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*Happy Thanksgiving!*



## TOLLS & FARES GOING UP IN 2025

By Walter Elliott

NEWARK - "Local Talk" wishes that you "eat, drink and be merry" this holiday season - for next season it will cost you more to get there.

Four public transportation agencies have you paying more for their tollways, trains, buses, bridges and tunnels as early as 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 2025 and as distant as July 1 and Aug. 1.

The increases among New Jersey Transit, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (including the Garden State Parkway), The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority are talking about three percent hikes for the most part. The PANYNJ, in an exception, intends its airport and bus terminal vendors to pass along a 15-percent premium.

The agencies' increases have either set them in stone earlier this month although a final December board hearing in one case and possible gubernatorial vetoes and/or pre-holiday court rulings in another make the cement still wet but hardening.

Herewith is an overview on who are making what kind of increases are happening when and where:

NJTRANSIT intends to make a three percent increase at 12:01 a.m. July 1 across all

bus, light rail, commuter rail and Access A Ride services.

The base northern New Jersey intrastate one zone bus fare would go from \$1.80 to a rounded down \$1.85. (The statewide public carrier has different rate schedules for its Southern New Jersey and interstate buses plus the Hudson Bergen Light Rail and River Line.)

Similar discounted senior, student and handicapped fares will go from 85 cents to a rounded-up 90 cents. The monthly intrastate bus and light rail pass will go from \$59 to a rounded-up \$62.

The base one-way one-zone commuter rail ticket - like between Orange and Broad Street Newark stations on the Morris & Essex Line or between Newark Broad and Glen Ridge on the Montclair-Boonton Line will go from \$2.55 to a rounded-up \$2.60.

The \$1.25 similar senior/student/handicapped fare will go up to \$1.30. The monthly transit pass will go from \$69 to a rounded-up \$72.

This increase is part of a three-year fare table approved by the NJTransit Board of Directors May 15, 2024, including a 15 percent hike (the first in 17 years) effective July 1, 2024.

"Local Talk" is bringing up the 2024-26 fare table because the transit board in-

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## CLASSIC BATTLE GOES DOWN TO THE WIRE

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*Editorial*  
**Dhiren Shah**  
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**Hello Readers,**

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. Due to the holiday, as usual we distribute the newspaper on Wednesday, a day earlier. Thanksgiving Day is very precious for families, as they get together and give thanks, some to God, for food and everything, including a good life. This is an act of gratitude.

After Monday's airstrike by the Israelis, Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu agreed to have a ceasefire deal. Now the deal will be voted on by Israel's cabinet. Most of the world is against Israel's attacks on Palestine. The world leaders also get annoyed by Israel's attack on Lebanon as well. I don't think Israel will continue depending on the US and its allies to support their war efforts. President-elect Donald Trump is a strong supporter of

Israel. But he is unpredictable, so Israel has to take its own decision for a truce, at least with Lebanon. Hamas is a danger, so their movement must be curtailed, but the Palestinians are innocent people, so they should not be punished.

A mass deportation of illegal immigrants by the Trump administration will raise many questions. California and many other states have farms that need workers who can maintain them and produce. The majority of farms have workers from Mexico and other countries. Without illegal workers, the production will be impacted. Most of the construction workers also tend to be illegals. Now, it is very important that the Trump administration bring a solution. It will not be easy, but it is necessary for the US economy.

The Russia and Ukraine war is not slowing down. President Biden gave Ukraine permission to use US-supplied long range missiles to attack inside Russia, which gives an indication that the US is involved in the war. Immediately, Russia started attacking Ukraine with missile at-

tacks. This all started upon the movement to making Ukraine a part of NATO.

Per Google, "At the June 2021 Brussels summit, NATO leaders reiterated the decision taken at the 2008 Bucharest Summit that Ukraine would become a member of the Alliance with the NATO MAP as an integral part of the process and Ukraine's right to determine its own future and foreign policy course without outside interference."

The purpose of inviting Ukraine into NATO was so that the US and its allies could have a country (originally part of USSR) next to Russia. However, the US does not want Russia to have a base in Cuba. It is a very lopsided decision by the US. America should start thinking about having peace in the world, as the world is becoming more and more globalized.

A judge has agreed to the request of Special Counsel Jack Smith to dismiss the Jan. 6 case against President-elect Donald Trump, on the grounds that the Justice Department has a long standing policy of not engaging

in cases against a sitting President, which Trump will be on Jan. 20, 2025. Another reason is that Trump said he would fire Smith as soon as he got into office, along with the fact that he could pardon himself, as the case was in Federal court. Trump's impending return to the Oval Office also shut down any attempt to retry the Documents case that got thrown out in Florida back in July.

A few years ago, the New York Giants had a chance to resign star running back Saquon Barkley to a new contract. However, they chose to give the big money contract to quarterback Daniel Jones, making Barkley unhappy with the team. Eventually, Barkley left and signed with the Philadelphia Eagles. Now, in the Thanksgiving Day game against the Dallas Cowboys, the Giants will be without Jones, who they released on Monday, while Barkley just came off his best career game in another uniform. What a turn of fate!

*Have a wonderful week.  
 I'll talk to you next week.*

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# The Doctor Is In



OP-ED BY DR. ADIL MANZOOR

## The Growing Challenge of Antibiotic Resistance and Its Implications for Treatment Strategies

Have you ever had a paper cut? It's annoying as hell, pretty painful, you may bleed a little, and did I mention that it's annoying as hell. However, have you ever had a paper cut and started to panic that your life may be at

risk? The answer is almost certainly no. I mean, it's just a paper cut. What if something goes wrong, and it gets infected? Well, you just use antibiotics, and voila, you're fine.

But did you know that there used to be a time when even the smallest injuries raised serious health concerns because there was no cure if they got infected? This was the time before antibiotics. Urinary tract infections, respiratory infections, sexually transmitted infections, and post-operation wounds all represented very serious health risks. In fact, 30% of deaths in the United States used to be due to bacterial infections. This is why the invention of the first antibiotic (penicillin) in 1928 by Alexander Fleming is one of the most important inventions in all of human history.

