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## Spotlight On Our Community The Oakland Public Library Announces New American Museum of Natural History Family Pass Program

The Oakland Public Library is proud to announce the start of their American Museum of Natural History Family Pass Program. Thanks to seed money provided by a library patron, two family passes will be available for borrowing beginning in mid-October. Each pass entitles the bearer to free admission to the museum for 2 adults and 4 children. The pass also entitles the bearer to discounts at the Planetarium, the IMAX Theater, and parking. The passes can be reserved in advance by anyone 18 or over who has a valid Oakland Library Card. The Passes must be secured by a \$40.00 deposit which will be returned when the passes are returned to the library within two days after they were borrowed. The Museum Pass Program will run for one year on a trial basis. Community interest will determine its continuation. The Museum Pass Program is just the latest new initiative offered by The Library as it continues to make itself a growing presence in the community. As the Library nears the end of its first year under Director Michele Reutty, exciting things continue to happen. Over 300 youngsters participated in the Summer Reading Game "Get a Clue @ Your Library." Two dozen youngsters turned out for "Breakfast with Harry Potter" on the day Volume 7 of the series was released to the public. The elementary school aged theatrical group, the Oakland Players, under the direction of

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## OAKLAND: TOP 50 COMMUNITY!

In case you haven't heard the great news, Oakland has been named one of the top 50 places to raise a child in the entire United States in 2007 by *Business Week Magazine*. Oakland was one of only three communities in New Jersey to be selected for this honor and we should all be very proud of this designation. The selection criteria was based upon our excellent school system, recreation program, low crime rate and cost of living indexes. I am glad that *Business Week* has discovered something we all already knew! Oakland truly is a great community. I am thankful for all the hard work of our schools, our Borough staff, our Borough Council and the countless volunteers who donate their time and talent in making Oakland one of the finest communities in the country. We have cause to celebrate our strong sense of community, which is why most of us moved to Oakland in the first place.

I am happy to report that the library project is now moving forward full steam ahead thanks to the efforts of Councilman Chris Visconti, Library Director Michelle Reutty and the Library Board. We have settled our lawsuit with the bonding company and received a great settlement, which included cash payable to the borough. We have selected our architect and will now be making final preparations towards completing the final phase of construction. In the meantime, the library is open to the public and is enjoying strong community support and use. There are numerous programs being offered at the library and I encourage all residents to take advantage of this wonderful resource. My special thanks to

Library Director Michelle Reutty who is doing such an excellent job moving the library forward to meet the growing library needs of our community.

The long-standing saga of the flood control project continues. Although the project has been completed and the floodgates are now operational, issues concerning the actual control and maintenance of the floodgates continue. Despite repeated requests to the State New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the maintenance monies due the borough, we are still without an agreement due to accounting issues over who owes what to whom. We have met with the NJDEP and are resolving these final issues so that we can get into the river and do the maintenance needed to keep the river flow at optimal levels to prevent flooding. This is particularly critical since we still have issues of river maintenance stemming from the April 2007 flood that must be addressed. Maintenance of the river to provide flood control for our residents remains a top priority and we will continue to work towards resolving the ongoing issues affecting the Ramapo River. My thanks to Councilwoman Betsy Stagg, Flood Control Chairman Lew Levy and



Mayor John Szabo

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the Flood Control Commission who continue to work diligently on behalf of the community on this critical issue. We are also in the process of finalizing our Flood Mitigation Plan with the County. Once completed, we will be eligible for 2008 FEMA grants which we can use towards restoring the integrity of the Ramapo River.

Finally, the downtown improvement project continues to move forward. In January we will be introducing a comprehensive zoning ordinance to set into law the requirements and standards of the downtown improvement plan adopted by the Planning Board. The Planning Board has also approved the development of the corner property on West Oakland Avenue and Route 202, which will include a new Walgreens, Starbucks, Columbia Bank and office complex. Working with the developer, the plans were prepared to implement the vision of our adopted downtown plan and will include attractive building architecture, extensive landscaping and streetscape improvements including sidewalk pavers, decorative light poles and a delineated pedestrian walkway linking this project with the rest of the downtown. This project will create an important gateway into our downtown and we look forward to its construction. I also recently attended a mayor's design institute in Princeton sponsored by the Regional Plan Association. This free institute brought select mayors, design professionals and state officials together to discuss specific design and development issues. Interesting design suggestions for our downtown were offered, and important state contacts were made that will benefit our downtown. I will be following up with a series of meetings with key state officials to try and secure public funding for our streetscape improvements. Unfortunately, for now there is little to no money being allocated at the federal or state levels for downtown projects. But I am encouraged by my discussions with various state agencies that some monies may be forthcoming. The fact that we have an approved downtown plan will place us at the top of the list for such funding, should it become available.

