Westchester's

oldest and largest museum, noted for its collection of 19th and 20th century American art and history.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, will feature a day trip called "The Manhattan Sampler." With lively guide Tony Grifa on board, participants will first learn about some of New York's notable movie sites, then will get off the bus and visit Strawberry Fields and see the Conservatory Garden, with 20,000 mums in bloom. Other highlights include Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Patrick's Cathedral, selected sites in Harlem including the Apollo Theater, the theater district and Rockefeller Center. Commentary will also be provided as the group passes by the UN Plaza and through Soho and Tribeca, and lunch will be enjoyed in Greenwich Village at the Minetta Tavern. The afternoon will include stops at both St. Paul's Chapel and Ground Zero. Tuition for the day, all-inclusive, is \$85.

The history of Manhattan is the theme of a trip being hosted on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The all-inclusive tuition is \$92 per person. The first stop for the group is the New York Historical Society, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary with a special exhibit on Alexander Hamilton, "The Man Who Made America." In addition, another show, "Impressions of NY," features prints depicting New York City spanning from 1626, the earliest known view of New Amsterdam, to 1995.

Next on the day's agenda is a sumptuous lunch served family-style at a restaurant called Carmine's, and then the participants move on to the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, the only museum in the U.S. that is devoted exclusively to historic and contemporary design. A guided tour of the museum will enlighten visitors as the nature of design as they explore its impact on the quality of our lives.

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Unaffiliated voters, those who have never voted in a primary, may call the Union County Election Board at 908-527-4120.

"All new election board workers are required to attend a county Board of Elections one-hour training session to learn the basics of election machine operation," said David L. Hughes, Summit's City Clerk.

Board workers earn \$200 for the day's work. The County pays an additional \$12.50 for picking up or returning election materials to City Hall, making it possible to earn \$225 on that day. (Republicans for the General Election and Democrats are responsible for the materials for the Primary Election.)

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. The General Election Day board workers work those hours in addition to the time required opening and closing the polling places.