Fleming went on to win the Nobel Prize in 1945 for his groundbreaking invention, and during his acceptance speech, he raised a concern - that incorrect usage of penicillin could cause resistance. Antibiotic resistance is



simply when bacteria become more resistant to antibiotics, and these antibiotics are no longer nearly as effective in killing or stalling their growth. Bacteria are living organisms, and like all living organisms, they can adapt to changes and evolve into genetically superior versions of themselves.

Causes and contributors to antibiotic resistance include poor hospital hygiene practices, antibiotic overuse in humans and agriculture, lack of sanitation, international travel spreading resistant bacteria, and the lack of quick diagnostics that help in proper antibiotic use. Practically, you can contribute to antibiotic resistance by using antibiotics for viral infections (like the common cold), not completing the course of your antibiotics, and using antibiotics without a prescription.

Before long, Fleming's concerns about resistance evolved from mere concerns into reality, as the first case of penicillin resistance was observed in 1947. In 1959, scientists developed an antibiotic, known as methicillin, to treat infections caused by penicillin-resistant bacteria (Staphylococcus aureus, in particular). Barely two years after methicillin was developed, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus was discovered. This should give you an idea of how aggressive bacteria are in their efforts to gain resistance against antibiotics.

Right from the first use of antibiotics in the 1940s, there

have been concerns about antibiotic resistance. Fast forward eight decades later, and these concerns have reached an all-time high. According to the World Health Organization, the world "is running out of antibiotics." The WHO also named antimicrobial resistance as one of the top 10 global public health threats to humanity. As dire as that projection sounds, it still feels very much like antibiotic resistance is understated and overlooked, especially by pharmaceutical companies.

In case you were wondering, antibiotic resistance is so bad because it can make healthcare extremely difficult. Antibiotic resistance is responsible for around 5 million deaths worldwide, but that figure is expected to double by 2050 (which is around 25 years away). And it's only going to get worse from thereon in.

Currently, 7 in 10 pathogenic bacteria are believed to be resistant to at least one commercially available antibiotic. Again, if current trends are anything to go by, this will only worsen, and while we all; hope not, there may be a time when more than 90% of pathogenic bacteria will be resistant to available antibiotics. Just saying it is scary, but you need to fully understand the implications of this.

If a lot of bacteria become resistant to available antibiotics, many people will die. Then, it will become more difficult to treat many health conditions, sig-

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# SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.

This past weekend, the college basketball season had one of its early season specials at the Prudential center in Newark.

The Saatva Empire Classic saw former Seton Hall head coach Kevin Willard snag a win in his old stomping grounds, leading the Maryland Terrapins to a slim 76-75 win over the Villanova Wildcats. Leading the

son. Villanova is coming out of the gates slowly at 3-4.

In other area sports, the New York Red Bulls defeated rival New York FC at Citi Field 2-0. The Bulls got their goals from midfielders Emil Forsberg and Felipe Carballo. The Jersey based NY team will be heading to the conference finals for the first time since 2018.

Head coach Sandro Schwartz said after the victory,



Photos By Felicia Laguerre Owens

way for Maryland was Center Derik Queen with 22 points and 11 rebounds. The Terps also got good production from Julian Reese with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Maryland outrebounded the Cats 34-30. Villanova was led by Eric Dixon's 38 points and 4 rebounds, while Jhamir Brickus had 11 points.

After the game, Willard said it was a big victory on the road and a great win for his team. Maryland shot 58 percent from the floor, and is 5-1 on the sea-

“This was a great win for the team. This was the first time both teams in the tri-state area played for a playoff spot called the New York Derby.”

In high school football playoff action, the road warriors Shabazz Bulldogs won another big game on the road, winning big games over Bernards 28-14 and this past Friday over Hanover Park 8-7. Shabazz is 10-2 on the season, and will be at Rutgers Stadium to take on Rumson

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: LEAD HAZARD CONTROL and REMEDIATION CONTRACTORS**

As the provider of services under the NJ DCA's Lead Remediation and Abatement Program (LRAP) Newark Water Coalition (NWC), is seeking responses from qualified Contractors to become part of a "Qualified Contractor Pool" to provide either 1) lead remediation/mitigation and/or 2) lead abatement services for 2024-2026 [Lead Remediation and Abatement Program](#) - a grant funded program from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA). (Note: Only contractors on the [NJ Certified Lead Abatement Contractor](#) list can perform abatements. Any contractor who has been suspended from any federal, state, or local lead program is not eligible to perform under this RFP.)

Newark Water Coalition (NWC) intends to prequalify Lead Hazard Control/Remediation Contractors to participate in a statewide "Qualified Lead Contractor Pool" of up to 3-5 additional contractors. The purpose of this program is to identify and remediate lead-based paint hazards to prevent elevated blood lead levels in children and pregnant women. The program targets municipalities in New Jersey with high reported incidence of elevated blood lead levels in children under age six.

Lead remediation jobs will be assigned based on the location of the jobs and availability of contractors. We are seeking contractors to perform lead hazard remediation services in Newark, NJ. Minority and woman-owned businesses are encouraged to apply. Newark Water Coalition is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**RFQ released:** 11/18/2024  
**Submission Closing Date:** 12/03/2024  
**Application Opening:** 12/05/2024

RFQ proposal packets may be obtained in person starting **Monday, November 18, 2024** at 373 South Orange Ave, Newark, NJ 07103 or by contacting Carolina Acevedo via email at [LRAP@newarkwatercoalition.org](mailto:LRAP@newarkwatercoalition.org). Completed application packages must be received at NWC no later than 11:00am on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**.

By order of: Anthony Diaz Executive Director of Newark Water Coalition



**UNITED STATES CONCERNING NEWS ABOUT TRENTON POLICE DEPT.**

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey and the Justice Department has announced that the Trenton Police Department (TPD) and the city of Trenton engage in a pattern or practice of conduct that violates the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and federal law.

A comprehensive investigation found that TPD unlawfully uses excessive force, including unreasonable forms of physical force and pepper spray when facing little resistance or danger. TPD also conducts stops, searches and arrests without reasonable suspicion or probable cause. In addition, the department identified deficiencies in training, supervision, policy and accountability that contribute to TPD and the city’s unlawful conduct.

“For too long, the residents of Trenton have felt afraid of the police, rather than protected by them,” U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger. “The use of excessive force and unconstitutional stops, searches and arrests, sometimes with tragic consequences, have eroded public trust and undermined public safety. Today’s findings are the first step in achieving the reforms needed to rebuild public trust, so that the Trenton Police Department can effectively fight crime and keep residents safe, while respecting the constitutional rights of each and every person.”

