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*Rumson Police Department's new Sergeants (Ctr. L-R) Ron Vilaridi, Chris York and Damien Brennan are sworn in on September 29 by Mayor John E. Ekdahl (L) while Police Chief Rick Tobias (R) looks on.
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EXCELLENCE IN OUR RANKS

Three Rumson Police Officers Promoted to Rank of Sergeant

On September 29, three of our Police Officers were sworn in as Sergeants by Mayor John Ekdahl in a ceremony held in the Callman Courtroom.

These officers traveled a long and arduous road to the rank of Sergeant, beginning in January 2009 when the decision was made by the Rumson Borough Council Police Committee to fill an open position for Sergeant in the Police Department. Chief Tobias began the process seeking to promote just one officer, or possibly two. But the Police Committee, composed of Mayor John E. Ekdahl, Council President Shaun Broderick and Councilman Mark Rubin found not one, not two, but THREE Sergeants in our ranks. Meet our new Sergeants!

Ronald J. Vilardi is a Rumson native and graduate of RFH. A Life Member of Rumson's Oceanic Hook & Ladder Fire Company who served as Borough Fire Chief in 1995, Ron was hired by the Police Department in 1988. He has served as Detective since 2007 and as such is head of our Investigations Division, investigating 10 to 20 new cases monthly as well as logging, tracking, storing and arranging the lab testing of evidence.

Ron is a member of the Monmouth County Detectives Association, and a D.A.R.E. officer for our Department. He currently holds an Associates Degrees in both Criminal Justice and Social Sciences. On recent nights and weekends Ron has been putting in long hours, completing his studies toward a Bachelor of Science degree from New Jersey-City University with an expected graduation date in May of 2011.

Ron and his wife Laurette are raising four children, Ron, Tim, Dan and Mary.

Christopher J. York began his law enforcement career 14 years ago, serving those early years in the communities of Rumson, Fair Haven and Deal, and as a 911 operator at the Monmouth County Radio Room. Since joining the Rumson Police Department in 1997 he has worked his way up from Dispatcher, becoming a Patrolman in 2000.

Chris is currently in the process of completing his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, is a certified EMT and a member and past-President of Rumson EMS and serves as the Borough's Deputy OEM Coordinator. Chris is also a member of the Rumson Planning Board and the current Vice President of the Monmouth County Bias Crime and Gang Officer's Association. Certified by the New Jersey Police Training Commission, he currently teaches Community Policing, Police Communications and Police Emergency Vehicle Operations at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

Sergeant York lives here in Rumson with his wife Deirdre and their daughter Madison.

Damien F. Brennan comes to us all the way from Ireland...by way of New York City. He began his police career as a member of the NYPD, as an Officer with an Anti-Crime Specialty Unit in the Bronx. This unit's work targeted high crime areas and high priority crimes, including gun runs and auto thefts. We were fortunate enough to hire him here in Rumson in August of 2006.

Damien holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and has graduated from both the New York City Police Academy and Cape May County Police Academy.

In addition to his regular patrol duties with our Department, Damien has taken full charge of alarms and has successfully refined procedures of issuing warnings and summonses for repeat false alarm activations.

Damien lives in Howell with his wife Tracy and daughters Cassidy and Kennedy.

Please welcome our new Sergeants. We truly have a Police Department to be proud of!

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET HOSTED BY THE RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT Saturday, November 14 10 AM – 2 PM Rumson Police Headquarters 51 Center St.

As part of the first statewide medicine disposal day in the nation, this initiative was organized to encourage Rumson residents to take this opportunity to properly dispose of their **unused, unwanted or expired medicines**.

