

Thousands enjoy county concerts

To the Editor:

Union County's Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to host a series of free summer concerts in our public parks. These concerts are attended and enjoyed by many thousands of people and I'm glad that one of the Republican candidates for Union County freeholder has acknowledged them.

The Rhythm & Blues by the Brook concert in Cedarbrook Park in Plainfield last June was attended by more than 5,000 people. It was a beautiful afternoon and the music was outstanding. Roberta Flack performed with her musicians, as well as local legend Bernard Purdie and his band. Both rocked the audience and made it a memorable day.

I'm a little puzzled as to why Patricia Quattrocchi is reading my e-mails. If she would have called me about the concert, I would have been glad to give her a personal invitation.

Clearly, she did not attend the concert, which is unfortunate. It was a daytime event, not evening. And it was attended by many families. Like much of the audience, I invited four family members to join me for the afternoon. And we brought our own refreshments.

I want to assure the residents of Union County that I take my duties as freeholder very seriously. I work many hours each week to make sure that all of our residents receive the services they should. To suggest otherwise is a slander and I think Ms. Quattrocchi knows that.

Getting back to the topic of music, I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend Union County's MusicFest on Saturday in Nomahegan Park in Cranford. The bands include Cheap Trick, the Fab Faux, Roman Candle, Mike Peters and La Bamba and the Hubcaps, with a special appearance from Southside Johnny. For more information, check the Union County Web site at www.ucnj.org.

Summer is over. Best wishes to all for the busy fall season.

Bette Jane Kowalski, vice chairwoman
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