The Justice Department found that TPD engaged in a pattern or practice of using excessive force, with police officers often escalating encounters when facing little resistance or threat. For example, in one incident from 2023, after initially

using reasonable force to arrest a man, an officer stomped on the man’s hand multiple times once he was on the ground, knelt on his head and kicked him in the shoulder.

TPD also conducted numerous stops and searches of pedestrians and cars without reasonable suspicion or probable cause, often unlawfully arresting the person they stopped and searched.

TPD’s violations have eroded community trust and cost the city more than \$7 million since 2021 to resolve lawsuits stemming from accusations of officer misconduct.

The Justice Department opened this investigation on Oct. 17, 2023. Career attorneys and staff in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey and the Civil Rights Division’s Special Litigation Section conducted the investigation. The team conducted an extensive review of TPD’s records, including hundreds of police reports and hundreds of hours of body-worn camera footage. The team also interviewed city and TPD leadership and line officers, accompanied officers on ride-alongs and met with dozens of community members.

The city and TPD cooperated fully with the Justice Department’s investigation. The department provided a comprehensive written report of its investigative findings to the city and TPD. The report acknowledges the changes already made by the city and TPD, and it identifies additional remedial measures the Justice Department believes are necessary to address its findings.

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12601, the Justice Department conducted this investigation which prohibits law enforcement officers from engaging in a pattern or practice of conduct that deprives people of rights protected by the Constitution or federal law. Section 12601 authorizes the Attorney General to file a lawsuit in federal court seeking court-ordered remedies to eliminate a pattern or practice of unlawful conduct.

The Justice Department will conduct outreach to members of the Trenton community to explain the findings and for input on remedies to address the findings. Individuals may also sub-

mit recommendations by email at US-ANJ.Community.Trenton@usdoj.gov or by phone at 973-645-2801.

The Justice Department will hold a community meeting at a date to be determined. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Additional information about the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division is available at <https://www.justice.gov/crt>. Additional information about the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey is available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj>. Information specific to the Civil Rights Division’s Police Reform Work can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/crt/file/922421/download>. Additional information about civil rights enforcement at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey is available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/civil-rights-enforcement>.

The government is represented by Michael Campion, Chief of the Civil Rights Division; Assistant U.S. Attorneys Junis L. Baldon and Nicole Taykhman of the U.S. Attorney’s Civil Rights Division; and attorneys from the Special Litigation Section of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division.

**MASS SHOOTING UPDATE**

*Information recent as of 11-25-2024 at 12 p.m.*

2024 Mass Shooting Stats: (Source: Mass Shooting Tracker, <https://www.massshootingtracker.site/data/?year=2024>)

- Total Mass Shootings: 533
- Total Dead: 635
- Total Wounded: 2218
- Shootings Per Day: 1.62
- Days Reached in Year 2024 as of November 25: 330

**ASIA STOPPING PLASTICS POLLUTION IN SOUTH KOREA**

Talks began in Busan, South Korea, on Nov. 25 aiming to clinch a legally binding deal on plastics pollution, led by the UN Environment Program (UNEP).

The meeting follows two years of intergovernmental nego-

tiations to develop a legally binding global instrument that covers land and the marine environment - a blink of an eye in diplomatic circles, where multi-lateral deals can be decades in the making.

“Our world is drowning in plastic pollution. Every year, we produce 460 million tons of plastic, much of which is quickly thrown away,” said UN Secretary-General António Guterres via video message, as he urged delegates to push for a deal.

“By 2050, there could be more plastic than fish in the ocean. Microplastics in our bloodstreams are creating health problems we’re only just beginning to understand.”

Expressing hope for a potentially historic deal, UNEP Executive Director Inger Anderson insisted that it was “the moment of truth” to take action.

“Not a single person” on the planet wants plastic washing up on their shores or plastic particles circulating in their bodies, or their unborn babies, she maintained, adding that it was a sentiment shared by the G20 group of industrialized nations.

“Waste pickers, civil society groups are fully engaged; businesses are calling for global rules to guide this future; indigenous people are speaking out; scientists are calling out the science,” Ms. Anderson said.

“The finance sector is beginning to make the moves at the international level. There’s also been clear signals that a deal is essential, including the G20 declaration last week, which said that G20 leaders were determined to land this treaty by the end of the year.”

More than 170 countries and over 600 observer organizations have registered for one week of talks in the large port city of Busan, where South Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol urged delegates to agree on a path to zero plastic pollution, for the sake of future generations.

“The excessive reliance of humanity on the convenience of plastics has resulted in an exponential increase in plastic waste; the waste accumulated in our oceans and rivers now jeopardizes the lives of future generations,” he said, via video link.

“I sincerely hope that over

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cluded automatic annual "indexed" three percent increases. These tied-to-the-inflation-rate increases will not have preceding public hearings. Riders may complain about the hikes - but there will be no hearings to say so from.

The same three-year plan made rail, light rail and bus tickets bought but unused before June 1, 2024 expire on July 1. "Local Talk" reminds such ticket holders to mail them to NJTransit for a refund request with a postmark no later than Dec. 31. Tickets that miss that deadline will have only sentimental value.

The NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY, including the Garden State Parkway, will be the first agency to take its bites on 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 2025. Although the hikes average three percent or 16 cents, the exact costs vary by distance, vehicle used and/or the driver is paying cash or by E-ZPass or being billed by a license plate reader.

Turnpike tolls will go up 30 cents between its northern terminus with Interstate 80 and Interchange 13A for Newark Liberty International Airport, including the Newark Bay Extension.

There are no posted increases between Interchanges 13A and 7A (Washington Twp. - Pennsylvania Turnpike Extn.)

The increase rate is 10 cents between Interchanges 7A and 4 (Moorestown). The increase is 13 cents from Interchange 4 out to the Delaware Memorial Bridge.

The NJTA has the following increases on its 1990s adopted GSP:

Barrier Tolls - like Bloomfield's Essex and Hillside's Union - will go up by eight cents. Ramp Tolls - like those at Exit 148 in Bloomfield, Exit 145 in East Orange for Interstate 280, Exit 144 in Vailsburg-Newark and the Interstate 78 interchange in Irvington/Hillside/Union - are to go up by three cents.

