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"RONALD L. RICE SPORTS COMPLEX" DEDICATED IN VAILSBURG PARK



Photo By Glen Frieson

NEWARK - Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. dedicated the "Ronald L. Rice Sports Complex" in Essex County Vailsburg Park in honor of retired State Senator Ronald L. Rice on Friday, October 14th.

At the time of his retirement on August 31st, Rice had served as the District 28 representative for 35 years. The park is currently undergoing a complete renovation with new football, baseball and softball fields and a rubberized running track being constructed. The complex will be the home field for the Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology as well as continued to be used by local and youth recreation programs and the general public.

"Senator Rice was a strong and tireless advocate for his constituents, the City of Newark and Essex County. He was a trailblazer and icon who shined the light on inequality and injustice and did not compromise his ideals or principles," DiVincenzo said. "As County Executive, I have named buildings and fields after people who made a positive difference in our community and Ron Rice definitely is one of those people. To name this sports complex that is in the heart of his district is a fitting and lasting tribute," he added.

"This is such an honor. I grew up in this city and at one time people like me were not allowed to

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PROTESTERS SAY POLICE VIOLATED THEIR FREEDOM OF SPEECH RIGHTS



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NEWARK - Depending on who is telling the story, police either violated the First Amendment rights or dispersed a noisy demonstration that disturbed the peace.

On October 14, between 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., a demonstration of protest took place opposite Hotel Riviera, at 169 Clinton Avenue in Newark. Several protesters, joined by about five tenants and community activists, held a demonstration to focus on

smooth relocation for the residents to clean, decent, safe and secure housing.


Protesters say that police illegally removed them from the protest in front of the Riviera Hotel. On the other hand, police at the protest repeatedly quoted Title 2C of the New Jersey of Criminal Justice. Section 2C:3-6 regulates use of force in defense of premises or personal property.

"Local Talk" attended the 5:30 p.m. rally, arriving around 15 minutes in.

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EAST ORANGE FIRE DAMAGES FOUR HOMES

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Editorial
 Dhiren Shah
 Editor-In-Chief

Hello Readers,

Happy Diwali and Happy New Year to all of you, according to the Indian calendar. Diwali is derived from a Sanskrit Word: Dipavali. The basic meaning of Dipavali is a row of lights. However, it is known as festival of lights.

Diwali is the last day of the calendar year. So, everyone in India cleans their house and gets ready for the new beginning the next day, which is the New Year (Naya Sal). Also, the light symbolizes a victory over darkness. According to our belief, we clean our bad thoughts and start with better thoughts to help ourselves and the community. This is a festival of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance. On this day, we celebrate with fami-

ly and friends. When I was young, we used to visit everyone's house to eat nice snacks and sweets. Also, we used to get money as gifts and we used to enjoy that as well. There is no difference between today's children and yesterday's children. A child is a child.

November's election is around the corner. There's less than three weeks left. Biden has a main agenda to win a majority in the Senate and Congress as well as gubernatorial elections. He is trying his best and he is determined to win this election by hook or crook. He already set up the website to forgive \$10,000 or \$20,000 of students' loans. This will cost American taxpayers about \$450 billion. Biden promised abortion rights and reversing the supreme court's judgment on Roe vs Wade and bringing back Roe for the decision-making process for girls or women. Planned Parenthood has been affected by the Supreme Court decision. In 2015 according to the news, \$500 million was given

to Planned Parenthood by the United States government. With the Supreme Court decision, some states have forbidden abortions, so many patients are going to Planned Parenthood facilities in New York State.

Russia has destroyed power and water structure across Ukraine. About 1,162 towns and villages are without power (blackout) and also water has become a huge problem for all those towns and villages. According to BBC news: "Russia has openly acknowledged targeting Ukraine's energy infrastructure with waves of missile and drone strikes since the start of the last week, in what President Vladimir Putin said was legitimate retaliation for a blast on a bridge."

After the ousting of Boris Johnson as Britain's Prime Minister, there was a vote and Liz Truss became Prime Minister of Britain six weeks ago. She received a large amount of support due to her economic vision. However, the reality check is dif-

ferent. Now, a lot of Members of Parliament think that she cannot handle the economic crisis, and she has survived so far by a thin margin. She has to come up with new ideas with clarity; that is the only way she can survive.

On Sunday October 16, 2022, 11 persons taken to the hospital for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. Five were transported to University Hospital and six to Clara Maass Medical Center. All were senior citizens according to the news. They all were residents of the Stephen Crane Senior Elderly Apartments on Evergreen Lane in Newark. This senior building is run by the Newark Housing Authority. This is a very serious matter, and the administration must look at all details for this building and every other building ran by the Newark Housing Authority.

Have a wonderful week.

I'll talk to you next week.

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OMICRON TARGETED BOOSTER DOSES CLEARED FOR KIDS YOUNG AS 5

WASHINGTON - On Oct. 12, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent to authorize their use as a single booster dose in younger age groups.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent is authorized for administration at least two months following completion of primary or booster vaccination in children down to six years of age. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent is authorized for administration at least two months following completion of primary or booster vaccination in children down to five years of age.

Not long after, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., signed a decision memo expanding the use of the updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccines.

These bivalent COVID-19

vaccines include an mRNA component of the original strain to provide an immune response that is broadly protective against COVID-19 and an mRNA component in common between the omicron variant BA.4 and BA.5 lineages to provide better protection against COVID-19 caused by the omicron variant. The mRNA in these vaccines is a specific piece of genetic material that instructs cells in the body to make the distinctive “spike” protein of the original virus strain and the omicron variant lineages BA.4 and BA.5. The spike proteins of BA.4 and BA.5 are identical.

“Since children have gone back to school in person and people are resuming pre-pandemic behaviors and activities, there is the potential for increased risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. Vaccination remains the most effective measure to prevent the severe consequences of COVID-19, including hospitalization and death,” said Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D.

