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wife that it would filter down to Stratford because people talk to friends, and if there's money involved, others always want in. Look at R. Michael Gallagher. He had the world by the tail as dean of the UMDNJ School of Osteopathic Medicine, but he piled up expense account charges and fraudulently tried to add to his bonus. I'm sure the money that my wife donated is long gone too, lost in the pockets of Gallagher and Warren Wallace, the associate dean just fired. Those two deserved each other then, and they deserve each other now.

— Steven Squiers, Morris Plains

Planning disaster

To connect the dots between your story on Al Faiella and your stories on land giveaways in Newark, turn the clock back to 2000, when Faiella orchestrated



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the passage of ward "redevelopment" ordinances that listed nearly all city-owned properties and designated them for housing. This effectively took the properties out of the normal public auction, and opened the door for individual deals.

But it's not just about the deals and money. It's about the results: too many homes, too many strip malls, too few parks, too many children and no land for schools, too little parking, too much traffic, overtaxed sewer systems, uses and designs that don't fit in with what is around them and lost opportunity for people to be part of the community plan process. It's about negative impacts on quality of life in our neighborhoods for years to come in ways we can't yet imagine and can't put a price tag on.

— Nancy Zak, Newark

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