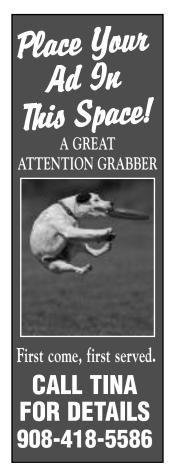
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## RAILSIDE CAFÉ SUMMER SPLASH AND GRAND RE-OPENING

Submitted by Bryan Hansen

On Wednesday August 22, 2018, Inroads To Opportunities held its second annual Summer Splash at its own Railside Cafe in Fanwood, New Jersey. Summer Splash featured the amazing chocolates of Carol's Creative Chocolatez of Somerville, NJ (recently voted the best chocolate in New Jersey) paired with a variety of wines sponsored by Total Wine and More of Union, New Jersey. Railside Cafe featured mouthwatering Gelato samples, delicious Hors D'oeuvres along with a beautiful cheese station sponsored by Karen Rotter of Shoprite in Clark, NJ. General Manager Paul O'Loughlin of Railside Cafe did a fantastic job catering the event and we applaud our staff for their support in preparing and serving for this fundraiser.

80+ guests came out to support Inroads To Opportunities, which resulted in a \$1,300 net profit for our charity. Summer Splash was one of two smaller fundraisers that we held this year. Play It Forward Fundraiser back in winter of 2018 helped us to raise \$1,000 for Inroads To Opportunities.

Inroads Casino Night will be held on Friday October 12 at the Elks Lodge in Union, NJ. We anticipate raising \$25,000 for our program and participants.

As a part of a re-branding for our cafe, Railside Cafe had an official grand re-opening the next morning on Thursday, August 23. Earlier this year we asked customers of Railside Cafe, previously Mara's Cafe & Bakery, to vote on a new name for the cafe. We received 250+ name suggestions and arrived on Railside Cafe thanks to a Fanwood local who came up with the name while having lunch with his wife.

We are so grateful to our supporters and vendors for helping us make our fundraising efforts a success. Special thanks to Carol from Carol's Creative Chocolatez for giving us all a chocolate education along with amazing samples of your products.



(above) Chocolates from Carol's Creative Chocolatez of Somerville, NJ helped make Inroads To Opportunities' fundraiser Summer Splash a success.

Thank you to Karen Rotter of Shoprite in Clark, Total Wines and More, Railside Cafe staff and General Manager Paul O'Loughlin.

## **FANWOOD VINTAGE MARKETPLACE - SUNDAY, OCT. 28**

The Fanwood Vintage Marketplace will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 featuring more than 75+ tables of vintage items, antiques and collectibles and more. If you are a collector or love things from days gone by then you will enjoy this event. Held in the parking lot of the Fanwood Train Station on South Ave. from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., there will also be great food served and live music. Spend an enjoyable day browsing through all the items being sold, have some lunch and enjoy the great music.

Some of the food being sold at this event will be 'gourmet' such as Gyros, shish ka bobs, French fries, zeppoles, and more.

Hosted by the Borough of Fanwood NJ, this event is produced by JC Promotions, Inc. For more information please visit jepromotions.info or call JC at 201-998-6311. There is still space available for vintage, antique and collectible vendors.







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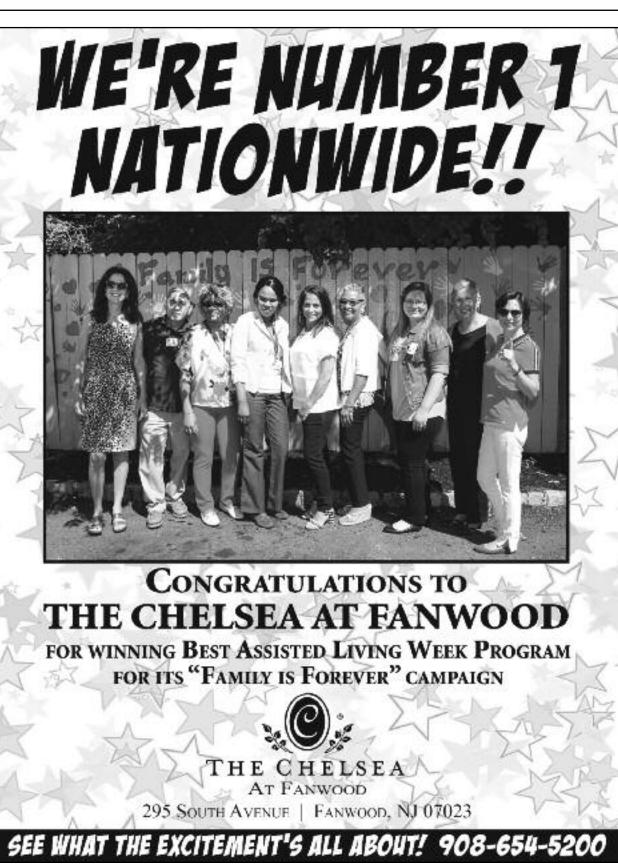
## **FALL MEET & GREET - OCTOBER 25TH**

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers and Neighbors Club will hold our annual Fall Meet & Greet on Thursday, October 25th, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Stage House Tavern in Scotch Plains. This annual ladies-only event is open to all, especially new and prospective members. Please join us for appetizers, drinks, and baskets of fantastic prizes from our local businesses. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to meet club members and learn about our wide

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers and variety of activities and interest groups. Feel free eighbors Club will hold our annual Fall Meet to bring friends, neighbors and other potential new members.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers and Neighbors is a non-profit social club that has been active in the community since 1950. Comprised of approximately 80 active families, we offer daytime and evening social activities. Please visit our website for more information spfnewcomers.com.