NJTA's Commissioners, in approving its fourth rate increase since 2020 on Nov. 19, said that this year's toll projections had fallen, compared to last year, as of Oct. 31. The commissioners said that frequent spring rain flooding and a hot summer caused the shortfall. Governors of the two toll roads are also wanting to keep its 2024-28 capital improvement program, approved in 2020, on track.

The NJTA commissioners, like the NJTransit Board of Directors, employed "indexing" annual toll increases to inflation. You can complaint about them - but there will not be fare hearings to do so.

Gov. Phil Murphy (D-Rumson) has the power to veto the Jan. 1 hikes - as he did before last year's general election. There is no indication whether he will use his veto

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pen before Dec. 31.

The PORT AUTHORITY of NY and NJ, pending a Dec. 12 final vote, is to employ a two-step increase plan in January. Its Board of Commissioners approved the plan's introduction Nov. 12.

Motorists - including passenger bus drivers - will get their first 25-cent increase at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 5. on its six Hudson River and Staten Island crossings. Then the indexed increases will go up by a quarter through 2026.

The base PATH fare will increase from

\$2.75 to an even \$3 at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 12. This first increase since 2014 makes a one-way fare more expensive than an MTA New York City Transit Authority subway ride for the second time in their 125-year shared history.

One "Local Talk" staff member recalls the PA installing signs at their crossings and PATH stations reading "Quarters Speed Your Trip." in 1984. That was when the PA boosted the PATH fare to 75 cents and its bridge

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# A THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY LUNCHEON



Photos By  
Thomas Ellis II

By Thomas Ellis II

This past Saturday, the South Ward Promise Neighborhood Built Brick by Brick held its Thanksgiving Community Neighborhood Luncheon from 12pm to 3pm.

The event took place in the parking lot of St. John's church on Bergen Street. The neighborhood group fed the people a traditional Thanksgiving meal. DJ Galore was

playing great music and kept everyone in a good holiday spirit.

Dominique Lee, the CEO of the organization for 14 years now said, "This was a great way to be involved with the community and to support economic mobility. This is the sixth year we've done this event, but the first time at this Bergen Street church location."

Several of the people walked in off the street into the big tent to receive a warm welcome, resource information and a hot meal.

Hats off to all the volunteers who took time out of their busy Saturday schedule to serve others. This luncheon for the community in the South Ward shows the true spirit of giving at the beginning of the Holiday Season, and put smiles on many faces.

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and tunnel tolls to \$2 to meet a \$5 billion 1984-89 capital spending plan.

The PA, this time, said that they are still recovering from the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic while trying to meet its \$9.4 billion capital plan projections. The capital projects include the PATH extension to Newark Airport and a new South Ward station, a new Newark Airport monorail and seed money for a new Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan.

On one hand, the PA considering 50 percent discounts for handicapped riders or motorists. They, on the other hand, will allow businesses who lease retail space at Newark Airport and other facilities to pass along a 15 percent cost of goods and/or services above similar products outside the airports and/or bus terminals.

The Dec. 12 final decision may hinge on toll and fare hearings set for 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Hasbrouck Heights Meadowlands Hilton and 9 a.m. Dec. 5 at 2 Montgomery St. in Jersey City. Govs. Murphy and Kathy Hochul (D-Buffalo, N.Y.), as the bi-state agency's co-leaders, may veto the plan. (There are no indications whether Murphy or Hochul will veto as of press time.)

The METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY have toll and fare increases projected for Jan. 5 and Aug. 1, 2025 - with the latter more easily explained.

In order to keep down operating deficits and upkeep its \$19.9 billion capital budget, the MTA intends to raise the base NYC subway and local bus fare from \$2.90 to \$3 Aug. 1. That hike will draw their fare even with PATH's.

New Jersey riders who use MTA-Metro North's Port Jervis

and Spring Valley service would be getting a three percent fare increase Aug. 1 should they start or end their trips in upstate New York. Those fares will not apply should they stay within NJTransit's respective Bergen County Main Line and Pascack Valley Line stops.

Some of the MTA's budgets are to be drawn from the 60th Street Congestion Pricing plan which was re-approved by the board Nov. 18 and the Federal Highway Administration Nov. 20. The plan, where motorists pay at least a once-daily \$9 fee to enter Manhattan south of 60th Street from Jan. 5, is written on wet cement.

The FRA's Nov. 20 green light is seen as a protection or hindrance to any of prospective USDOT Secretary Sean Duffy's attempts to kill congestion pricing after Jan. 20. Duffy, like other President-Elect Donald Trump's appointments, is subject to US Senate confirmation.

Trump has said that he wanted to abort or kill CP.

The decades-in-making plan was set to start on July 1 when Gov. Hochul, for either economic or political reasons, paused its implementation June 5 - Nov. 14. Its advocates say that traffic and air pollution below 60th Street would be lessened, emergency vehicles and buses would run swifter and the proceeds would go to handicapped access, the Second Avenue Subway Extension and other MTA-NYCTA projects.

Opponents - including Murphy and Cong. Josh Gottheimer (D-Fair Lawn) - may well have filed petitions to halt and/or kill the plan. They are saying that the air pollution will shift to their own jurisdictions and that it is an "MTA money grab."

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**NEWARK** - Mayor Ras Baraka completed his changing of the Department of Public Safety's leadership Nov. 12 by promoting Capt. Leonardo Carillo as the new Deputy Director of Police Operations.

Carillo, that Tuesday, was promoted to Sharonda Morris' old job. Baraka cited the former captain's work with the police's Consent Decree Unit for his elevation.

The captain had helped establish the William Mobile Ashby Community Care and Training Center as part of the re-established \$49 million Newark Police Training Academy. The Ashby Center and the training academy opened at 695 Bergen St. Oct. 1.

The community center and training academy replaced the former William H. Brown Academy of the Arts and Bergen Street School. The 1900-era building was demolished in 2023 after it suffered a fire in 2017. Newark Public School had cited its condition in closing the building in 2010 and folding parts of the arts academy into the new Belmont-Runyon Elementary School and Arts High School.

Morris was elevated to the city's Chief of Police - the top uniform position in the public safety department's police division.