“While it has largely been the case that COVID-19 tends to be less severe in children than adults, as the various waves of COVID-19 have occurred, more children have gotten sick with the disease and have been hospitalized. Children may also experience long-term effects, even following initially mild disease. We encourage parents to consider primary vaccination for children and follow-up with an updated booster dose when eligible.”

With the authorization, the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is no longer authorized as a booster dose for individuals five through 11 years of age. Both the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine continue to be authorized for primary series administration in individuals six months of age and older.

For each of the bivalent COVID-19 vaccines authorized, the FDA relied on immune response and safety data that it had previously evaluated from a clinical study in adults of a booster dose of a bivalent COVID-19 vaccine that contained a component of the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 and a component of omicron lineage BA.1. The FDA considers such data as relevant and supportive of vaccines containing a component of the omicron variant BA.4 and BA.5 lineages.

In addition, the FDA has evaluated and considered immune response and safety data from clinical studies of the monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, including as a booster dose in pediatric age groups. These data and real-world experience with the monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, which have been administered to millions of people, including young children, support the EUA of the bivalent COVID-19 vaccines in younger age groups.

What You Need to Know: Authorization of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent



- The data supporting FDA’s authorization of a single booster dose of the Moderna

COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent for both the 6 years through 11 years age group and 12 through 17 years age group is based on the FDA’s previous analysis of immune response and safety data from a clinical study in adults 18 years of age and older who received a booster dose of Moderna’s investigational bivalent COVID-19 vaccine that contained a component of the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 and a component of Omicron lineage BA.1.

- For the 12 through 17 years age group, the authorization is also based on the effectiveness of a single booster dose of the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in this age group. The FDA’s analysis included a comparison of the immune response among approximately 250 clinical trial participants in this age group who received a single booster dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at least five months after completion of a two-dose primary series of the vaccine to the immune responses among approximately 300 clinical trial participants 18 through 25 years of age who had received a two-dose primary series of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in a previous study which determined the vaccine to be effective in preventing COVID-19. The immune response to the booster dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in the 12 through 17 years age group was comparable to the immune response to the two-dose primary series in the adult participants.
- For the 6 years through 11 years age group, the authorization is also based on the effectiveness of a single booster dose of the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in this age group. The FDA’s analysis included a comparison of the immune response among approximately 100 clinical trial participants 6 years through 11

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SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

The regular season of the new jersey high school football season is near the end, and this past week was exciting to say the least. First, the Orange Tornadoes have won three straight games, with the latest being a 42-0 onslaught of Dickerson. Tornadoes making headlines were junior quarterback Maurice Williams, who went 13-23 for 226 yards and four touchdowns, while Jalen Phillips stormed the ground for 166 yards and 1 touchdown. Jabril Bridgeman put in work for the receiving corps with 3 catches for 108 yards. Orange is now 4-3 on the season, and if they can beat Lincoln of Jersey City at home on Friday night, a playoff run might be in the works.

On the other side of Essex County, Newark had a clash of the unbeaten teams. What looked like an instant classic in the making turned out to be anything but, with Weequahic cashing in on some key turnovers and bum-rushing West Side 42-

0. Rashawn Marshall scored on a 57 yard touchdown run in the rout.

In other action, East Orange's tough season continues after a 19-13 loss to Passaic Tech 19-13. Meanwhile, Barringer won a key game against Bloomfield 14-0, while the Irvington Blue Knights beat Livingston 52-7 improving to 6-2 on the season and heading on to the playoffs to defend their crown.

In pro football, the Giants scored an upset win at home over the Baltimore Ravens 24-20, while the Jets went to Green Bay and completely owned the Packers 27-10.

Finally, in MLB, the Yankees staved off elimination and beat the Cleveland Guardians in their ALDS series. They are now set to take on the hated Houston Astros in the ALCS, while the Philadelphia Phillies, who stunned the former defending champion Atlanta Braves, will take on the San Diego Padres, who upset the 111 win Los Angeles Dodgers in the NLCS.

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er dose of monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine was evaluated in approximately 1,300 participants 12 through 17 years of age who received a booster dose of monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at least five months after the second dose of the primary series, and approximately 1,300 participants 6 years through 11 years of age who received a booster dose of monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at least six months after the second dose of the primary series. The most commonly reported side effects after a booster dose of the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in the clinical trial participants for both age groups were pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain, underarm swollen lymph nodes in the same arm as the injection.

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EARLY MORNING EAST ORANGE FIRE DAMAGES 4 HOMES

By Walter Elliott

EAST ORANGE - City and Essex County fire investigators are still searching as of press time for what started a blaze that destroyed two Amherst Street homes, damaged two others and sent 12 residents into sub-freezing weather here early Oct. 19.

It took 80 firefighters - all East Orange Fire Department hands plus mutual aid from eight neighboring companies - to bring the four alarm fire under control by 7:17 a.m. Wednesday sunrise. Many of the said units remained at the scene or were covering EOFD's four stations as of 8:45 a.m.

Amherst itself was closed by city fire and police between Central Avenue and Harvard Street as of 8:50 a.m. Halsted, where mutual aid units from Bloomfield and Montclair attacked the fire from 131-139 Amherst's backyards, was also closed between Central and Harvard. Halsted's closure rerouted NJTransit's No. 97 bus service.

Central Avenue itself was closed in the predawn between North/South Clinton Street and Evergreen Plaza, affecting buses on NJTransit's No. 94 and CoachUSA's No. 24 routes.

"Local Talk" is looking to confirm or quash reports of "no major injuries" from the blaze and/or firefighting.

Members of the three displaced families and their neighbors, however, were quick to point at 135 Amherst as the fire's source. The 1940-built 2.5-story wood frame house has been off the real estate market since 2019 and was boarded up.

The families and their neighbors told authorities and reporters that they had heard popping sounds from within 135 Amherst. They said that the house has held squatters and have complained before.

