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FANWOOD PD OFFERS "COFFEE WITH A COP"

About 80 residents turned out on July 14, to have coffee at Mara's Cafe with Fanwood Police Chief Richard Trigo and Lieutenants Francisco Marrero and Eugene Chin. Coffee With A Cop is seen as a way to keep communications open between the police and residents.

"The police and the community are reflections of each other, so it's important we communicate," said Chief Trigo.

The conversations covered a variety of issues, both local and national, and came during a period

of national mourning over the murders of five police officers in Dallas which followed the killings of two black men by police in Minnesota and Louisiana.

"We received a lot of support," said the Chief. "But we can't rest on our laurels. We need to constantly keep the lines of communication open."

Mara's Cafe, in Fanwood Crossing, South and Martine Avenues, supplied the coffee and pastries free of charge.



GWACC FOUNDATION 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation (GWACC) awarded five local high school seniors \$750 scholarships each toward their college education. As the GWACC Foundation was formed in 2015, this is the first year that the Foundation is providing scholarships. Each winner is a Business major with a solid academic and community service record. The GWACC represents the towns of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, and

Westfield and the winners were selected from students attending these local high schools. The 2016 recipients were: Matthew Guastamacchia, Union Catholic HS; Hopper Murray, Westfield HS; Nicholas Stone, Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS; Jordan Tyler, Governor Livingston HS for Mountainside and Mark Woitkowski, Arthur Johnson HS for Garwood. To find out more about the Foundation, contact Gene Jannotti, Executive Director, at 908-233-3021.

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FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS ROTARY CLUB ASSISTS IN FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGE

On July 7th, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club donated a check for \$1,000 to El Centro in Plainfield. As partners with NJ food Bank they have an emergency food pantry for any member of the community that needs assistance. Earlier this month, they ran out of food and the Rotary club approved a monetary donation to assist with the food shortage.

El Centro Hispanoamericano is located in Plainfield and has been serving the community since 1984. Its mission is to assist immigrants from any country -- most of which do not have access to publicly funded services -- with immigration, social services and education including ESL, Naturalization trainings, literacy,

advocacy and other services. Other services include a clothing boutique, annual Christmas Toy Drive and Thanksgiving Drives.

Donations and volunteers are always welcome. For information, go to elcentronj.org or contact El Centro at 908-753-8730 or info@elcentronj.org.

If you would like to make a difference in the community and learn more about Rotary, you can attend a Wednesday lunch meeting at 12:15 pm at the Stagehouse Restaurant in Scotch Plains.

For more information, you can visit their website at www.fsprotary.org or follow them on Facebook.



(above l-r) Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary President Carmela Resnick and Service chair Gerry Leary presented a check to Nataly Mojica of El Centro.

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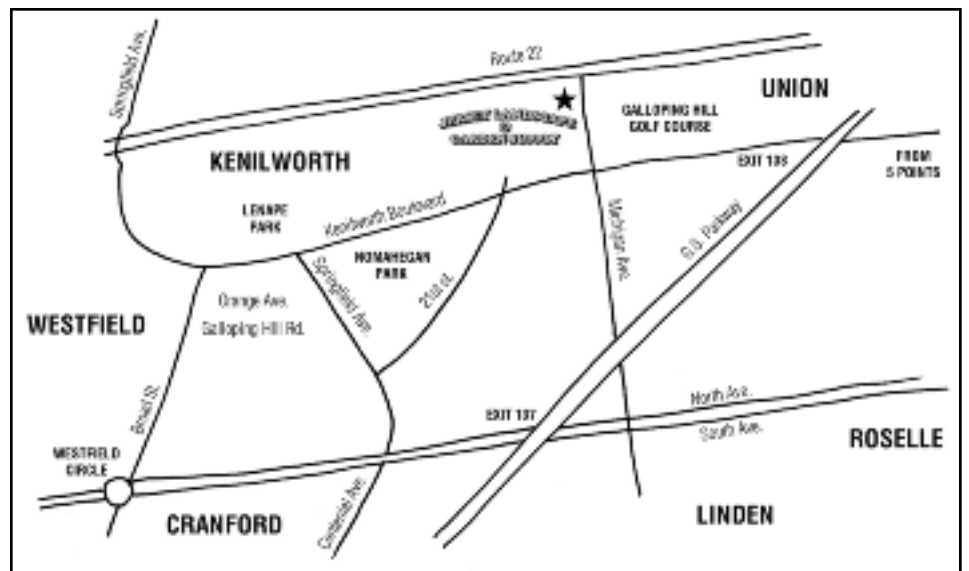
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FANWOOD PARTY IN THE PARK



Hundreds of Fanwood residents gathered at La Grande Park for the annual Party in the Park on June 29th. This year's event boasted a wide array of activities including bouncy houses, slides, laser-tag, a challenge course, and a special minion banana eating contest. This year's party definitely had something for everyone.