Over 250 police departments state-wide are participating in this effort, spearheaded the Drug Enforcement Administration's NJ Division, the NJ Office of the Attorney General and the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ). Rumson residents looking for information on the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, and local collection information should visit www.operationmedicynecabinetnj.com

"This operation will reduce the availability of potent drugs that lead kids down a path to addiction.", New Jersey Attorney General Anne Milgram said. "We can't break a cycle of dependence if powerful prescription drugs are stashed *in our own homes, tucked away in drawers and cabinets.*"

The 2007 PDFNJ Principals Survey found that half of the Principals surveyed said that prescription drugs are abused more than twice as often as ecstasy and cocaine by New Jersey middle school students.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO TAKE CHARGE AND
CLEAR OUT YOUR MEDICINE CABINET!**

RUMSON EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS NIXLE Municipal Wiresystem

Rumson has instituted a new Municipal Wire system that enables our police department to communicate important, neighborhood-level information to our residents using text messaging and email.

THIS SYSTEM WILL ONLY BE USED TO ISSUE EMERGENCY ALERTS AND ADVISORIES.

To be included to receive text messages and e-mail messages, please visit the [MUNICIPAL WIRE LINK](#) at the bottom right of the Borough of Rumson website, www.rumsonnj.gov to enter your cell phone and e-mail information in the secure NIXLE database. If you have any further questions about this system, please contact Rumson Police Sgt. Christopher York at 732-842-0500. It is our goal to keep all Rumson residents informed of emergency conditions so that everyone stays safe.



Just a reminder...

**NO OVERNIGHT
PARKING ON
ANY BOROUGH STREET**

12/1 through 3/31

Your cooperation will make life a lot easier
For our hard-working Department of Public Works
when the snow flies!



Recycling Coordinator Jamie Mellish shows just how easy it is to “hook and go” with our new hook lift truck and sturdy recycling “barns.”

RUMSON’S RECYCLING REVOLUTION

The Long Journey to “Green”

It’s been nearly 40 years since the ubiquitous Rumson incinerator was part of our town’s skyline, and many more since it gobbled up its final truckload of trash. In the ensuing years, our methods of disposal for garbage and recycling have undergone an amazing transformation.

When at last the incinerator was torn down to make way for our new sewer plant in 1970, Rumson’s trash was hauled away to private landfills and later to the County landfill when it became operational. But recycling was still in the future, and it was not until the mid 1980’s that the town began to get its feet wet in the first efforts to “go green”. The first step was bringing in an 18-wheeler for the collection of newspapers, which were then carted away to the County. Shortly thereafter, we began to accept glass, which was strictly sorted by color. Our Recycling Coordinator, Jamie Mellish, has been with the Borough since 1987, and recalls when recycling procedures were nowhere near as refined as they are today. He remembers sorting through the glass bins, taking out any errant bottles and putting them into the correct color bins – any load with bottles of the wrong colors mixed in was rejected completely! Aluminum and tin were also collected in separate bins.

In the mid 90’s commingled recycling became mandatory, and Rumson instituted the system that remained in use until this past summer, with stalls for the commingled glass, aluminum, tin, plastics and cardboard, and containers for newspapers and mixed paper. The management of our recycling area was a constant two-man operation, with one driving the truck that hauled the load away, and another operating the “claw” that scooped out the bins and loaded the truck. This past summer, the Borough made a quantum leap into the 21st century with a total retooling of our recycling center. The old stalls for commingled recyclables and containers for paper have been replaced by “barns”, partially paid for with grant monies, which keep the materials contained and off the ground. The new system was completed with the acquisition of a hook lift truck. Now only one man is needed to manage the entire recycling center. The truck simply backs up to the barn, hooks it and heads off. We’ve come a long, long way from the “olden days”, due in no small measure to the stellar efforts of Jamie Mellish, our Certified Recycling Coordinator, Superintendent of Public Works Mark Wellner and all the Public Works employees that help in this area. Many thanks to all of you!

AND NOW THAT WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION...