Mayor Theodore "Ted" Green said, while at the scene, that this time of year is when squatters and the homeless will enter abandoned houses to keep warm.

"We've a number of records and files that we did reach out to the owner of that property," said

Green. "Our police department has been out here a number of times. But that (doesn't) negate what happened with this fire and maybe we need to get better with what we're doing."

The first EOFD units arrived at 4:18 a.m. to find 135 engulfed in flame and smoke. The fire quickly spread to adjacent houses on the block's west side.

131 Amherst, built in 1970, would suffer damage to its south side and roof. 137 Amherst, to 135's south, suffered serious damage. 139 was also touched by the fire before it was brought under control.

The on-scene EOFD incident commander promptly pulled two more alarms, one to call out all city fire personnel and a two more for mutual aid. Firefighters quickly evacuated what residents remained at 131, 137 and 139 Amherst.

Units from Bloomfield, Montclair, Newark, Orange and Livingston soon arrived at the scene. More units from the South Essex, Belleville and Millburn departments provided station coverage.

A drone from News12 New Jersey and WCBS2's helicopter brought overhead views of the fire. Its smoke, from sunrise, could be seen from Route 280 and NJTransit's Morris & Essex Line.

PSE&G brought a truck to sever downed power lines. Vehicles from the East Orange Water Commission, the Bell and Siren Club and a private site cleaner were on standby on the Auto-Zone and city permit parking lots. A NJTransit NABI bus came from its Orange garage to become a warming center.

Green said that he, his office and the local American Red Cross chapter are working to help the displaced with food, clothing and temporary housing. A Red Cross Disaster Relief minivan, indeed, was parked on a lot.

The city's CERT team was also reportedly assisting at the scene.

The Essex County Prosecutor's Office Arson Squad is also investigating as a standard operating procedure.



PROTESTERS V. POLICE

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The October 14 5:30 p.m. Protest

On the ground lay yellow police tape with the word "Caution" in black letters. Two orange cones stood on the sidewalk. It looked like someone wanted to fence off two city blocks to prevent the protest from taking place.

Victor Gavilanes described how the yellow "caution" tape was erected, taping off the equivalent of two city blocks.

According to Gavilanes, between 5 and 5:30 p.m. the Riviera Hotels staff came outside and placed cones across the sidewalk blocking their entrance and most of the corner with caution tape, claiming the entire corner as private property. One of the organizers tore it down and pushed back the cones addressing that the sidewalk was public property and there was no construction going on for them to put the tape up."

In order to find out whether there was a City Ordinance barring protests on the sidewalk, "Local Talk" repeatedly tried to reach the Acting City Clerk, Municipal Council members, Kenyatta Stewart, the corporation counsel, Hotel Riviera representatives, and 5th Precinct representatives via email and phone. As of press time, none had responded.

A 11-minute video shot by "Local Talk" showed protesters interacting and giving hugs, talking with police officers. Dee Dee Lee is seen arguing with police, telling them protesters have a right to be on the sidewalk.

In the doorway of Hotel Riviera, a woman, later identified as Deborah Mapsen, is standing, staring hostilely at the protesters. Hotel Riviera personnel and security twice refused to answer questions from the press.

According to Sharonda Allen, "Deborah Mapsen is part of the management at the hotel and is in charge of providing resources and information to the residents. Mapsen is the person who refused to answer questions. She is either ignorant, a liar or both, stating that the sidewalk was private property. Not sure who, but someone used "caution" tape, not police tape to block the public sidewalk, so Mapsen was trying to act like she was a victim while covering up corruption."

Caution tape can be used for paint avoidance, to stop pedestrians from walking through wet cement, and to help others avoid a hazard. There was no police tape posted, which could be used to protect a crime scene, to block off a dangerous area, and to quarantine off areas for official use."

One activist, Victor "Inuk" Gavilani of Lost Tribes, is speaking. Munirah Bomani in the background is heard shouting into the megaphone. "We want developments without displacement! People over profit. Stop developers and corrupt greed. We want responsible developments. Responsible tax abatements. Housing for all levels of income. Fair housing now! We want our voices and needs heard! Stop terrorizing residents and community advocates! Stop the police and governmental terrorism!"

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“Housing as a right” is seen in multi-colored letters on a sign held by a protester. Other signs show slogans such as “Stop all the Gentrification in Newark”, “Solutions 4 Housing”, “Banks Redlined Communities.”

A total of three protesters and five tenants or community activists participated in the evening protest.

By comparison, a 36-minute video of the 12 p.m. protest at the same location shows minimal police presence, with one or two officers. While a single protester is shouting demands into the megaphone, life goes on as usual. Hotel Riviera staff is seen taking chairs out of the rear entrance of the hotel. Pedestrians pass by the protester, with nary a look.

Police Begin Trying to Remove Protesters

Another cell phone video, of the 5:30 p.m. protest, slightly over 4 minutes long, shows protesters arguing with police. At this point video shows eight or more police officers on the sidewalk in front of Hotel Riviera.

Police surround each protester, seeking to isolate them. At this point, protesters begin to argue with police. Two more police cars arrive. A total of 6 cars and 10 police officers were at the 5:30 p.m. protest.

By this time there are more police than protesters. The police are on the sidewalk, standing in twos and threes. At this point, the protesters argue with police over whether they have a right to protest on the sidewalk in the first place.

One officer, Sergeant L. Blount appeared to be in charge. The sergeant kept telling protesters that they have no right to be on the sidewalk. “Local Talk” later saw Sgt. Blount unlocking the handcuffs at his belt and swinging them around in the air.

Neither the police nor protesters engaged in any violence. Both sides limited themselves to verbal arguments. However, the numerical advantage of police allowed them to gradually push the protesters off the sidewalk. By 8 p.m. police were hinting that protesters would be arrested if they did not “take a walk.”