Former NPD chief Emanuel Miranda, Sr., was meanwhile appointed as Public Safety Di-

rector. Miranda had to replace his chief's dress uniform for a business suit since the post is a civilian role.

Miranda succeeded Fritz G. Frage, who, after two years as public safety director, decided to tap into his New Jersey State Police retirement plan.

**IRVINGTON** - A township man will most likely be having Thanksgiving dinner at Newark's Essex County Correctional Center after his Nov. 24 arrest for allegedly shooting at Irvington police officers.

Kevin Sanders, 48, was scheduled to be arraigned at State Superior Court-Newark Nov. 25 and be formally charged with weapons possession and possession thereof for an unlawful purpose. Further charges from the Essex County Prosecutor's Office and whether bail is set is pending.

Irvington police officers who arrived by 673 Chancellor Ave. and Sheridan Street that Sunday afternoon told township public safety director Tracy Bowers and ECPO detectives that they saw Sanders with a handgun in his possession.

They said that Sanders, instead of heeding their command to stop, ran away. IPD officers that Sanders fired a gunshot at them while he fled.

An all points bulletin was issued - which Newark and state police responded by dispatching some of their own patrols. (Irvington is among municipalities served by New Jersey State Police joint task forces.)

Sanders, said Bowers, was "apprehended after an extended search." When and where he was found remain unavailable as of press time. An ECPO Crime Scene Investigation unit remained at Chancellor and Sheridan Sunday.

**EAST ORANGE** - If you thought that the official who, as school board president here, voted in 2018 to have a new East Orange School District building named after her state government boss was not kosher or halal, a state panel has just agreed with you.

The N.J. Department of Edu-

cation's School Ethics Commission in Trenton Nov. 21 ruled that Terry Swanson-Tucker should not have voted to name the Columbian School/George Washington Carver Institute's \$41 million replacement as the Sheila Y. Oliver Academy here in the Fifth Ward.

Swanson-Tucker, as EOSD Board of Education President, voted twice Dec. 11, 2018, for the renaming. How and why the then-eight-year board member voted twice is not immediately clear.

The board president, said the ethics commission, should not have recused herself on the renaming to begin with. Swanson-Tucker, in 2018, was also the late Oliver's Chief of Staff in the state lieutenant governor's office.

Having an EOSD school named after Oliver was - and is - fitting. The former EOSD board member and (narrowly) unsuccessful mayoral candidate rose to the Essex County Commissioner Board and as 34th District State Assemblywoman. The much-missed Oliver, 71, who became the first African American woman as Assembly Speaker and Lt. Governor, died Aug. 1, 2023.

Those in Oliver's office who testified before the ethics commission and, in 2020, an Administrative Law Judge said that Swanson-Tucker's naming of the new school after her boss was "100-percent her idea." Oliver herself did not know of the honor until after the 2018 vote.

Some "Local Talk" readers may remember public speaker Virginia Jeffries calling out Swanson-Tucker's conflict of interest at the city's school board meeting after the vote. Jeffries filed a complaint with the School Ethics Board May 17, 2019.

The state panel, on Dec. 17, 2019, found probable cause in Jeffries' complaint but referred the matter to a state Office of Administrative Law judge. The OAL judge, on Oct. 23, 2023, found Swanson-Tucker being in conflict of interest and recommended her censure. Swanson-Tucker has long left the school board.

**ORANGE** - The Woody Home for Services here has an-

nounced the Nov. 19, death of former city resident Toy Ellen Banks Hicks. She, her late sister Pamela Banks and their parents had lived here from the late 1940s into the late 1960s.

Hicks, 77, was born to father Elwood T. "Bansky" Banks and Alice Y. Banks in Newark Feb. 26, 1947. The family would soon move to Orange, where younger sister Pamela was born.

Toy Ellen and Pamela Banks had respectively graduated from the Orange High School classes of 1965 and 67 and moved south for collegiate education. T.E. Banks went on to graduate from Howard University; Pamela graduated from Greensboro, N.C.'s Bennett College.

T.E. Banks stayed in Washington, D.C. as a 30-year plus technical writer for CareFirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She married Lewis "Buddy" Hicks during that tenure.

T. E. Banks Hicks was the last of the Orange Banks' generation here. Elwood, Alice and Pamela had all predeceased her. Pamela - who returned to New Jersey as a special education teacher for 30 years - died in North Plainfield Jan. 26, 2023 at 74 years old.

Toy Ellen's survivors include niece Alison L. Banks-Merrick and goddaughters Patricia W. Fullilove and Sharon W. Gaddy. Woody's has arranged for a private cremation; there were no memorial service.

**WEST ORANGE** - Township police detectives are investigating disruption claims by one of two contrasting protest groups who were demonstrating at a Pleasantville intersection here Nov. 13.

The West Orange Police Department's officers, said township spokesman Joseph Fagan, did not break up the protests at the intersection of Ellis Street and Forest Avenue that Wednesday night. They are trying to verify who did according to the six pro-Palestinian groups' statements.

Most of the 100 demonstrators were from West Orange for Humanity, American Muslims for Palestine, Anti-Zionist Min-  
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yan-N.J. Chapter, Palestinian Assembly for Palestine-Awda N.J. Chapter, Party for Socialism and Liberation N.J. and Teaneck for Palestine. A smaller pro-Israeli group counter protested.

The dueling groups converged on 270 Pleasant Valley Way - Cong. Ohr Torah - which was the site of a My Israeli Home seminar. My Israeli Home promotes the purchasing or leasing of land and/or residences existing or proposed in the West Bank. That Wednesday night's seminar was one of eight held in the Metropolitan New York City area.

The protesters claim that My Israeli Home and similar businesses perpetuate the stealing of Palestinian-owned property, condoned by the Israeli government, since 1948. There has been an increase of reports of Israeli settlers harassing and or killing Palestinian residents and vandalism of live farms since the start of the Oct. 7, 2023, Israeli-Hamas War.

One protester told WOPD that he was assaulted by four counter-protestors, including one with pepper spray and the second

with a flashlight.