Winter is upon us as we brace ourselves for the cold and possibility of harsh winter weather. We have had two storms to date and I commend our DPW for the excellent job they do to keep our streets safe and passable. They work many hours salting and clearing roads so we can go about our daily routine uninterrupted. I am often complimented by out of town drivers over how well our roads are maintained and we should certainly be proud of that fact. **Please remember that sidewalks must be cleared in front of your home per Borough Ordinance.** And, if you have an elderly or handicapped neighbor who struggles with this task, please keep that person in mind and lend a hand.

On a final note I would like to wish all the residents of Oakland a very happy holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year!

## Oakland Gets Paid For Our Recyclable Material

Oakland received \$3,700 from our private recycling company for all the residents' recyclables in the month of July 2007. Please recycle all your mixed paper and cardboard along with your commingled cans and bottles. Do not put cardboard boxes out with your garbage. The garbage collection costs us \$79 per ton in disposal cost. Every ton of recyclable material we can remove from the trash saves us money. Place the material out to the curb the night before your collection so you don't get missed.

The \$3,700 is from the curbside collection of recyclables from our residents. Also, it is the emptying of the entire Borough-owned recycling dumpsters that month. Oakland currently gets paid \$40 per ton for our mixed paper fiber (all kinds of paper and cardboard) and \$5 per ton for our commingled (glass, aluminum, plastic and metal) containers. Oakland's garbage, recycling and yard waste collection company is Suburban Disposal from Fairfield, N.J. They pick up our recycling material every Wednesday and deliver it to Zozzaro Brothers, Inc. in Clifton. The truck drives on a scale when full and again when empty to get the weight of the recyclables. Oakland receives a check from Zozzaro Brothers once per month. In July 2007 we were getting \$35 per ton for paper and \$5 for commingled. Paper increased to \$40 effective September 2007. In August we recycled more than in July and received \$4,262 for our recyclables. In August we recycled 113 tons of paper and 55 tons of commingled.

Check out [www.oakland-nj.org](http://www.oakland-nj.org) for the recycling dates and more information.

Thank You, Oakland Recycling Department

## Hand Sanitizer Gel and Children: A Common Sense Approach

The Board of Health has become aware of recent concerns about hand sanitizers and toxicity to children because of high ethanol alcohol content. The consensus is that it is unlikely for children to become intoxicated from licking hand sanitizer from their hands. However, since some sanitizers can contain a high percentage of ethanol, consuming a mouthful of the sanitizer can be dangerous to small children. Therefore, parents are urged to supervise children at all times when using hand sanitizers, to never transfer hand sanitizer to an unmarked container, and to keep all hand sanitizers and ethanol-containing products, including perfume and mouthwash, out of reach of small children. Some sanitizers contain isopropyl alcohol instead of ethanol. Isopropyl hand sanitizers pose the same danger to children as those containing ethanol. Be prepared - keep the **National Poison Control Hotline, 1-800-222-1222**, near every phone.

### **Oakland Communications Commission is looking for volunteers.**

- ◆ The Television committee brings you all of the council meetings and as many public events as they can tape.
- ◆ The Crossroads committee could use more editors and writers.
- ◆ The Web Site committee could use programmers to enhance our public communications and our web site.

Please contact the OCC through town hall or email [com72@optonline.net](mailto:com72@optonline.net).

(Continued from page 1) Library Page Michele Woodward, and Head of Children's Services Debbie Pfeuffer was a rousing success. The "Readers are Leaders" program continues to attract audiences as well-known figures from Oakland schools and departments come to The Library to read to some of Oakland's youngest readers. Such well-known people as Principals Glenn Clark and Barbara Ciambra, Councilwoman Karen Marcalus, and School Chief Financial Officer Louis Pepe have read in the past, while Fire Chief Peter Sondervan, and Councilman Chris Visconti are on tap to finish out this year's program.

Adults also have enjoyed a growing number of programs from the Knitting Club to the Clutter Coral. Book Groups know they can count on the Library for everything from supplying the books through inter-library loan to a list of stimulating discussion questions.