Legal Responses from Protesters

One protester, Sharonda Allen, wrote in her email, “There is no ordinance that prohibits protests on the street. In fact, the removal of the protestors was unconstitutional and equates to malicious prosecution based on the lies reported to the police against the protestors.”

Munirah Bomani, in her email to “Local Talk”, stated, “We had a right to a peaceful protest on the sidewalk. We were not obstructing public passage.”

Victor Gavilanes, a community activist, told “Local Talk” in an email, “Under the City Ordinance, Chapter 5:10 Special Events, it appears the city conveniently has that rallies pertaining to social and public issues on public property must require a permit that is purchased by those organizing the rally. Which to me sounds more like a great way to suppress my First Amendment right to assemble

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|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Belleville | 12,940 | 154 | 12,996 | 155 |
| Bloomfield | 14,381 | 166 | 14,439 | 167 |
| Caldwell | 1,971 | 18 | 1,978 | 18 |
| Cedar Grove | 4,617 | 137 | 4,630 | 138 |
| City of Orange | 9,473 | 174 | 9,524 | 175 |
| East Orange | 19,732 | 387 | 19,823 | 387 |
| Essex Fells | 593 | 2 | 594 | 2 |
| Fairfield | 2,364 | 39 | 2,370 | 39 |
| Glen Ridge | 1,517 | 18 | 1,525 | 18 |
| Irvington | 13,549 | 282 | 13,593 | 282 |
| Livingston | 7,933 | 108 | 7,965 | 108 |
| Maplewood | 6,314 | 49 | 6,330 | 49 |
| Millburn | 4,494 | 18 | 4,510 | 18 |
| Montclair | 8,434 | 90 | 8,464 | 90 |
| Newark | 90,926 | 1,266 | 91,292 | 1,269 |
| North Caldwell | 1,750 | 10 | 1,754 | 10 |
| Nutley | 7,766 | 86 | 7,791 | 86 |
| Roseland | 1,677 | 26 | 1,686 | 26 |
| South Orange | 4,192 | 22 | 4,209 | 22 |
| Verona | 3,969 | 25 | 3,991 | 25 |
| West Caldwell | 3,289 | 67 | 3,296 | 67 |
| West Orange | 15,729 | 269 | 15,797 | 270 |
| Total | 237,610 | 3,413 | 238,557 | 3,421 |

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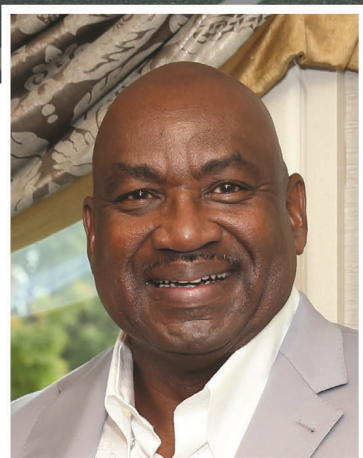
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TOWN WATCH

DISCLAIMER: The following items are primarily drawn from first responders. Responders' accounts may not be their full activity range. Grand juries hand down indictments when evidence presented them warrant a trial. Named suspects/defendants are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

NEWARK - The life of former 13th Avenue School Principal Bert R. Berry, 92, who died on Oct. 12, may well have followed Jackie Robinson's quote: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

Berry was Newark Public School's first principal of the 13th Avenue Community School when it had opened in 1971. The building at 359 13th Ave. - which takes up most of the block bordered by South Eighth and Ninth streets and 17th Avenue - replaced the 1888 building at another location.

The modern four-story school still houses Kindergarten-Eighth Grade and has recently added a Pre-K class level. The now-10 classes brings the student body up to 619 plus 53 teachers.

Berry's principalship of the Fairmount Heights neighborhood school spanned into his retirement in the 1990s. A 1971-91 span alone mathematically translates to 1,741 people being influenced by Principal Berry.

Berry and fellow retired West Side High School Principal Nathaniel L.J. Potts were among the honorees in the first 13th Avenue School Reunion on Memorial Day, 2013. They were among the 300 former teachers, staff and students who came from as far away as Florida and North Dakota and filled a Robert Treat Hotel ballroom. Potts, 85, died May 21, 2016.

A celebration of Berry's life was held 11 a.m. Oct. 19 here at the Whigham Funeral Home. It was simulcasted on Whigham 580's Facebook page.

IRVINGTON - Union Township and Union County authorities are looking for the person

who fatally shot an Irvington man in Union Center Oct. 16.

Union police officers said they had responded to gunshot reports along the 2000 block of Morris Avenue at 6:39 p.m. Sunday night. They found Emmanuelle Florestal, 26, lying with a gunshot wound to his chest along the avenue by Hendrix Place.

Florestal was rushed to Newark's University Hospital, where he was declared dead later on Sunday night. Florestal's funeral arrangements were not available as of press time.

House Fire Displaces 3

Irvington firefighters, with mutual aid help from adjacent companies, put out a house fire on the northwesternmost block of Lyons Avenue that routed its three residents here Oct. 15.

The first responding IFD units came to 871 Lyons Ave 8:40 p.m. Saturday, where they found smoke and flames coming out of one of its second floor windows. The incident commander promptly pulled an "all hands" second alarm. A third alarm was then called for on-scene mutual aid and station coverage.

The blaze, which was soon brought under control, damaged the 2.5-story 1916 wood frame house's upper floors. Several real estate websites list three residents there. No injuries were reported.

EAST ORANGE - Relatives and friends of Kenneth Wilkerson have scheduled his funeral for Nov. 2 at a Brentwood, Md., funeral home while county detectives search for his fatal stabber here since Oct. 4.

East Orange police officers said they were making a welfare check on Wilkerson when they found him with "multiple stab wounds" in his apartment along the 200 block of South Burnet St. 9 a.m. Oct. 4. He was declared dead there at 9:30 a.m.; Oct. 2 was his set expiration date.