Our new system is great - But PLEASE help us by not attempting to recycle the following items:

- **WINDOW GLASS**
- **FISH TANKS**
- **COAT HANGERS**
- **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**
- **PLASTIC FLOWERPOTS**
- **GARDEN HOSES**
- **CERAMIC MATERIALS**

Also be advised that effective October 1, 2009, we have **DISCONTINUED THE COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES**. The reason for that is a good thing! When the County battery recycling program began, there were significant levels of heavy metals, especially mercury, present in these batteries. Toxic metals in these common batteries have been reduced or eliminated in the past 10 years and the costs to recycle or dispose of them has increased. So feel free to toss your household batteries in the trash.

Everyone is Proud of our Beautiful Parks!

Please help us to keep them that way by observing the following restrictions.

Not permitted in our parks:

- Dogs
- Riding bicycles on walkways or fields
- Use of skateboards or rollerblades
- Operation of any vehicle other than in parking areas
- Activities other than tennis on the tennis courts
- Alcoholic beverages

Thank you for your cooperation.



The Victory Park bandstand was decked out in “spooktacular” style to set the stage for the Recreation Department’s fantastic Halloween parade and celebration held on Oct. 31. A ghoulishly good time was had by all!

THERE'S A LOT TO LIKE THIS FALL AT THE OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY!

With the arrival of fall, here at the library our leaves are turning too! There has been a tremendous increase in the number of patrons using the library, with membership up to 1401 families. It's a full house at our Tuesday children's programs. Our ever-expanding Young Adult collection is enticing new young members, and two new additions to our collection should prove to be popular with young and old alike. The library was awarded a grant from the Tischler Memorial Fund to be used to enhance our collection of graphic novels for young adults and children. These book-length comics, also known as "Manga" are VERY popular with young readers, and have proved to be a fantastic way to introduce the reluctant reader to literature. In addition to the Tischler grant, the OFL is also the happy recipient of 15 best-selling "Playaway" audio books thanks to Lindsey Hintelmann's winning raffle entry! The OFL is the ONLY library in our County system to offer these palm-sized, self-playing digital audio books, so different from other audio book formats. Our patrons have been reporting in with rave reviews – "So much easier to use.", "No discs to lose!", "Great for walking and gardening." are just some of the comments we've received. Come in and try one!

Our "Armchair Travel" series is a wonderful way to share an adventure without leaving Rumson. September's trip to Antarctica, courtesy of Mandy Hintelmann, was breathtaking. In October we ventured off to steamy Vietnam with Ann and Doug Rossbach. Lindsey Hintelmann will be our guide on November 19th at 7:00 PM for a visit to Russia – no passports required! Please join us for an informative and scenic excursion. And if you would like to share a travel experience, please contact Nanette Reis at 732-842-2692.

The Library book group will continue to meet through the winter under the able leadership of Cynthia Dannen. Our next session is scheduled for Thursday, November 19 at 1:30 PM, when we will discuss "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Schaffer. Check our website or call us for information regarding upcoming titles and dates.

Theresa's knitting group is becoming increasingly popular. Good friends and good humor can turn even a dreary Friday afternoon into a party! Visit us on any Friday at 2:00 PM and don't forget your yarn, needles and library card. You still have time to create some great gifts for the holidays.

When you visit the library, do take a few minutes to enjoy our monthly art and jewelry exhibits. In November Peter Arakawa and Rita Herzfeld will treat us all to their wonderful mixed media display. Our case will hold an eye-catching collection of necklaces made of beads and hand-carved animals from Kenya, a collaborative effort by Nancy Hagerman and her band of knitting friends! Our walls will offer a backdrop for Fabio Alvaro's stunning oil paintings in December and jewelry by Debbie Sidwell will fill the display case. Long-time Rumson resident Elizabeth Vallis takes over the OFL in January with her delightful watercolors, pastels and creative silver jewelry.

A few reminders from our Director, Nanette Reis:

Thanks to those patrons who have generously donated books and magazines – we certainly appreciate them! But please bring your donations into the library! Items left on our steps run the risk of being ruined by the elements, and we hate to lose a single one.