*ELECTION UPDATE: Outgoing Council President Rev. William "Bill" Rutherford received 789 write-in votes according to Essex County Clerk-Elections Division's Nov. 20 certified results. A State Superior Court-Newark judge ruled that Rutherford should be off the Nov. 5 General Election ballot Sept. 11 for insufficient petition signatures.*

**SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD -** The Underhill Sports Complex, as of Jan. 1, will be open to the public 6-8 a.m. and 3-9 p.m. - but not between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. school hours on weekdays.

South Orange-Maplewood School District Superintendent Jason Bing, citing a need "to strike a balance between usage and efficiency," announced the new hours at the two-town board of education meeting Nov. 18. Bing said that he was concerned that non-scholastic use would prematurely wear Underhill's artificial turf field. The other reason is from the occasions which had resulted in the calling in of Maplewood police.

"Unfortunately, our students and staff continue to experience negative interactions with individuals who refuse to leave the field upon request when schools use it," added

Bing.

Underhill field and sports complex will also be open to the public 6 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. SOMSD reserves the right to modify those hours when scholastic sports events and/or physical education classes are held.

Other uses - including public pick-up games, personal training and other private business sessions and casual public walking, jogging and running - are not to overlap. Bing was referring to the May 15, 2022 renovation of Lynn Profeta Field, grandstands and press box.

The new Underhill hours are built on the Feb. 26 - May 15 operating hours where public groups using the property must gain access permission and leave on or by 9 p.m. This revision was a result of when scholar-athlete Moussa Fofana was shot dead and a fellow Columbia High School injured there 9:40 p.m. Sunday, June 6, 2021.

*ELECTION UPDATE: Montclair voters wrote in outgoing Township Committeewoman Jamaine Cripe 47 votes on Nov. 5's General Election. Cripe lost her re-election bid in the June 4 Democratic Party primary.*

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**BLACK LIVES, ANIMAL LIVES, ALL LIVES MATTER**



By Michele Lowe

Hello and good day everyone. It's been a lot. Just have to remain focused, calm and humble. I first and foremost I will like to say for anyone that's going through the similarities, people will try to cut you short in life, talk bad, be jealous, full of envy, and prey on your downfalls. And in reality, in some cases they wanted what you have in your life because they aren't satisfied with theirs. They will try to do anything and everything to distract you from your goals.

Back in my younger days, I would go tip for tat, but now I'm older and wiser and got a little more common sense. I don't have kids, but some folks act just like a kid, petty and childish. Grow up. Control yourself.

Life too short to be focused on me. You don't know me, so the problem is within you. While you're worrying about me, lol, I'll be somewhere further on higher ground, so keep focusing on me with your ways and me and my wings will fly away. So, thank you. I, M L said it.



Thanksgiving is here. Happy Thanksgiving to all. Surely, I know everyone is ready to get their grub on. Yes, the delicious yummy for the tummy. But people. Thanksgiving isn't just one day; it should be every day. We should be blessed for what we receive every day. We are living to see another day in life. That is a blessing right there, folks.

I'm grateful for life and can't complain because it could have been any other way. God is good, and he's been great to me and protects me against the wicked and negative. Surely, you'll get what I'm saying.

We say we know God. We trust in the Lord, but people don't take a look in the mirror. Gossiping is a sin; pay attention people. It's you that has to be worked on before you talk of someone else fixing what can be done in all corrections. Just listen to what I Michele is saying to you.

Read Psalm 101 scriptures ....



We are heading into a new year, and we have to be strong for prosperity. It's been a mega transition for me this year - all positive and good aura people welcome. I don't brag or feel like I'm better than anyone. We all are able to be who we want to be. I choose this way for me and you can make a decision as well.

Before I go everyone, as I always say, we can't forget the people who have vanished or are missing. Until next time everyone, peace and love....



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**THE DOCTOR IS IN**

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nificantly affecting the quality of life of millions. There could even be the development of new health conditions that just don't respond to existing treatments, and that will wreak even more havoc, just think of the early COVID-19 days. Speaking of which, studies show that COVID-19 actually made antibiotic resistance worse due to the overuse of antibiotics in humans, continued misuse in plants and animals, and an even reduced focus on antibiotic production by pharmaceutical companies.

What's more, surgeries will become difficult, as post-operation infections will soar. So, people who need organ transplants, caesarean sections, heart surgeries, brain surgeries, chemotherapy, and more will see a sharp drop in their risk of survival and good health after their surgeries. There is also the fact that treatments will become far more expensive as antibiotic resistance progresses.

With all of these said, it is pretty clear that we need to drastically slow down the rate of antibiotic resistance. Several scientific methods have been considered, ranging from the use of immuno-antibiotics, modifying bacterial DNA repair processes, and disrupting hydrogen sulfide biosynthesis pathways. More research is needed in these areas. However, we must play our part in responsibly using antibiotics, following strictly the instruc-

tions of healthcare providers. There could also be more government incentives to produce better antibiotics by pharmaceutical companies.

We cannot and must not evolve backwards and return to the pre-antibiotic era.

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for the big championship on December 4th.

Meanwhile, the news was not so good for East Orange, who lost to Union City 42-0 on the road. Nonetheless, it was a solid season for the Jaguars, who finished the season 9-3.

In college basketball, the Seton Hall men's basketball was on the road playing in the Charleston Classic semifinals,

but lost one game in blowout fashion 76-60 to Vanderbilt, who would go on to lose to Drake in the title game 81-70. SHU did hold off FAU to win the third place game 63-61.

Finally, in the NFL, the Giants once again lost at home, taking a L from Tampa Bay 30-7 and falling to 2-9. Meanwhile, former RB Saquon Barkley had a career-high 255 yards on the ground in a 37-20 Eagles win over the Rams.

**WORLD NEWS**

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the coming week all Member States will stand together in solidarity - with a sense of responsibility for future generations - to open a new historic chapter by finalizing a treaty on plastic pollution.”

**WORLD  
THE FIGHT TO  
PROTECT WOMEN**

A sobering report released by UN Women and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on Nov. 25 reveals that in 2023, 140 women and girls died every day at the hands of their partner or a close relative, which means one woman killed every 10 minutes.

Released on the 25th anniversary of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the report sheds light on the global crisis of femicide and calls for urgent action.

“The epidemic of violence against women and girls shames humanity,” said Secretary-General António Guterres in his message for the Day. “The world must heed this call. We need urgent action for justice and accountability, and support for advocacy.”