Kenneth Alan Wilkerson, Jr. who was born Sept. 28, 1981, is to have his life celebrated 12:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at Brentwood's Ft. Lincoln Funeral Home, 3401 Bladensburg Rd.

Letrell Duncan Funeral

Slain East Orange Campus High School scholar-athlete Letrell Duncan was given his last rites before an overflow of mourners here at New Hope Baptist Church Oct. 15. The mourning crowd - including friends and community leaders - spilled out across Prospect Street, prompting East Orange police to close it between Dodd Street and Renshaw Avenue.

"We're going to band together to support his family," said Mayor Theodore "Ted" Green, "and support our community."

Two people, including Duncan's shooter, remain at large since Oct. 3. The Essex County Sheriff's Office CrimeStoppers' \$10,000 reward for information that will lead to the suspects' arrest, is still being offered.

ORANGE - A former city resident, who is serving a 160-year prison sentence for killing three females and the attempted murder of a fourth in 2016, was due to answer charges of another murder and hiding of a body here in 2016-19 before State Superior Court Judge Mark Ali in Newark Oct. 21.

Khalil Wheeler-Weaver, 25, was indicted by an Essex County grand jury March 30 on the counts of attempted sexual assault of a minor, endangering the welfare of a child and desecration of human remains. The jury found enough evidence to tie Wheeler-Weaver to the murder of Mawa Doumbia, 15, of Newark, to warrant a trial.

Doumbia was last seen alive by her father and sister when she left her Newark address Oct. 7, 2016. She had agreed to meet Wheeler-Weaver in person after having several online conversations. Her private memorial service has never been posted or published.

Wheeler-Weaver had used the same approach to meet the three other young women, solicit for sex, sexually assault and strangle them if they refused and dumping their bodies in abandoned houses in Orange or in West Orange's part of Eagle Rock Reservation.

Remains that would later be identified as Doumbia's were found by Orange police and ECPO Homicide Task Force detectives in the back of 120 So.

Main St. April 9, 2019. Her corpse was left behind in a vacant part of a carriage house there.

Wheeler-Weaver, depending on his Wednesday plea before Judge Ali, is facing additional prison time in Doumbia's case. A jury had found him guilty and was subsequently sentenced for the murders of Sara Butler, 20, of Montclair; Robin West, 19, of Philadelphia; Joann Brown, 33, of Newark and the attempted murder of Tiffany Taylor, 27, of Jersey City.

Both Brown and West's bodies were found in vacant or abandoned Orange houses. Wheeler-Weaver had tried to set fire to West's body and the vacant Highland Avenue dwelling Dec. 5, 2016 - the day before Montclair Police arrested him in a decoy entrapment.

WEST ORANGE - A 9 a.m. Oct. 22 visitation and funeral for Corrington Valentin, who was shot dead on a Watchung Heights street corner here Sept. 27, is to be held at the Bethany Evangelical Free Church at 30 Ashwood Terr.

Valentin, 21, was one of two men who were shot while they were leaving a corner delicatessen at 3 p.m. that Tuesday. Township police and county detectives believe that the duo was targeted by a shooter and a driver - both of whom remain at large.

Valentin, who was born in Newark's Columbus Hospital Nov. 8, 2001, moved with his family from Union in 2015. "CJ" had attended Union's Burnet Middle School and West Orange High School. He was known for enjoying basketball and dancing.

Valentin, in later years, became the guardian and caretaker for his grandmother, Suze Etienne.

Etienne, mother Sherline Jean Valentin and father Gaston Valentin are among Corrington's survivors. Gaston remains in his native Haiti.

A reception has been set for 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Union's Costa Del Sol.

SOUTH ORANGE - The public may peruse Village Hall's latest incarnation as a restaurant and beer hall sometime around Nov. 1.

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PROTESTERS V. POLICE

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and express my views by protesting.”

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, “you do not a permit to march in the streets or on sidewalks, as long as marchers don’t obstruct car or pedestrian traffic. If you don’t have a permit, police officers can ask you to move to the side of a street or sidewalk to let others pass for safety reasons.”

According to ACLU, your rights are strongest in what are known as “traditional public forums,” such as streets, sidewalks and parks. ... When you are lawfully present in any public space, you have the right to photograph anything in plain view, including federal buildings and the police.”

Munirah Bomani sent legal research stating that police deprived persons under color of law. Under 18 USC 242, “whoever under color of any law, statute ordinance or regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State,

Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States... shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year or both...”

Also, 18 USC 241 provides that two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth Possession or District... they shall be fined under this titled or imprisoned not more than ten years or both...”

The statue provides that if death results from the acts committed in violation of this section, or kidnapping, or a kidnap attempt, aggravated sexual abuse or even more serious crimes, the penalty shall be imprisonment of years or for life, or may be sentenced to death.

Finally, 42 USC 1983 provides that whoever causes under color of any statute to be caused deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the Constitution and the laws

shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity or other proper proceeding for redress...”

Grievances of the Hotel Riviera Tenants. Intimidation and Threats.

Sharonda, Victor and Munirah all wrote in their emails that residents of Hotel Riviera have been threatened by both management and security not to speak up or else they will be kicked out.

Both Victor and Sharonda wrote that the main complaints against the Riviera Hotel are the malicious prosecution of the protesters, the maltreatment of the people who sleep there as they suffer from housing insecurity, the unprofessional and malicious behavior of Deborah Mapsen, the illegal eviction of the residents of the hotel, misuse of Federal (TRA) funds, and the systematic removal of low income individuals from housing. This leads to gentrification.”

Gavilani wrote in his email, “I wanted to add that the resi-

dents were being threatened to not engage with protesters and were told that if they came outside to be part of a rally that they would be removed and not allowed back in.

Management at the Riviera are using fear tactics to keep those folks from speaking up for themselves. It’s already disgusting that it took public opposition for them to even offer minimal recourse to help these folks. The first options given to residents were the streets then local shelters. The same shelters that are in worse conditions with no real assistance to ensure that these residents have the opportunity to be placed into a safe and secure home.”