As the sun set and the movie started, the park was covered in a sea of blankets and lawn chairs as family and friends laid under the stars to view the screening of the movie, Minions. A 16-foot wide state-of-the-art outdoor movie screen towered over the park and made it possible for

everyone of all ages (and heights) to enjoy the movie.

The free summer movie series will continue every Tuesday through August 16 at La Grande Park. Screenings begin at approximately 8:00 p.m. (at dusk). Be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair. The rain date for the movies is the following evening.

Upcoming movies:

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FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS ROTARY INDUCTS NEW OFFICERS

On June 16th, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary inducted new Officers at a ceremony at Shackamaxon Country Club.

Past President Cathy Harris reviewed the club's accomplishments this past Rotary year and presented Paul Harris awards to Michael Dietrich and Steve Goldberg for their work on the largest fundraisers. Michael chaired the Golf Outing which supports the Robert H. Kraus Scholarship and Steve chaired the Nepal fundraiser. Cathy also recognized Joyce Miller and Wayne Zuhl for their fundraising efforts, Patty Laguna for her work with the High School Interact Club and Donna D'Annunzio for her role as fundraising Chairperson and co-Treasurer. In addition to the fundraising efforts for our local and international communities, Cathy highlighted some of the service projects the club participated in monthly including Mobile Meals of Westfield and the newest addition, El Centro in Plainfield.

The new Rotary year began on July 1 and Carmela Resnick took over as new President at that time. Carmela plans to continue the service projects and fundraising efforts supported by past President Cathy Harris. She is also planning some new initiatives to further promote the good works of the Rotary club, to carry on the tradition of giving back to the community and to promote the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". The other new Officers are Steve Goldberg (President-Elect for 2017), Kim Decker (Secretary) and Don Rosenberg (Treasurer).

Board Members for the 2016/2017 Rotary year include: Donna D'Annunzio-Fundraising, Patty Laguna- Youth/Interact, Brooks Smith-International, Andy Calamaras- Foundation, Wayne Zuhl- Membership, Julie Murphy-

Program, Dick Dobyns- Program Emeritus, Gerry Leary-Service, Maria LaMorte-Wright – Publicity, and Cathy Harris (Past President).

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15pm at the Stage House Restaurant in Scotch Plains. On the last Wednesday of the month, there is an informal fellowship meeting for those who aren't able to volunteer at Mobile Meals. Guests are invited to join us for lunch, and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide.



(above l-r) Steve Goldberg (President-Elect), Carmela Resnick (President), Don Rosenberg (Treasurer), Kim Decker (Secretary).

ROBERT H. KRAUS MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains is hosting the Annual Robert H. Kraus Memorial Golf Outing, which will benefit the Robert H. Kraus Memorial Scholarship as well as other Rotary initiatives. The golf outing will take place on Monday, September 19, 2016 at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club, 100 Tillinghast Turn, Scotch Plains.

The scholarship was created to honor the memory of Bob Kraus, a long time Rotarian and respected member of the community. It is awarded to a Scotch Plains Fanwood High School graduating senior who will be attending Rutgers University, has been involved in extracurricular activities or volunteerism, and has maintained minimum grade point average of 3.0. The first scholarship was awarded in 2011.

Check in will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon at 11:30am - 1:00pm. The Shotgun Start is scheduled for 1:00pm with cocktails, dinner and awards from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The event will feature several Hole in One prizes including a new car, a golf vacation for four, a set of Taylor Made SpeedBlade HL Irons, and full head to toe Travis Mathew ensemble plus a \$500 on-line gift card. Other prizes will be auctioned off in addition to a set of four Yankee tickets and a foursome at Basking Ridge Country Club.

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FANWOOD FAIR ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO "GO GREEN"

The first-ever Fanwood Green Fair took place Saturday, July 23 on the front lawn of Fanwood Borough Hall. The event was presented by the Fanwood Green Team, Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Fanwood Borough Council. Despite the extreme 95-degree heat, there was incredible attendance and support from community members of all ages. The fair included 24 contributors including business vendors, non-profit organizations, Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools and community groups.

With a brief inaugural address by Councilman Tom Kranz and an impressive performance by the SPF High School jazz band, the fair commenced around 11 a.m. and continued on until 4 p.m. Throughout the day, there were visitors from not only Fanwood and Scotch Plains, but also neighboring towns such as Bound Brook, Springfield, Union and Westfield.