And as much as we all love dogs, the Library is no place for a pooch. So unless your dog is a certified service dog, please leave Fido at home.

2010 will mark the Oceanic Free Library's 90th Anniversary! It will be a year of celebrations, with numerous special events being planned. Keep an eye on our web site for updates on events and activities. We encourage and welcome your participation and help. The Library offers so many ways for Rumson residents to meet their neighbors, and

to enrich themselves and our community. Come join us!

A final note – The Board of Trustees of the Oceanic Free Library mourns the loss of two long-time friends of the Library. Thomas Jardine, former Board President and Barbara Cocker, faithful patron and supporter, both passed away this summer. They will be deeply missed.

Oceanic Free Library

Ave. of Two Rivers & Ridge Rd. Rumson

Hours of Operation

732-842-2692

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10 AM – 5 PM

Tues. & Thurs. 1 – 7 PM

Sat. 10 AM – 4 PM

The Library will be closed on the following holidays:

Nov. 3 Election Day

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving & Day After

Dec. 24-25 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Jan. 1, 2010 New Year's Day

Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Please check our website for more details!

WWW.OCEANICLIBRARY.ORG



SAVE THE DATE!
DECEMBER 6, 2009
5:00 pm

for the
Annual Holiday Tree Lighting
&
Fireworks at Victory Park
Mark your calendar for family fun.
Details to follow in our December mailer!

NEWS FROM RUMSON RECREATION

Basketball registration for winter recreation basketball continues at the Borough Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. This program is for children who are in Grades 1-8. Registrations were due no later than 4:30 PM October 16, 2009. Registrations received after 4:30 PM October 10 may be placed on a wait list if team rosters are full. There is a \$10 late fee for each registered child after 4:30 PM October 16, 2009. Children in Grades 1 and 2 may participate in Saturday morning clinics that are held in the Deane-Porter all purpose room. The program begins on December 12, 2009 and runs through February. Children in first grade should report at 9 AM and children in second grade should report at 10:00 AM. Children in Grades 3-8 are placed on teams which practice during the week and play games on Saturdays. Coaches will call parents to inform them regarding the placement of their child and information regarding the practice and game schedules. This program will begin the first week in December and run through the first or second week in March, 2010. The dates are subject to change.

Baseball, softball and tee ball registration forms for children who are in grades K-8 will be distributed through the schools in late December. Please note that the leagues we enter may require an earlier registration deadline. Please register no later than January 15, 2010 for the baseball, softball and tee ball programs.

Girl's lacrosse (Grades 3-8) and the Lacrosse Co-ed Clinic (Grades 1 and 2) will conduct on-site registrations in January. The dates and times will be announced through the schools, on the Borough website (www.rumsonnj.gov) and the community bulletin board. Please watch for this announcement.



Garden Club members Lee Callman (L) and Diane Guidone (R) display their winning design with club President Jeanne Shanley (Ctr.)

RUMSON GARDEN CLUB LENDING AN ABLE HAND IN LANDSCAPING OUR NEW BOROUGH HALL

Over the course of the next year, the new Borough Hall will come alive with beautiful landscaping, some of which was designed by two Rumson Garden Club members. The landscape plan, created by Diane Guidone and Lee Callman, wife of former Rumson Mayor Charles Callman, has been awarded the Garden Club's prestigious Helen Hurd trophy for civic design. From fledgling plans to the final design selection, the Garden Club, under the supervision of Jeanne Shanley, Club President and Civics Co-Chairs Lucy Kalian and Sarah Fleming, worked in tandem with Tom Rogers, Borough Administrator and Building Committee Chairman, Councilman Joe Hemphill, who gave the club members guidelines and a site plan. The design will showcase many of Rumson's natural plant species, and will feature grasses, perennials, native junipers, ferns, winterberry hollies, roses and hydrangeas. The wide range of plants will provide seasonal interest as well as represent the natural beauty of our town. In December the club will hold its annual Christmas Greens Workshop. At the workshop, the members decorate wreaths and make holiday centerpieces that are given to the Rumson Borough Hall, Oceanic Library, Parker Family Clinic, Love, Inc., Aslan Youth Ministry, Monmouth Youth Detention Center and other organizations. They also distribute candy bags at the King James Care Center. What better way to embrace the holiday spirit than by giving to others?