*From
The
Pastor's
Heart*

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

**Breaking The Curse
Through Forgiveness**

I do not say that I have seen the worse ones, but I have seen some awful ones during my 51 years as a minister of religion and family life educator. Unfortunately, I have seen them everywhere after their divorce - miserable ex-spouses, messed up children, estranged in-laws, and resentment of every sort. The entire family systems seem like they are under a curse.

But of course, I do not wish to say that every divorce causes a curse. If Elizabeth Marquardt speaks for most children who come from situations of divorce, then we need to listen to what she says in her book *Between Two Worlds* about the shared experience of many children whose parents divorced:

"Our parents' divorce is linked to our higher rates of depression, suicidal attempts and thoughts, health problems, childhood sexual abuse, school dropout, failure to attend college, arrests, addiction, teen pregnancy,

and more. ... Some of us struggle with the scars left from our parents' divorce: we have a harder time finishing school, getting and keeping jobs, maintaining relationships, and having lasting marriages." (2005, p. 189)

Whether it's the curses prolonged by divorce or other forms of brokenness, we must understand that forgiveness is one of the most effective methods for breaking the curses.

Forgiveness means "the pardon of an offense or crime." It is seeking release from the wrongs we have done and releasing the ones who have wronged us. It is connected to confession and repentance, but it is more than acknowledging a wrong and seeing to change; it is seeking to free ourselves and others from the wrong. Forgiveness is a kindness we seek for ourselves and that we seek to share with others. The Bible tells us numerous times that we must forgive others. Jesus' model prayer in Matthew 6:7-15 alludes to this fact of forgiveness.

The Greek word for forgiveness is *aphiemi*, which means "to set free; to let go; to release; to discharge; to liberate; to send away, dismiss, allow to depart; to issue, send forth." That means when a crime is committed against us, we must learn how to let go or send it away. We should not cling to it and

keep it in our minds and hearts. Instead, we must act as if it never happened.

I do not want to pretend that forgiveness is easy, for forgiveness can be very difficult when people do you dirty things, or you do unkind things to them. But God made it clear in the Bible; also, history and research have found that forgiveness is the most necessary action to establish or reestablish any relationship. For this reason, we can argue that without the help of God, no forgiveness is possible. This is why many say that forgiveness comes only from a merciful and loving heart. Forgiveness is not self-based. Forgiveness is letting go of pain to have **peace** with the person that offends you.

While most of us might never have to deal with the pain of divorce, incest, or being sexually violated, or will never face a devastating offense such as the murder of a loved one, we all are confronted with the need to be forgiven and to forgive. So, all of us must learn to forgive those who hurt us so we can remove the curses of unforgiveness.

Let me list 12 benefits or blessings of forgiveness for deeper reflection.

1. It allows for the removal of guilt
2. Reconciliation takes place

3. The journey of healing begins
4. The lessening of past pain and moves us to a positive future
5. The removal of hindrances to relationships
6. It creates space for the blessings of God in one's life
7. It decreases resentment. Like water on a fire, forgiveness extinguishes bitterness and resentment by eliminating the fuel
8. It promotes love for God and others
9. It makes our joy and peace possible
10. It repels pride - keeps us humble
11. The reduction of anxiety, depression, and major psychiatric disorders, as well as physical health challenges and lower mortality rates
12. It brings us into a closer relationship with God.

In light of the theme of encouraging us to get rid of the curses from our lives, let me remind all that if we hold on to bitterness, Satan will have access to us. Many people have demonic-rooted issues because of their lack of forgiveness. So let me urge you to break away from the bondage and curses of unforgiveness. Let us examine ourselves so we might release any resentment or hurt we are harboring in our hearts.

TOWN WATCH

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"Village Hall is expected to open - fingers crossed - in late October-early November," said Village President Sheena Collum at the Village Trustees' Sept 28 meeting. "Those are the target dates at this moment in time."

South Orange's elders, citing best possible use, had leased its 1894 building to Landmark Venues in 2015. Landmark, which has revamped and operated other eateries, had promised to make renovations to 75 South Orange Ave. in a historical context.

Village Hall had started life as South Orange's fire headquarters before being converted to municipal administrative and legislative functions. Village

Trustees had moved most municipal functions into the Haberman Building, 76 South Orange Ave., and been paying biennial leases since 2013.

Acting Village Business Administrator Julie Doran said she has recently walked through the building and that her issuing a temporary certificate of occupancy is a matter of "some remaining issues. Doran succeeded the outgoing longtime BA Adam Loehner on July 1.

MAPLEWOOD - Township Mayor Dean Dafis has named Maplewood Police Deputy Chief Albert Sally Acting Chief during Chief Jimmy DeVaul's hospitalization.

DeVaul, said Dafis Oct. 14, temporarily promoted Sally since "Maplewood's Top Cop"

"suffered a medical incident" that Friday. DeVaul, a 29-year squad member and chief since 2018, "was transported to a local hospital and remains with his family."

Sally has a similar tenure to DeVaul. The 21-year member of the force was promoted to deputy chief in 2018.

Both DeVaul and Sally's 2018 promotions were the result of a top brass shakeup in the wake of how MPD officers handled the herding of some post-July 5, 2016 Memorial Park fireworks attendees to the Irvington border. Many of the channeled youth were actual Maplewood residents; some of whom complained of rough police treatment.

Longtime police chief Robert Cimino, who was put on leave,

resigned in August 2017.

"The thoughts and prayers of Maplewood are with Chief DeVaul and his family," said Dafis. "Jimmy's highly regarded in our community."

BLOOMFIELD - It appears that part of the Sacred Heart School property at Bloomfield Avenue will be redeveloped, pending the township planning board's decision on a site plan application presented by CityMD.