The report also coincides with the start of the annual 16 Days of Activism campaign, which runs from November 25 to December 10.

This year, the UNITE campaign is drawing attention to the alarming escalation of violence against women under the theme, “Every 10 minutes, a woman is killed. #NoExcuse. UNITE to End Violence against Women.”

Femicide transcends borders, socioeconomic statuses, and cultures, but its severity varies regionally.

According to the report, Africa recorded the highest rates of intimate partner and family-related femicides, with 21,700 women killed in 2023, followed by the Americas and Oceania.

In Europe and the Americas, most victims were killed by their intimate partners, comprising 64 percent and 58 percent of cases, respectively. In contrast, women in Africa and Asia were more likely to be killed by family members than by partners, reflecting varied cultural and social dynamics responsible for this discrimination.

Despite the alarming numbers, the lack of consistent and comprehensive data remains a significant challenge.

Only 37 countries reported data on intimate partner and family-related femicides in 2023, a sharp decline from 75 countries in 2020. This data gap hampers efforts to monitor trends and enforce accountability for these crimes.

UN Women and UNODC stressed the need for systematic data collection as part of a broader strategy to address violence against women. Accurate and transparent data is essential to inform policy, track progress, and ensure governments remain accountable for their com-

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NHS managers who silence whistleblowers or endanger patients through misconduct could be barred from working in the NHS, under proposals being announced by Health Secretary Wes Streeting this week.

A public consultation will be launched on Tuesday (26 November 2024) seeking views on government proposals to regulate health service managers, ensuring they follow professional standards and are held to account.

The Department of Health and Social Care will also consult on whether to introduce a new professional duty of candor on managers and, in addition, to make managers accountable for responding to patient safety concerns.

The changes are part of the government’s work to rebuild Britain and get the NHS back on its feet. They are designed to tackle a culture of cover up which has been found to be present in several patient safety scandals in recent years.

Karin Smyth, Minister of State for Health, said, “To turn around our NHS we need the best and brightest managing the health service, a culture of transparency that keeps patients safe and an end to the revolving door that allows failed managers to pick up in a new NHS organization.

“Earlier this month the Secretary of State promised that as part of our 10 year plan for health we will reform the NHS so that it rewards success and acts decisively on failure.

“Today’s announcement builds on that

promise and helps us build a health system that protects patients and is fit for the future.

Regulation will prevent the revolving door that allows individuals with a record of poor performance or misconduct to continue to work in the health service. It would deliver on the government’s manifesto commitment to introduce professional standards and regulate NHS managers.

Tens of thousands of clinical and non-clinical managers work in the NHS but there is currently no single regulatory framework for them in the same way as doctors and nurses.

Options being considered by the consultation include a voluntary accreditation register, statutory barring mechanisms and full statutory registration.

Patients, health and care staff, and professional bodies are also being asked for their views on whether to introduce a statutory duty of candor which would make NHS managers legally accountable for responding to concerns about patient safety.

At a minimum, all board level directors in NHS organizations in England, arm’s length body board level directors and integrated care board members will be under the new regulatory system.

The consultation will run for 12 weeks from Tuesday, after which the department will consider responses to the consultation and will set out next steps in due course.

The move follows the announcement of a new College of Executive and Clinical Leadership to attract, develop and keep the best talent in NHS leadership.

Regulation will come alongside support and development, with managers being given the tools they need to meet standards with training offers.

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

BOW DOWN

Religious themes discussed. Reader discretion is advised.

*There are so many gods, deities, and supreme beings floating around in this world - or so it seems - that earthly good might as well have taken the place of heaven. Unfortunately, in my opinion, this world of ours is far from it.*

Below is a peek into an untitled journal entry turned short piece. The other "Coverage" was written mainly about my mother, though others were certainly included, like my father and my grandmother, Bessie Mae, along with all those who held space and stood in the gap for me and

mine during the times when I was simply clueless. Thankfully, because of their guidance, love, support, and example, I can now hold that same space for others, including my own.

At our house growing up, Thanksgiving was mainly about - gratitude, togetherness, and prayer. Prayer was always the main course before we dug in. So let this be food for thought: may we all strive to be coverage not only for our family, friends, and loved ones but for all of humanity. We need it now more than ever. And let us be grateful every single day.

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UNTITLED

It was around 3 a.m. on a Sunday when I was yanked out of my slumber. I could gauge by the inflection of the voice that this directive was not to be taken lightly... And I quote, "Get up now and pray for your son," I'd been told. (He had been called by name, so I knew which one) "or it will be mayhem." End of quote!

That 11:00 a.m. call from my son later that day or perhaps someone else could have been our dreadful reality. Yet, the incident as confirmation was bittersweet. Thus, my obedience

2018 and was elected in 2019 and 2022 - tendered his resignation Nov. 21.

Mundell is to become Bloomfield's first woman mayor, eventually succeeding now-State Assemblyman Michael Venezia. Charris-Tabares, who previously ran for a Bloomfield Board of Education seat, succeeds At-Large Councilman and Mayor Gamble.

A majority of General Election township voters chose Mundell, who started this year as First Ward Councilwoman, and Tabares over a Republican ticket. They ran on a platform endorsed and backed by (still) Bloomfield Democratic Committee Chairman Venezia.

Venezia, who was elected as a 34th District Assemblyman,



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and being VIP with the guy upstairs have once again proven to be essential. In times like these, we need a savior, we need an anchor and we need help!

CALL 'EM

"Presently, there are so many different Gods, faiths and guides which humanity is locked into or dabbling in that its mind-boggling, to say the least. Seemingly, everyone has one of their own. Ironically, with faith and guides and gods of such a magnitude, those numbers, which are capable of tipping the Richter scale, seemingly, our world would be a much better, place. When I call mine, he's Johnny on the spot, and he's got my back no matter what. What about yours?"

wanted Mundell appointed as mayor in January - but a majority of the Township Council voted for Gamble instead. Gamble's mayoral days became numbered, however, when Mundell topped his vote count in the June 4 primary.

**MONTCLAIR** - Mourning for Montclair Public Schools administrator Jennifer Goforth, whose funeral arrangements were incomplete as of press time, has extended out to Newark, West Orange and Sumter, SC since the district announced her death here on Nov. 22.