New programs and initiatives are being considered and introduced every month. For more information, watch the newspapers, check for announcements in The Library or Call 201-337-3742.

### Softball Season Deemed Success

Jo Ann Cribier, Softball Commissioner, reported that 2007 softball season was a great success. "We had 20 teams this year and there's a lot of talent out there. The girls are having fun learning the game and the teams looked great sporting their replica team shirts this year." Highlights of the 2007 season included the popular clinic run by the high coaches along with the IHHS girl's softball team. As usual, hot dogs and chips were served at the end and everyone had a great time! Cribier also added that Oakland hosted a very successful ASA tournament in June. "We are hoping to host it again next year. So come down, have a hot dog, and watch some great softball!"

Cribier also wanted to thank the Recreation Managers and Coaches who again did a great job with the girls this year. The travel season went well, with many of the teams getting into the playoffs and one championship game. To keep their skills sharp, the girls also have a "fall ball" season which has just begun and play will continue on Saturdays or Sundays for about 8 weeks.

### Baseball Roundup

(Submitted by Mike Guadagnino)

Our 2007 Oakland recreation and travel baseball season can be summed up in one word – FUN! The Opening day parade was a huge hit as all the K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade players marched from the library all the way down to newly renovated field 9 (the new Yankees and Mets Stadiums will have some competition with our field). As the season played on the younger Oakland children learned the fun of participating on a team while the older children played a more competitive brand of baseball where fun, safety and camaraderie was always the lesson of the day. Oakland's travel baseball teams had some success of their own with the 12 and under team being named co-state champions and invited to play in Springfield Mass. for a regional tournament. Our 13 year old team was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state and invited to Battle Creek, MI to participate in the 13 year old National Tournament. While in Michigan, Oakland's 13u player Peter Fiumefreddo was entered into the tournament's Home Run Derby against 13-year olds from all over the country. Peter was not only a participant he was the Home Run Champion hitting more home runs than anyone else. Everyone can follow all the recreation and travel baseball happenings on the Oakland recreation website at [www.OaklandRec.com](http://www.OaklandRec.com) and visit the baseball site



*Home Run King Peter Fiumefreddo launching another Home Run in Michigan*

### Fore!

What's the Fast growing sport in Oakland? Is it baseball? Is football? Maybe basketball? No to all those answers. It's GOLF. This spring we saw a phenomenal increase in the golf program. What normally had 12-14 golfers saw us reach 78 of Oakland youth. Never before have we seen a recreation program grow 6 times larger in one year. With the excitement created last season we are expecting even more growth in the spring of 2008.

Our golfers learned the finer points of putting, chipping and driving. The children were broken down into age groups and lead by golf director John Mormando. There were 4 sessions held on Sunday afternoons where the kids had a lot of fun and learned a lot of golf. Do to this unprecedented rise in the golf program, keep an eye on the Oakland Recreation website for next springs sign-ups. We have some extra surprises waiting to make the 2008 program even better.

# Public Safety

## A Message from the Oakland Police Department Acting Chief Edward Kasper

### *Tips from the Oakland Police Department's Detective Bureau on Internet Safety*

While online computer exploration opens a world of possibilities for children, expanding their horizons and exposing them to different cultures and ways of life, they can be exposed to dangers as they hit the road exploring the information highway. There are individuals who attempt to exploit children through the use of online services, such as MySpace and Facebook.com. Some of these individuals gradually befriend their targets through the use of attention, affection, kindness and even gifts. They will be aware of the latest music, hobbies and interests of children. Listed below are some of the "best internet safety tips and tools" to help safeguard your children from online predators.

**We highly recommend** that you track your children's computer activity using monitoring software such as **IAmBigBrother** or **PCTattletale** **AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE DOING SO!**

Keep your computer in a common area. This is the single best "internet safety tip for kids" you can use!

Talk to your kids about the dangers of Myspace and Facebook, and let them know what you expect of them and that they shouldn't be surprised if an online predator tries to contact them. **Make sure you tell them that they won't get in trouble if they tell you about it.**

Sign a computer and internet usage agreement with your kids so everyone has a clear understanding of how the family computer should be used.

Monitoring software is the best solution for protecting your children from the potential dangers of the internet because you can actually see what they are doing on the computer when you are not around. And yes, **IAmBigBrother** and **PCTattletale** **WILL** capture logins and passwords to their MySpace and Facebook accounts.