CityMD, as represented by Calli Law, presented their plans for the former First DeWitt/ Sovereign/Santander Bank building at 665-667 Bloomfield Ave. Oct. 11. The walk-in emergency care provider wants to remove the bank's drive-through ports and

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“RONALD L. RICE SPORTS

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come to this park,” Rice said. “There are always going to be disagreements, but you have to stick to your ideals,” he added.

Essex County elected officials representing all levels of government spoke of the fitting recognition given to Rice.

“The Payne and Rice families have been intertwined. We will always be together since Joe told me that the Payne School athletic teams will use the Ron Rice Sports Complex as their home field,” U.S. Representative Donald Payne said.

“Ron broke ground so the next generation could rise up. This empowers me and gives me courage,” Senate Majority Leader Teresa Ruiz said.

“Ron is truly a great man who dedicated his whole life to helping his country, state and city. This is just a small way we can all say thank you,” Senator Renee Burgess said.

“Ron always was a straight shooter. I am proud of everything you have accomplished,” Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin said.

“This is a beautiful thing we are doing today. Ron has a work ethic like no other,” Assemblyman Ralph Caputo said.

Rice was a member of the NJ State Senate for 35 years and is the longest serving Black lawmaker in New Jersey history. He previously served 18 years as Chairman of the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus. Rice has been a strong advocate for social justice issues and supported the construction of recreational facilities in urban areas as a way to lift blighted communities. He backed clean energy for neighborhoods planted atop Superfund sites and was a torchbearer for boosting diversity in law enforcement.

Before being elected as a State Senator, he was Deputy Mayor of Newark for four years, a Newark City Councilman for 16 years, a Newark Police Detective for eight years and served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

A plaque at the site begins with a quote from President Barack Obama: “That’s when America soars, when we look out for one another and we take care of each other, when we root for one another’s success, when we strive to do better and to be better than the generation that came before us and try to build something better for generations to come, that’s why we do what we do. That’s the whole point of pub-

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lic service.”

It continues: “Ronald L. Rice dedicated his life to serving his community. As a young man, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and attained the rank of Sergeant while serving in Vietnam and then joined the Newark Police Department upon returning home. Wanting to give more, Ron sought public office as a member of the Newark City Council, Deputy Mayor of Newark and NJ State Senator.

“As an elected official, he has been a trailblazer, fighting for racial equality, social justice and revitalization of urban areas. Never backing down from his principles, he was not afraid to stand alone on an issue and became an independent and respected voice in Trenton. At the time of his retirement in 2022, Rice had served 35 years in the State Senate, which made him the longest serving African American legislator in New Jersey history and the second longest

legislator currently serving in the Senate.

“Naming the ‘Ronald L. Rice Sports Complex’ in Essex County Vailsburg Park, in the heart of his Legislative District 28, is a fitting tribute to his commitment to the residents and city he loved.”

Essex County Vailsburg Park is located in Newark’s West Ward, which is the heart of District 28, which Rice has represented for the last 35 years. Currently under construction in the park is a new athletic complex that includes a football/soccer field, baseball field and softball field - all with synthetic grass surfaces - and a rubberized running track. The facilities will be available to the community and will become the home base for student athletic programs at Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology and the other county vocational schools. It is scheduled to be completed in December 2022.

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

YOU BETTER SANG...



Inspirational Gospel Recording Artist: CARDENIA MONROE

When Mocha folks be shoutin' "You Betta Sang" it means that you can. I have never been one to throw the word

"Sang" around loosely; but usually, when listening to a song and even more so for the first time, I immediately kick into critique mode.

With my imaginary spectacles hanging off the nose tip and that fake clipboard and pen in hand, I form my crafty outline forging that yay or nay as gauging the depth of the very first heavenly note or the horribly gruesome last. I am nobody's groupie let's make that clear.

But if I were being strong-armed into making a choice, there is one woman that has stood the test of time. This woman is my go-to across the board when it comes to my having been totally impressed by a song or in her case many or when I feel like I want to "sang" as Mocha says.

I know the suspense is killing ya, but that's your problem - just kidding, "Anita Baker" hands down. When she crones I crone and I'm not talking Karaoke style. I'm talking Grammy stage style and at that time I am her, or at least I think that I am lol.

Logically, there are tons of others that sing impressively well but who has the time? So just for today, I'll choose just one plus the "Praise." Cardenia Monroe & "Praise" and the Levites" You Betta Sang" All boxes checked "Yes" on the clipboard!

DADDY, I WANT TO SING

"Cardenia Monroe is my name. I am the lead singer, the creator of the group, and the producer, and Praise is the background singers, and the Levites



are our amazing musicians.

"My first song as a recording artist was gospel. Because of praise and worship, I was in the presence of God, right where I wanted and need to be. I am an Inspirational Gospel Recording Artist because I want my songs to inspire people.

"When I was a little girl around five or six I used to grab anything that could be used as a microphone and sing in front of the mirror. I loved church songs, love songs, wedding songs, and things like that. Stacy Lattisaw's "Let Me Be Your Angel" was my favorite go-to that I used to sing all the time and looking in the mirror made me feel like I had an audience. That was the beginning of my writing and sharing songs to real ones. Now about the name Cardenia Monroe "Praise" and the Levites ...

"I came up with the name "Praise" because I just love joyful things and that's what and who I wanted singing with me. When I decided to take this thing seriously when in church, I would see a particular person that I thought could be a good fit and I'd say she, can sing, and she has a great personality let me see

if she'd like to be part of the group. When looking for "Praise" I'd look at the ladies' appearance, if they can sing, how they carry themselves, their performance, and how passionate they are. That's how "Praise" started.

"Those joyful ladies of "Praise" are Vashti Fogle, Vashti is friend/family. Our mothers were good friends. We were in the same church as little girls and she has been with me for around fifteen years. Grace Lavington is "Praise" she and I went to the same church. Grace sang in the choir, she "sang," and she had that powerful voice so I asked her of course. Ester Edwards is "Praise." same difference we went to the same church, and she has a beautiful voice and that's how we got started. ...