"It is with profound sadness that we inform the Montclair community of the sudden passing of Mrs. Jennifer Goforth, or beloved STEM Director," de-

COVERAGE

*"Truthfully, Vanity Can't Save A Damned Soul!"*

Neither accident, theft, death, fire, nor dental or medical; nothing of the sort for six rambunctious kids, a spouse, and this woman for a substantial amount of time, yet not even a broken fingernail. Technically speaking, our household hadn't ever been without coverage, and when my grandmother was alive, there had been two policies in place; both being all-inclusive. My mother has since maintained that same policy. This insurance, of which my immediate family and I are direct beneficiaries, allows us to breathe easily, beyond the burdensome grasp of circumstance.

When things do arise that shake up my peaceful sleuthing, I call my mother, of course, making a request that she up the ante, because knowing her faith is very convincing when I am confronting things outside of my control.

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clared the MPS website that Friday afternoon. "Details regarding memorial arrangements and opportunities to honor her legacy will be shared when they become available." The district made counselors available for students and staff Nov. 25.

Goforth had been Director of K-12 STEM and Testing since her July 2014 promotion. She was interpreting state math and science test results since October and had been advising teachers and department heads of testing improvements. She also had to serve as enforcer of the N.J. Department of Education's 2017-18 implementation of the new PARCC test battery.

Goforth's first employment with MPS was as a mathematics  
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TOWN WATCH

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**BLOOMFIELD** - Two township elders were sworn in - and two outgoing colleagues congratulated for their service - here in a public swearing-in at the Bloomfield Council Chamber Nov. 26.

Three of the changes - Jenny Mundell and Monica Charris-Tabares' inauguration and Theodore "Ted" Gamble's departure - had been since Nov. 5's election results were certified.

The public, however, will be anticipating word Tuesday night on who will succeed Councilman Richard Rockwell. Rockwell - who was first appointed to succeed Essex County Commission-bound Carlos Pomares in

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teacher, employing the AVID program, 2001-06. She highlighted in her LinkedIn page that the 20-year education administrator and a 15-year math teacher 'to Grades 8-12 and in college . . . in rural, suburban and urban areas from Sumter, SC to Montclair and Newark."

At the time of her death, Goforth was a math professor and Coordinated Algebra Support Instructor for Rutgers University's education majors since September 2002. She was also a Newark Public Schools vice principal of curriculum and instruction 2009-2014.

The masters in art and teaching graduate from Detroit's Marygrove College was also a West Orange High School AVID Coordinator 2006-09. She had a principal's certification from Kean University.

**GLEN RIDGE** - "Discretion is the Better Part of Valor," may well sum up the borough's zoning board of adjustment postponing its decision on the Glen Ridge Country Club's plan to cut 56 trees by its border with Bloomfield's Grove Street and replace them with 45 new trees from its Nov. 14 meeting to Dec. 12.

Glen Ridge Deputy Administrator and Planning Director told a reporter Nov. 20 that GRCC wanted time to review the "borough engineer's response" to their revised application from Nov. 14. Borough Arborist Richard Wolowicz added that he wants to see the engineer's memo for its impact on a tree felling permit that he has not to date approved.

DeLine and Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli are named on Glen Ridge's website as its engineering staff.

The country club had applied for permission to fell 56 trees on its property to allow for more member facilities. The amenities are to include a children's poll and "a paved area" that would be within 13 feet of its property line - and not the borough's prescribed 100 feet.

The country club's Ridgewood Avenue entrance Nov. 16 was the site of 10 people from here and Sustainable Montclair protesting the tree cutting.

**BELLEVILLE** - Those who remember the free newspapers that circulated here 2000-04 can have the late Clark Schor, Esq. who died here Nov. 12, to thank.

Schor was a practicing attorney from the Clara Maass Medical Center Professional Building on Franklin Avenue and a Belleville Historic Commissioner when he started publishing newspapers as alternatives to the township government's offi-

cial papers. He published stories of questionable practices of Mayor Angela Perschia's administration and of the Township Council.

The former Township Council public speaker was also campaign manager of council members who opposed respective First and Second ward council members Angelo Risoli and Thomas Fuscaldo.

Ward voters replaced Risoli and Fuscaldo by 2004 by members of incoming mayor Raymond M. Kimble's ticket. Kimble reappointed Schor on the BHC July 1, 2014.

Clark Bennett Schor, 79, started his practice here after being admitted to the state bar in 1974. The lifelong Bellevillite had earned his MBA from Philadelphia's Wharton School and Juris Doctorate from Rutgers School of Law.

He and wife Arlene had settled in the Second Ward to raise daughters Jessica and Terissa. Two grandsons and three granddaughters are also among his survivors. Parents Theodore and Esther and brother Arthur Lee Schor predeceased him.

Schor's last rites, arranged by Nutley's S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, were private. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

**NUTLEY** - Retired Nutley Police Sgt., Christopher Lamond, 59, who died here Nov. 16, lived law enforcement's "To Serve and Protect" motto for most of his adult life.

Lamond, who was born here Oct. 20, 1965, successfully pursued his criminal justice associates degree from Bergen County Community College after graduating with the Nutley High School Class of 1983. He started out as an Essex County Police officer before joining "Nutley's Finest" in 1990.

"Hulka" was a 27-year NPD and PBA Local No. 33 member before retiring as Sergeant in 2017. He continued on as a Special Police Officer for Clifton and worked security at the Meadowlands Sports & Exposition complex - but he had a life off the beat and beyond the badge.

Christopher James Lamond coached and advocated for the preservation of youth sports, culminating as President of Nutley East Little League District No. 8 before Nov. 17. He was proud of Antonia, Sofia and Christopher, Jr.'s high school and collegiate accomplishments. The avid Dallas Cowboys and New York Mets fan played his extensive music collection to his children and their friends.

Wife Donna and brother Scott are also among Lamond's survivors. A viewing was held on Nov. 21 here at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home. His Funeral

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Mass was held here at Holy Family Church and burial at North Arlington's Holy Cross Cemetery.

*ELECTION UPDATE: Kerry L. Walsh, Stephen Gilberti's write-in running mate for a board of education seat, drew 51 votes in the Essex County Clerk's Election Division certified results. Walsh, He placed second in write-ins to Mark Jacobson, who drew 91 votes.*



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