**If your child has a MySpace or Facebook page, you need to monitor it.**

You never have to apologize to your children for knowing what they are doing 24 hours a day. **That's your job!**

As always, please feel free to contact the Oakland Police Department **at 201-337-6171** for more information or assistance.

## A Message from the Oakland Police Department Traffic Safety Bureau

The Traffic Safety Bureau would like to offer the residents of Oakland the following safety reminders.

**Speeding:** The Speed Limit on the majority of our residential streets is **25 MPH**.

**Child Safety Seats:** Child Safety seats can now be inspected at The Oakland Police Department by appointment. Please call the Traffic Safety Bureau at 201-337-6171.

**Parking on snow covered roadways:** Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on the streets. Boro Ordinance 7-10a

**Bicycle Helmets:** A person under 17 years of age shall not operate, or ride upon a bicycle as a passenger, unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet, which meets the standards of ANSI Z90.4. This requirement shall apply to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat which is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle.

The parent or legal guardian of the person that violates the requirements of this act may be fined \$25.00 for the first offense and a maximum of \$100.00 for a subsequent offense. NJS 39:4-10.1

## *News from the Oakland First Aid Squad*

The John Robert Walker Memorial Oakland First Aid Squad recently recognized Len Baum's 50th year of service between the Pompton Lakes and Oakland Squad. So far in 2007, OFAS answered 673 calls for assistance, adding up to over 1700 hours of "in service" time spent by the less than 20 volunteers that actively take these calls. There was one recorded CPR "save" this year. Additionally, Oakland's Squad has helped out neighboring towns over 30 times this year. Arnold Ludke, a daytime member, has already taken over 200 calls this year. To maintain this type of coverage, the Squad desperately needs your help, especially during daytime hours. David Hutsebaut was the only new member added to the squad this year. The next scheduled EMT course at the Mahwah Fire & Police Academy will be starting in January, 08. If you are interested in more information about the course or joining the Squad, please contact our membership committee using the main phone number: 201 337 7385.

## News From Oakland Schools

### *A School District On Its Journey To Excellence!*

The summer months were very busy as we prepared for a new school year. Progress has been made in key educational areas, and these changes will enhance Oakland's children's school experience. A highlight of initiatives includes the following:

First, the Board of Education's three-year commitment to upgrade the District's technology program continued, and, in 2007-2008, the computer/student ratio will equal the State's school average – for the first time! Dozens of new laptop computers on mobile carts will permit teachers to roll the carts into their classrooms for students to use during the teaching/learning process. In addition, outdated desktop computers have been replaced, and other hardware, such as printers, have been added and aged equipment has been retired. All computers will have wireless connectivity to the Internet.

We are extremely grateful to each school's P.T.O., as well as to the Oakland Education Foundation, for partnering with the Board in achieving our goal. The fundraising efforts of these organizations, as well as the visionary leadership of the Presidents and their Executive Committees, will enable our children to master the State's Technological Literacy Standards. Please join us in thanking them for their hard work and commitment to our students' education.

Simultaneous to this program upgrade, we encouraged our teachers to develop their technology skills, and, during 2006/2007, each teacher launched a web site to provide parents and students with current information. We are proud that our teachers met this goal, and, during 2007/2008, each will continue to refine this communication tool by ensuring the ongoing currency of his/her web site. In addition, our teachers are further developing their skills in utilizing the computer as an integral tool to enhance teaching and learning.

Second, we have replaced outdated textbooks in key instructional areas. Middle school students will use new mathematics textbooks to learn the Core Curriculum Content Standards. In addition, the texts are supplemented by CD's, thus technology will become an important element of mathematics learning. New science textbooks will enhance the seventh and eighth grade science program, and, again, technology will support mastery of scientific concepts. New print science materials will supplement the fourth grade FOSS discovery science program.

In language arts, we have completed our two-year replacement textbook elementary program. Last summer, fourth and fifth grade students studied language arts with new textbooks, and, this year, students in Grades 1 – 3 will learn language concepts and the writing process using current materials. Thus, we have achieved instructional materials consistency in Grades 1- 8.

Students enrolled in our French language program will also study with new textbooks and materials. Aligned with the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards, as well as with the regional high school program, these new materials will enable French students to transition to advanced language study at the high school level.