News from the RUMSON WOMEN'S CLUB

The Rumson Women's Club welcomed members back to a new club year with a pot luck appetizer and dessert party on September 14th at Bingham Hall. The club has been very busy during the past few months planning a most successful pasta dinner, which took place October 23. The proceeds from this event benefited several local charities.

Two other projects have been undertaken by the club for this year. As part of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Make A Difference Day project, the Rumson club collected, purchased, sorted and cataloged books for school libraries in local districts. At the

October meeting members filled Christmas stockings to be sent to our service men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Along with the most requested items such as phone cards, socks, toiletries, batteries, candy and snacks, all one hundred stockings contained a hand-written note of appreciation and support.

Please consider joining us at one of our regular monthly meetings, held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM at Bingham Hall. Get to know our membership and our mission! Residency in Rumson is NOT a requirement for membership so bring a friend. For further information about membership or activities please call President Judy McMaster at 732-842-1522.

THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION - WORKING HARD TO PRESERVE OUR TREE CITY HERITAGE!

The September Shade Tree Commission meeting was also attended by representatives from the Rumson Garden Club with the purpose of exchanging ideas on possible joint activities. Under discussion were tree education programs, Arbor Day events, and the ongoing reforestation and beautification of Rumson's five-star parks. The collaborative efforts of the two groups would also enable the Garden Club to highlight the Centennial in 2013 of The Garden Club of America, as well as assist the Commission in fulfilling the requirements of the Community Forestry Grant recently awarded to the town.

If you love trees, "Treasure Our Trees" license plates are available from the State. Visit www.state.nj.us/mvc/ and click on "Order Personalized Plates for more information. Revenues from these plates are dedicated to fund shade tree planting on the streets of New Jersey. It's a win-win - New Jersey gets more trees, and you get a neat license plate!

Everyone enjoys autumn, when all our trees are decked out their cloaks of blazing color. But be alert! Fall color that shows too early could be a sign of tree distress. If the entire tree exhibits premature coloration it is usually linked to root-related stress. Call your local arborist if your favorite tree may be at risk.



The Journey of the Holly Tree

Before site work began for the new Borough Hall, it was decided that preserving our large and beautiful holly tree was a priority. Using donated services, the tree was excavated and wrapped for its short journey to the side of the new driveway. Look at the vintage picture on the bottom of Page 7. That's the very same holly on the right!



**~ IN MEMORIAM ~
RUMSON EMS CAPTAIN
ROBERT X. KELLEHER**

2009 has been a sad and difficult year for the Rumson First Aid Squad. In July, our Captain and dear friend Bob Kelleher unexpectedly passed away with many of us at his side. Bob had been volunteering with the squad since 2003, was elected an officer in 2005 and Captain in 2008. Bob was a great captain and a dear friend to all and we try to honor him every day with our continued first aid efforts.

Bob moved to Rumson from Middletown in 2002 with his wife, Denise and son, Patrick. Shortly thereafter, Bob commenced a period where he selflessly volunteered his time and energies to serving the town to the best of his abilities. He is a clear example of what makes Rumson such a special place to live and raise a family – demonstrating an infectious spirit of volunteerism.

In 2003, Bob joined the Rumson First Aid Squad. In 2004, he pursued the additional training necessary to become a nationally recognized emergency medical technician (EMT), and in 2005, Bob was elected to serve as a line officer, as Second Lieutenant. In April 2005, Bob became the First Lieutenant, a position that he held until 2008, when he was elected Captain. While in college, Bob had volunteered with the Hauppauge Fire Department on Long Island, New York.