The overall objective of the fair was to encourage people to "go green" and lead eco-friendly lifestyles that foster environmental sustainability. In order to do so, the fair offered an array of organic and naturally-derived products, as well as handmade gelato and sorbet by the artisans at Lickt. Visitors were also educated about environmentally-friendly actions, such as making a lasagna garden and investing in gutter protection, CFL bulbs and energy-saving systems like solar panels. The electric Tesla car was an additional display of a beneficial, low-impact source of living. The fair also directed attention to the effects of climate change through advocacy groups like Citizen Climate Lobby. Plainfield Municipal Utility Authorities representatives were also on site to explain the new curbside recycling program to Fanwood residents and answer questions about the new program.

Aside from promoting an earth-conscious lifestyle to help the environment, the fair was equally designed to prove how this can help your wallet as well. Local vendors, like Parker Gardens from Scotch Plains, sold native plants and Techni-Art LED bulbs at reduced prices. With their help, the Green Team was successful

in sending the message that being green is affordable, practical and easy.

On behalf of the Borough of Fanwood, we would like to especially commend the hard work of the Green Team and Erin Hernandez, an SPF Ambassador Girl Scout. Recognition is also owed to all of the volunteers who helped set up, run and clean up the event. The event earned the Borough of Fanwood 10 points toward Silver Certification in the Sustainable Jersey program. Further, the eco-friendly production of the event ("greening of the green fair") earned the town another 10 points.

Fanwood Girl Scout Erin Hernandez helped to organize the Fanwood Green Fair as a project to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. 17-year old

Hernandez is going into her senior year at the Union County Academy for Performing Arts and has been in Girl Scouts since 1st grade.

In a statement about the project, Hernandez wrote, "The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. I picked this Gold Award because I really care for the environment. I believe that the environment gives us so much and we do not properly take care of it."

I think many people are aware that the environment needs to be taken care of, but are not aware of how to do it. Also, I love my town. I think Fanwood is an amazing place to grow up and I want others to enjoy that same joy."



(above) The Fanwood Green Team, organizers of the Green Fair.

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(above) Michael Thwaite of Warren brought his 2010 Tesla Roadster, the first all-electric consumer car made by Tesla. Even after 6 years on the road, it gets 240 miles per charge, goes 0-60 in less than 4 seconds and gets up to 120 MPH



(above) Green Mojo, one of the vendors at the event, also presented a rain barrel building workshop.



(above) SPFHS musicians played cool jazz on a warm day.

FREE SUMMER MOVIES AT LA GRANDE PARK

The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces its 2016 Free Summer Movie Series at La Grande Park. Enjoy a night under the stars watching one of Hollywood’s latest family-friendly flicks on Fanwood’s state-of-the-art, 16 foot-wide outdoor movie screen!

The series began on Tuesday, June 28th and continues every Tuesday evening for eight consecutive weeks. The movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 PM at the beginning of the schedule, 8 PM at the end). Be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair! (And maybe some bug spray too.)

SCHEDULE*

Tuesday, August 2 Cinderella (2015 version)

Tuesday, August 9 Hotel Transylvania 2

Tuesday, August 16 The Good Dinosaur

*Rain date for all movies is the following evening. For more information, go to fanwoodrecreation.org or call (908) 370-7092.

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THE HIGGINS BAND ROCKS THE SHOW AT MARA'S CAFE

By: Edir Coronado

On Saturday July 16th, Brendan Higgins, a project manager and local Fanwood resident, switched identities. He grabbed his acoustic guitar and called some of his longtime friends to Mara's Café, located at 250 South Avenue in Fanwood. Mara's a place where musicians come to play for the love of music. Indeed, Higgins plays because he has a genuine passion for writing and performing his own music. When asked what music provides for him, Higgins replied, "The joy of playing, bringing people together, meeting people, and the sense of doing something you were always meant to do."

His musical journey started at young age, with a strong musical atmosphere radiating from his entire family, it is no wonder why he displays such musical talents. Higgins style of music is attributed to his older brothers, who had an all-star record collection of Eric Clapton, Muddy Waters, and The Allman Brothers to name a few. "It's now called 'classic rock;' however, at the time I was growing up, it was what was on the radio," explained Higgins.

There is one band that caught Higgins ear in particular, The Beatles, "They are the band that made me want to play and become a musician," Higgins further explains The Beatles not only influenced him musically, but also affected young Higgins lifestyle, attitude, and thoughts.

Subsequent to the combination of his older brothers' record collection and the musical connection he made with Beatles, his younger brother was the moving force that drove Higgins to act on his musical aspirations. Higgins credits his younger brother for helping him sharpen his skills as a guitarist, by playing drums to Higgins guitar, and in later years pushing Higgins to pursue his musical ambitions.

While he is currently a project manager, Higgins still dedicates time to this childhood passion. Whether he is on the train creating lyrics for a new song or he waits after hours, when his family is asleep, Higgins is always looking for opportunities to create more music.