Third, dozens of administrators and teachers worked this summer to research new curriculum and developments in key areas of our program of studies. As a result, our elementary World Language Program has been updated, and third graders will begin to study Spanish language and culture in 2007-2008. Consistent with our focus on technology, the middle school computer education program has been revised, completing a K-8 update that began last year. Our K-2 program for gifted children was also revised and will enable us to further differentiate instruction for these students. The District's Substance Abuse Prevention Program was reviewed and updated. Additionally, for the first time and in recognition of current realities, a committee studied gang activity and developed age appropriate units of study for children. Both programs will compliment our Character Education initiative and support our goal to encourage children to make informed decisions that preserve health, safety, and well being of all. Our students' education will be further strengthened with revisions in Counseling and Speech-Language.

Finally, much time was devoted this summer to identifying the most able professionals to work with Oakland's children. We are confident that we recruited talented, child-centered, and committed teachers who will support the District's commitment to excellence. Our August Orientation Program eased the transition of new teachers into the District and acquainted our newest professionals with our District's curriculum, procedures, expectations, and values. Administrators and veteran staff stand ready to support new personnel and achieve a seamless transition in the children's education.

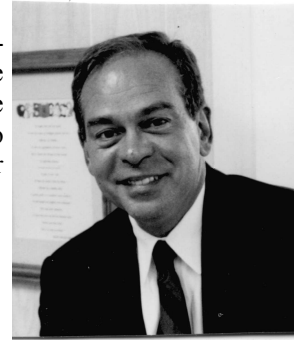
These highlights provide a glimpse of an even stronger school district – one that is committed to children. Simultaneous to the programmatic and personnel work discussed above, the District has continued the infrastructure upgrade of our schools, which will enhance the safety, security and efficiency of our buildings. As the District seeks to meet the needs of an increasing student population, we have disassembled the computer laboratory at Heights School and created a new classroom needed as a result of an additional fourth grade class. At Dogwood Hill School, we have moved the Curriculum Department into the Board Offices in order to reclaim a classroom that was needed as a result of an additional third grade at that school. We have worked hard to find every available instructional area to house our students, but the "space crunch" continues, with no available classrooms still to reclaim. Unfortunately, this problem is not going away.

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Board members, administrators, and staff have worked tirelessly to fulfill our commitment to all of Oakland, to be a learning community committed to excellence. I hope that you are as proud of the Oakland Public Schools as we are. Our school year opened flawlessly, and we look forward to helping each child become the best student and best person he/she can be. In so doing, we aim to provide an unparalleled educational experience for each child. Thank you for your support of our schools and for being a partner in our pursuit of excellence.

Sincerely,  
**Dr. Richard G. Heflich**  
 Superintendent of Schools



## OAKLAND STUDENTS OBTAIN A SENSE OF HISTORY AND IMPRESS THE JUDGES

National History Day is sponsored by The History Channel, and provides students with an opportunity to work with and analyze historical documents and other primary source material. The competition requires projects that feature student-centered learning that develop critical thinking skills. Additionally, through their work, participants develop research and reading skills. Student presentation skills in writing, visual projects and performances are also honed and refined.

In the spring, Oakland's seventh grade Workshop students entered the exhibit and documentary division of the competition. And, indeed, our students left their mark in history! Some of the students have their projects featured prominently at the Botto House in Haledon and at the Arden Museum in Delaware. In addition, the documentary that Oakland's students made on thalidomide was placed in the archives of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).



Students James Etheridge, Brian Sladek, and Andrew Maguire chose to explore thalidomide as their topic. Their culminating video won the State title, and the team represented New Jersey at the National History Day Competition in Washington, D.C. Their documentary placed in the top 20 nationally. In completing their research, they worked with the FDA, the International Myeloma Foundation, and Celgene Corporation. The students met a thalidomide survivor, as well as renowned scientist Dr. Francis Kelsey who prevented thalidomide from distribution in the United States. (The students estimated that it took a combined number of 600 hours to complete their project's work.)

Another seventh grader, Thomas Halloran, created a documentary on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He interviewed several astronauts, and he was even invited to and visited a retired astronaut in his home! Dr. Heflich plans to incorporate his documentary into our elementary school science curriculum.

For their project, William Nedds, Caitlyn LoPilato, Emily Smolenski, and Lily Li created an exhibit about the Passaic River. Their work earned the students the *Best Use of Newspapers Award* from the The Record.

Kimberley Charles, Kacie Dubuque, Kaitlyn Gaffney, and Avisha Thakkar researched Megan's Law. After interviewing Governor Whitman and Ms. Maureen Kanka, Megan's mother, the students created an exhibit about the law. Their exhibit will be displayed at a special evening program at Valley Middle School for adults in the community on October 11, entitled "Who Is Watching Our Children?" Ms. Kanka will be speaking at this program.