“Bob was always on top of every emergency situation,” said Jeff Nixon, a friend, Sergeant of the Rumson Police Department and fellow Rumson First Aid member. “He was great with patients, great with patients’ families and great with the hospital staffs. Bob also always had a very professional working relationship with the Police Department but more importantly, he was everyone’s good friend.”

Many of these efforts have already been recognized by either Rumson or surrounding towns: Bob was cited for saving the life of a motorist during Memorial Day weekend in 2008; was instrumental with the Tredwell Estate fire in 2006 and the Sea Bright Fountains fire in the winter of 2007. In 2009, Bob was appointed as Rumson’s Deputy OEM (Office of Emergency Management) Coordinator by Rumson’s OEM Coordinator, Councilman Mark Rubin.

“We had so many memorable calls,” said Jen Sapnar, a friend and fellow Rumson First Aid member “but I will always miss the laughs we shared after the emergency was over, his calming presence, and the ability to call on Bob any time for great advice and perspective. He was the best friend you could ask for.”

Kim Ambrose, a friend and member of the volunteer Fair Haven and Little Silver First Aid squads, where she is ex-Captain, remembers Bob as one of the most enthusiastic students in her first aid training

classes, who always put his energies into improving himself and always had a great attitude. “Bob was clearly an EMS jar-head, looking like a military drill sergeant” said Ambrose “but he had such a big heart. I always looked at him as a total great guy, and true gentlemen. He will be sorely missed.”

Volunteerism did not stop at the first aid squad. Bob was also a regular participant and coach with numerous sports run by the Rumson Recreation Department. He coached soccer, basketball and baseball. He was also a member of the coaching staff for the Rumson Fair Haven Pop Warner football organization and helped coach the various lacrosse clinics.

“Bob embodies the spirit of volunteerism that is often reflected throughout our town” says John Hird, a friend and director of the Rumson Recreation Department. “He’d look at an impossible situation and make it work for the sake of the kids. Over the 20 years I’ve been involved with Rumson sports, there are always a few coaches whose names you never forget. Bob will be one of those names that stick with me for the next 20 years. ”

Bob also found time to exercise every day. He completed 11 consecutive New York Marathons, three Ironman triathlons, numerous sprint triathlons and many full and half marathons. His exercise ethic was equally as infectious as his volunteerism, and he successfully encouraged many of his friends to join him with running, swimming and cycling. At 6 foot 3 inches and 225 pounds, Bob regularly placed as a top 5 finisher in any race which offered a Clydesdale division (usually men over 180 pounds), and often placed in the top 10 finishers in his age group.

Bob was also a fixture at the Atlantic Club in Red Bank. During the winter months, he would often conduct his own private mini-triathlons by swimming for 30 minutes in the pool, followed by 1 (and often 2 consecutive) spin class sessions, followed by a 5 mile run on the treadmill.

Finally, Bob was one of the original members of the popular Two Rivers Old Guys Lacrosse club (TROG). He was instrumental with helping the co-founders of the club, John Wibbelsman and Jack Murphy, manage the operations – either by assisting with the seasonal drafting process or putting the lines down on the field. For the roughly seven years that Bob played defense, he was never called with a penalty, possibly making him the only player in the club to enjoy that honor.

“Technically, Bob did receive one penalty, once, but the referee made a mistake when assigning the penalty” offered John Wibbelsman, a friend, co-founder of TROG and fellow Rumson First Aid member. “Bob was a gentleman both on and off the field. He was instrumental to the organization.”

In addition to all of these activities, Bob worked full time as a claims adjuster for Chubb Insurance. He primarily worked out of his home, which provided him the ability to stay so involved with his son Patrick’s school and recreation activities. Bob was certified in disaster relief, and spent six weeks in Mississippi and Louisiana after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita at the end of 2005 / early 2006.