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BOOSTER FOR KIDS

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tion, nausea/vomiting and fever.

- Individuals who receive the bivalent vaccine may experience similar side effects reported by individuals who received the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.
- The data for the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine are relevant to the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent because these

vaccines are manufactured using the same process.

What You Need to Know: Authorization of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent

- The data supporting the authorization of a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent for individuals 5 through 11 years of age is based in part on the FDA's previous analysis of immune response and safety data from a clinical study in adults greater than 55 years

of age who received a booster dose of a Pfizer-BioNTech's investigational bivalent COVID-19 vaccine that contained a component of the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 and a component of Omicron lineage BA.1. In addition, the authorization is based on the FDA's previous analysis of safety and effectiveness data of a booster dose of monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in children 5 through 11 years of age.

- Individuals who receive Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19

Vaccine, Bivalent may experience similar side effects reported by individuals who received the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

The fact sheets for both of the bivalent COVID-19 vaccines for recipients and caregivers and for healthcare providers include information about potential side effects, as well as the risks of myocarditis and pericarditis.

The amendments to the EU-As were issued to Moderna TX Inc. and Pfizer Inc.

TOWN WATCH

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reconfigure the existing customer parking lot off Liberty Street to 14 customer spaces. The owner has fenced off that parking lot, to prevent free parking, last month.

What CityMD/Calli is also asking pertains to 677 Bloomfield Ave. The applicant wants to use the paved eastern end of the school property for 22 employee/non-customer parking spaces. The medical center would usually have eight employees on the property.

The proposal will otherwise not affect the two-story office building, at 673 Bloomfield Ave., between the lot and the bank/would-be medical office.

The paved lot at 677 Bloomfield is currently used by an active day care center, which also uses the former Sacred Heart School building. The Archdiocese of Newark has also leased out the western paved area to O'Boyle Landscaping for the latter's truck parking.

Sacred Heart School, which held its last religious classes in 2002, has been the subject of a "conceptual plan" for a four story apartment building last year.

GLEN RIDGE - The sudden Oct. 1 resignation of an incumbent Glen Ridge Board of Education member has shaken up both the school board lineup and the campaign for the Nov. 8 General Election.

Dr. Heather Yaros-Ramos, without official explanation, has stepped down after nine years and three terms on Oct. 1. The other seven members Yaros-Ramos has left behind will review resumes received here Oct. 1-7 and are to pick her interim successor at their Nov. 9 meeting.

The interim member will be a member through the board's Jan. 4 reorganization meeting. It is not clear whether her resignation was made before Essex County Clerk Chris Durkin can remove her name from the Nov. 8 Election Day ballot.

Who will ultimately succeed Yaros-Ramos will be up to participating registered borough voters. Tricia Akinwande, Darius K. DeHard, Elisabeth Ginsburg and Steven Lord remain on the ballot. Sole running incumbent Ginsburg and newcomer Akinwande - and Yaros-Ramos - received the borough's Civic Conference Committee, on Sept. 1.

Borough, Montclair Lift Water Emergencies

Glen Ridge Mayor Stuart K. Patrick and Montclair colleague Sean Spiller lifted their respective separate nonessential water use emergencies .2 and 3 p.m. Oct. 15. They issued their water state of emergencies after a 72-in. North Jersey Water District Commission main had broken in Nutley on Nov. 7. Both the borough and

the township relied on Passaic Valley Water Commission's supply from Cedar Grove and Verona until the break was repaired.

Up to 130,000 North Jersey and affected Newark Water Supply customers from 12 other towns in three counties - including Newark, Belleville and Bloomfield - also endured low water pressure for the duration.

MONTCLAIR - The recent real estate website posting of 369 Claremont Ave being up for sale had prompted perhaps an unexpected response here Oct. 16.

About 100 interested people came out Sunday afternoon to keep the James Howe House intact and be placed on the township's register of historic places. The 800-square-foot two-story house, built around 1780, is also known as the "Freed Slave House."

One of the township's first houses was built by William Crane - as in Montclair forerunner "Cranetown" - and is named after the township's first freed slave. Maj. Nathaniel Crane bequeathed the house to James Howe and his family in 1831. It has also been called "George Washington's Wayside Home" on the belief that the Revolutionary War general had briefly set up his campaign headquarters there.

369 Claremont, after being in the Howe family for 60 years, was the residence of a mother and two children as late as 2013. It was rented out then by Robert Van Dyk, who also owned an adjacent nursing home.

The Friends of the Howe House has been talking with the property owner while raising money to purchase the around 222-year-old house.

At the worst, a purchaser seeking demolition of the Howe House will have to go through the Montclair Historic Preservation Commission.

BELLEVILLE - Mayor Michael Melham, during Oct. 11's Township Council meeting, revealed just where the just-appointed consulting professional planner would be studying for redevelopment.

Melham said that CME & Associates, of Medford, was being hired to study "371 and 411 Main St." The mayor was responding to resident and former councilman Mario Drodz's request for details.

That address, which was not spelled out on that Tuesday night's agenda, is better known as the former Kmart building that had ended its 42-year run here by April 15, 2021.

JLL Retail, which had been offering the 5.95-acre site as up for lease, had placed concrete blocks at 333 parking space lot's entrances. "Local Talk" had noticed a drilling company from Collingswood taking some 40 ground sample cores from the lot this summer.

Although the former Eastwood Wire site remains in private hands, the Township Council passed on its request to the Belleville Planning Board to see if the property can be cited as a "Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment" in October 2021. That request was passed, 5-2, with council members Marie Strumolo-Burke and Steve Rovell dissenting.

It appears that studying 371-411 Main St. for "CAINOR" has either not been done by the planning board or been scheduled for a public hearing.

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