Congratulations to all of our student researchers, and their teacher/coach, Ms. Judith Vihonski. You make us proud!

### CARING ABOUT CHILDREN: SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Although students had already left our schools for summer vacation, our teachers and staff returned the day after the children departed to continue their learning – another indication that those who work in schools are lifelong learners.

Recently, the State of New Jersey Department of Education passed a new requirement for public school teaching staff. To save lives and injuries among our young people, instruction in suicide prevention by a licensed health care professional is now required for New Jersey's teachers. Thus, in June, Oakland's teachers and staff participated in a *Suicide Prevention* workshop that was presented by Dr. Diane Janson, a licensed psychologist and an approved State provider of professional development. Dr. Janson's workshop included a discussion about suicide prevention, children's developmental understanding of death, clinical depression, self-mutilation, and depression and suicide.

Teachers and administrators were educated about the symptoms of suicide including verbal clues (indicators of suicidal thoughts), situational clues (e.g., loss of relationship, status), and behavioral clues (e.g., giving possessions away, talking/joking about suicide). The audience learned that anyone could help a person in distress and the presentation concluded with this thought:

"Prevention may be a matter of a caring person with the right knowledge being available in the right place at the right time."

Using the information learned at this seminar, coupled with an understanding of child growth and development, as well as insight gained from experience, a committee of professional staff worked this summer to develop age appropriate lessons for students in suicide prevention. These lessons included learning activities that help children to:

- understand feelings and emotions;

- identify trusted adults in the school setting;
- recognize when to ask for help;
- cope with change, crisis, rejection, loss, and separation;
- handle adversity; and,
- identify community mental health services.

The District has invited Dr. Janson to return to Oakland to discuss this topic with the community. The date for her visit will be finalized during the next weeks. We look forward to welcoming you at this workshop.

### SCHOOL SECURITY: EVERYONE'S CONCERN

The school year had hardly begun when Bergen County was alarmed by an anonymous threat that targeted Emerson's schools. In fact, the threat closed schools in 10 towns in the County. Hence, attention was focused once again on school security and measures that school districts are taking to make their schools safer.

Recognizing our responsibility for safe school environments, the Oakland Board of Education has continued to assess its school facilities and remain current in school security initiatives. Systems have been purchased and installed to enhance safety in our schools, and the District has once again updated its comprehensive emergency management plans.

The following security procedures are now in effect in our schools:

- A video entry security intercom system has been installed at the front doors of all schools and at the Board office. During the school day, all entrance/exit doors will be locked and entrance may be gained only through each school's Main Entrance. When the buzzer is depressed, school staff, using a video monitor and a voice communication system, will identify the visitor, and unlock the front door to permit access.
- Surveillance cameras have been installed at each school site. These cameras record movement, provide visual information on potential intruders and will provide valuable information in the event an investigation of an occurrence is needed.
- New security locks have been installed on all exterior and interior doors, which required the issuance of new keys to all staff. A key control system has been developed, and a procedure for the issuance and tracking of keys is now in effect.

In emergency planning, the Oakland Public Schools cooperate and collaborate with the Oakland Police Department and the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator. This summer, the District's Crisis Management Plan was revised by our Crisis Management Committee with input from our Borough resources. By working together in a community protection effort, the Board and the Borough are further enhancing safety.

## **Channel 77 Wants to Know!**

The volunteers at Oakland's Channel 77 Public Access Broadcasting station want to know how you like the programming. You can complete and mail in the form below or email your suggestions to [com72@optonline.net](mailto:com72@optonline.net).

### **Channel 77 Programming:**

- ☐ Don't Change A Thing!
- ☐ Consider adding the following: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### **2007 General Election Preliminary Results**

Final Result will be posted on [www.oakland-nj.org](http://www.oakland-nj.org) after County Certifications.

### **Mayor**

John P. Szabo (Republican) 1672  
Linda H. Schwager (Democrat) 1567

### **Oakland Binding Question**

Funding For Open Spaces Trust Fund  
No 1764  
Yes 1060

### **Borough Council**

Karen Marcalus (Republican) 1780  
Donald T. Burns (Republican) 1635  
David Skoblar (Democrat) 1439  
Pasquale "Pat" Tirri (Democrat) 1420

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