It has often been said that behind every great man is a great woman; none of Bob’s extraordinary efforts could have been as effective without the loving support of his family, most especially his wife of nearly 20 years, Denise - and her tremendous cooking. Bob regularly hosted Super Bowl and dinner parties for his friends and family, and Denise always blew away the crowd with her fantastic meals. Bob recently paid tribute to Denise at a surprise birthday party for her and there were few dry eyes after his beautiful speech.

It is very difficult to memorialize someone like Bob Kelleher, whose personality and presence had such a huge impact on our small community. The Rumson First Aid squad will endeavor to keep his memory alive with our services. A memorial committee has been formed, and there are plans to dedicate our next ambulance in his memory. The Atlantic Club will be hosting a memorial spin-class

in Bob's memory sometime in the near future, and we are working with the Sandy Hookers Triathlon club to look into organizing and hosting a memorial triathlon in his honor, and we'll have it focused for kids to participate. The tentative date is June 13th, so please mark your calendars.

Bob's passing was a tremendous shock to everyone who knew him, but his memory, dedication and volunteerism will leave a lasting mark for his friends. Perhaps some residents who did not know Bob that well, but are considering volunteering their time for great local causes can be inspired by the many testimonials that his friends can offer. Maybe a reader of this article will be inspired to investigate volunteering their time as a member of the Rumson First Aid Squad, Rumson Fire Department or Oceanic Fire Department, or maybe they will call John Hird and join the ranks of other local residents volunteering their time to coach the kids in the recreation department. That would truly be an awesome way to honor his memory.

Doctor Josh Winslow, a friend, has already done exactly that – by joining the Rumson First Aid squad as an honorary member and to serve as our medical director. "I've been living in town for almost two years now," Dr. Winslow said, "and I always wanted to get involved once I was settled. Bob's infectious spirit for volunteering has moved me to help out the best way I know how, by sharing with other volunteers my medical expertise. It's my own personal way of honoring Bob."



Bob (R) takes a spring run with friends in Huber Woods

DOES ANYONE LOOK FAMILIAR?

In this undated photograph, a group of distinguished-looking folks posed next our then-tiny holly tree. (For those of you that missed it, this is the very same enormous holly that was moved with great ceremony prior to digging the foundation for the new Borough Hall, and now sits to the right of the driveway as you enter from River Road.) Also note the old incinerator in the background. Can you name any of these people? If so, please call us here at Borough Hall and let us know. We'd love to put names to the faces!



RUMSON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

President Dorothy Burlew welcomed members back at our September 14 meeting, along with new member Andrew Heck. A full sheet cake was donated by Gina Cesario and Jeanne Cuje, who both celebrated their 75th birthdays in September. It is customary for the Club to provide a special cake when a member celebrates their 90th. So far Dolores Ryan, Emily Wagner and Lillian Wiles are the members of this distinguished group!

Maureen Shires and Joan Keenan will co-chair the annual Holiday Bazaar, scheduled for November 21 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Rumson Presbyterian Church Hall. Carolyn Ott, Jeanne Cuje and Tina Bivona will oversee the gift auction. Irmgard Thompson has made, decorated and donated one of her famous dollhouses. Maryann Johnston will oversee gift auction ticket sales. There will also be a raffle of three large food baskets donated by the members. Diane Cross and Peggy Horn will chair the ticket sales for this raffle. Tickets for the raffle of the Samsung 32" HD LCD color TV donated by Vivian McCormick, Rosemary Hulse and Jeanne Cuje will be handled by Martha Heaton.

The following members will oversee other tables: Cake table, Emily Wagner, Gloria Bush and Margaret Green; Handmade Items, Peg Connor, Doris Robinson and Edna Ruscio; Nearly New, Art and Betty Newman; Jewelry, Elizabeth Vallis; Christmas table, Irmgard Thompson, Dolores Ryan, Dot Burlew, Lee Gay and Ellen Broander; Kitchen, Jean Stromenger, Fran Haydick, Vivian McCormick, Ruth Hoehle, Rose Malaspina and Margaret Reynolds.