All this time and effort to produce original music, is fulfilled on his own time without

compensation, but Higgins enjoys this, expressing, "Playing for free means you don't need to meet anyone's expectations," he added, "If you are looking to make money, you tailor what you play and write to the current trends or someone else's vision."

Higgins is always looking for places to perform his original music. He's scheduled to play again on Saturday, September 10th, at Mara's Café and he currently has his original tracks on reverbnation.com, a site for artists to upload their music for fans and music producers to enjoy.



(above) Brendan Higgins(Middle) and fellow musicians

THRIFT SHOP SUMMER CLOSING

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop, 1741 East Second St., Scotch Plains will be closed from Tuesday, August 30th to September 5th, reopening Tuesday, September 6th. During that time we will be busy restocking for the fall season.

The shop will reopen with fresh looks for late summer-early fall. Be sure to visit the Children's Department for those awesome back to school looks. May also be time for mom and dad to freshen up their wardrobes. The shop will feature handbags by Bebe, Coach, Etienne Aigner and Vera Bradley, just to name a few.

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SCHOOL ONE KIDS CARE CLUB

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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education honored 53 students in the School One Kids Care Club for their participation in service learning projects for School One and the local community. The School One students represented all of Union County for their many projects.

Four students, along with one parent each, travelled to Trenton in May where they represented School One's Kids Care Club for a special recognition from the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education for their contributions to their school, community, families and other groups.

SPF BOARD OF ED BIDS FAREWELL TO RETIREES

On June 1, 2016 the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and the PTA honored twenty-six faculty and staff members who retired from the district. This year's retirees were outstanding educators, instructional aides, lunch/general

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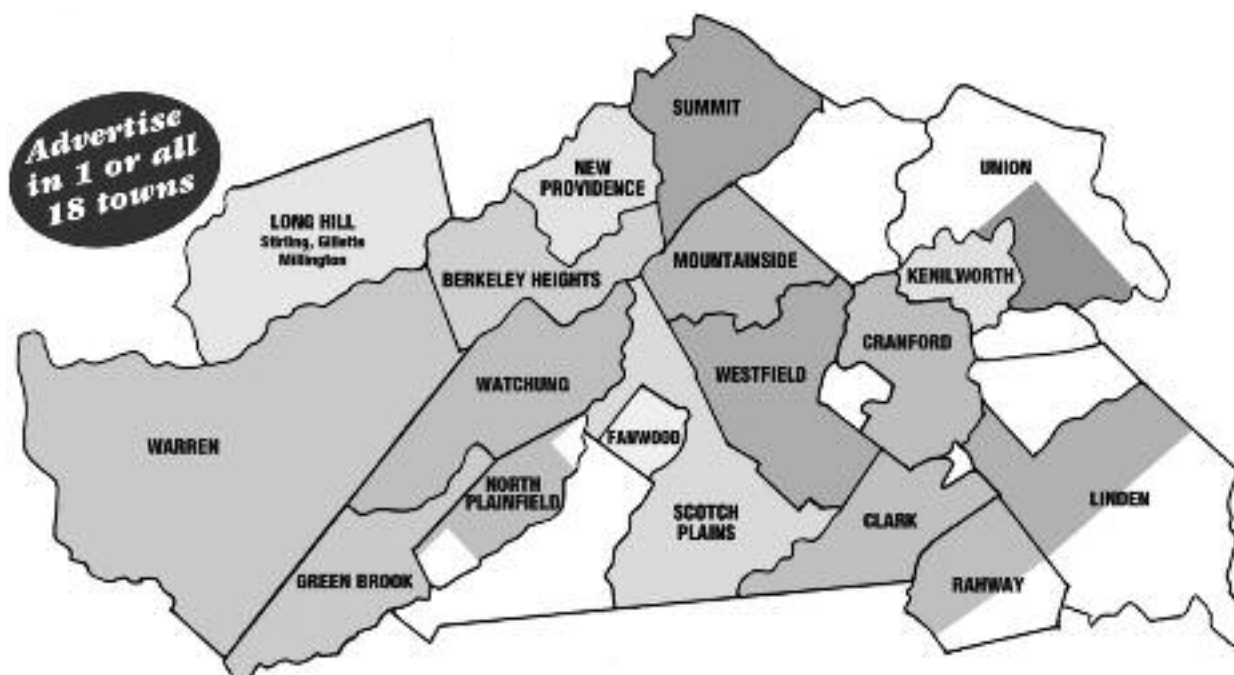
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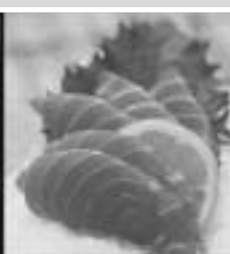
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