The Holiday Bazaar is the Club's only fundraiser, and is always a huge success due to the support of our wonderful community. Come out and do your holiday shopping and support our great group!

2nd Vice President Vivian McCormick has arranged two trips with the Sea Bright Senior group. On October 5th, they will enjoy the Oktoberfest at the Brownstone. On November 5th, they will be traveling to the Westchester Music Theatre to see "42nd Street."

It is a tradition for the Seniors to lend a hand with Rumson's annual Halloween Parade. This year we lent a hand at Victory Park, handing out goodie bags to the costumed participants. Diane Cross was the coordinator for this well-attended and very successful event.

1st Vice President Jeanette DiSpirito has arranged for a Halloween costume party for the social meeting in October. This year she has added a holiday centerpiece competition in addition to our traditional pumpkin decorating. Prizes will be awarded in three categories for each event.

The Holiday Luncheon, scheduled for December 17 at the Nauvoo Restaurant in Fair Haven, will be chaired by Margaret Reynolds and Jeanette DiSpirito.

We extend our condolences to the family of Past President and Trustee Lillian Haines, who passed away in September. Lillian joined the Seniors in 1991 and would have become a Life Member next year. She also served the Club as Vice President, and chaired the Sunshine Committee. She will be missed by all.

Seniors are always proud of their grandchildren. Gina Cesario announced that her granddaughter Bianca began her college education at Fordham University, pursuing an Engineering degree. Margaret Reynolds told the Club that her granddaughter, Christina Pizzolato, is a contestant for the Miss New Jersey pageant. Christina attends Seton Hall.

The Rumson Seniors meet bi-monthly on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 11:00 AM in Wilson Hall, Rumson Presbyterian Church. All Rumson residents 55 and older and their family and friends who live outside Rumson are welcome to join this vibrant and spirited club! If a meeting must be cancelled, President Burlew will have her Telephone Committee notify all members.

Respectfully submitted:
Jeanne Cuje
Publicity Chairman

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John E. Ekdahl

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NOVEMBER

- 1 NO BRUSH COLLECTION DURING NOV. & DEC. - LEAVES ONLY PLEASE!
BRUSH COLLECTION WILL RESUME IN JANUARY
- 2 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 4 Shade Tree Commission 4:00 PM
- 5 FREE RABIES CLINIC BOROUGH GARAGE 7-8 PM
- 9 Senior Citizens meet 11 AM at Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 10 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 11 VETERANS DAY - Borough offices & Oceanic Library CLOSED -
Garbage WILL be collected.
- 17 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 18 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- 21 SENIOR CITIZENS HOLIDAY BAZAAR 10-2 RUMSON PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
- 23 Senior Citizens meet 11 AM at Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 24 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 26 THANKSGIVING DAY - Borough offices & Oceanic Library CLOSED.
NO GARBAGE COLLECTION
- 27 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - Borough offices & Oceanic Library CLOSED.
Garbage WILL be collected.

DECEMBER

- JUST A REMINDER - NO OVERNIGHT PARKING on any Borough street from
12/1/09 THROUGH 3/31/10. Violators will be ticketed.
- 6 HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING VICTORY PARK 5:00 PM
- 7 Planning Board 7:30 PM; Senior Citizens @ Presbyterian Church 11 AM
- 14 Senior Citizens - Presbyterian Church 11 AM
- 15 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 16 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- 22 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - Borough offices & Oceanic Library CLOSED.
NO GARBAGE COLLECTION

JANUARY

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY - Borough offices & Oceanic Library CLOSED.
NO GARBAGE COLLECTION
Borough Reorganization Meeting 12:00 PM sharp Bingham Hall
 - 4 Planning Board Reorganization Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 6 Shade Tree Commission 4:00 PM
 - 18 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY - Borough offices &
Oceanic Library CLOSED - Garbage WILL be collected.
 - 19 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
 - 20 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- All meetings to be held in the Callman Courtroom Building unless otherwise noted.

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