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(above) Fanwoodians Shreya Nara, a seventh grader at Terrill Middle School, with her mom Priya Raghavan, collecting school supplies for children in Africa. Photos by Borough of Fanwood.

## 23RD ANNUAL FANNY WOOD DAY

The 23rd annual Fanny Wood Day was held on Sunday, September 16, 2018 under bright sunny skies during 80 degree temperatures in downtown Fanwood. Fanny Wood Day is much more than just a street fair. Besides the many food and crafts



(above) Two colorful guys, Fanwood Recreation Commissioner Bruce Zakarin and boxing great Gerry Cooney, Fanwood's most famous citizen.

vendors, there was a wide array of activities including a scavenger hunt, classic car show and the return of many other kid-friendly activities. This event is hosted by the Borough of Fanwood NJ and produced by JC Promotions, Inc.



(above) The Fanwood Newcomers and Neighbors, our town's welcome group.

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#### **Cranford Endodontics** Welcomes Dr. Eric Weinberg



Cranford Endodontics is pleased to welcome Dr. Eric M. Weinberg to our practice. Dr. Weinberg earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Brandeis University, and graduated Cum Laude from the Boston University Henry Goldman School of Dental

Medicine, where he received his D.M.D. degree.

Dr. Weinberg returned to New Jersey to complete his General Practice Residency at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, and then proceeded to serve the Union County community as a general dentist for an additional year. He then completed his specialty training at the Rutgers University School of Dental Medicine, where he earned his Certificate in Endodontics (root canal treatment).

Dr. Weinberg has been trained in modern Endodontics, including use of the dental microscope, Cone Beam CT (CBCT) threedimensional radiography, up-to-date surgical techniques, and CBCT-guided endodontics via 3-D printing.

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## **CHELSEA SENIOR LIVING DIRECTOR'S NYC MARATHON RUN WITH A PURPOSE**

Chelsea Senior Living Regional Operations Director Paul Gedbaw has been an avid runner for twenty years. But his participation in this year's New York City Marathon has special significance.

"In April my good friend Bob passed away from ALS," he says. "That's how I got hooked up with Team ALS."

Gedbaw will run with Team ALS in the Marathon, one of the world's premier foot races, held November 4, 2018. The 26-mile race, the ultimate endurance test for a runner, is also a fundraising venue for many charities. The money raised by Team ALS goes to the New York Chapter of the ALS Association.

ALS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerois, also known as Lou Gherig's Disease, attacks the nerves and makes them unable to control the muscles. It has no cure. Stilson's decline from the degenerative disease began in his early 70's and

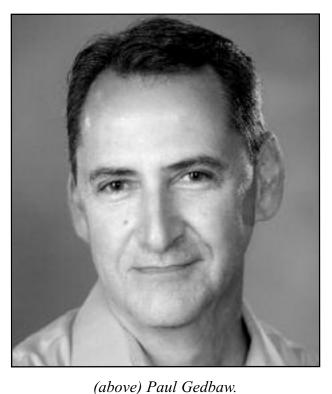


(above) Bob Stilson, whose life inspired Paul Gedbaw to run with Team ALS.

happened quickly. He died at age 73.

"Bob Stilson was a high school teacher of mine," Gedbaw says. "He was a mentor and really the first adult who showed me there was a world outside the town I grew up in (Ogdensburg, NY). In later years, we just stayed friends. My goal is to raise five-thousand dollars. The money, which will go to the ALS Association, goes towards research, treatment, therapies and trying to improve the quality of life for people living with the disease."

Gedbaw of Raritan Borough, is soliciting donations through his Crowd Rise web page, crowdrise.com/paulgedbaw.



Photos courtesy of Chelsea Senior Living.

## **CHELSEA ICE CREAM SOCIAL RAISES MONEY FOR RESCUE SQUAD**

held Monday, August 20, 2018, raised \$220 for Josh Lawrence. the Fanwood Rescue Squad.

In addition to free ice cream and toppings,

The Chelsea at Fanwood's Ice Cream Social, there was live music and table magic provided by

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(above) Josh Lawrence entertained with magic as Rescue Squad EMT Joan Lozowski, far left, watched.







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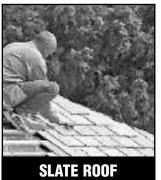
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# FIVE OUTSTANDING CITIZENS TO BE HONORED AT THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA WITH THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD GOOD SCOUT AWARDS

Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council will be honoring local citizens at the first ever Scotch Plains-Fanwood Good Scout Awards Dinner to be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at The Shackamaxon Country Club at 6:30 p.m. The honorees are Det. Shawn Johnson, President of the PAL; Frank Pascale and Sean Flannery, co-owners of Sheelan's Crossing Pub & Bistro; Fanwood Borough Councilman Tom Kranz; and Michael Ruzek (1956-2018) for his dedication and volunteerism in the community.

The event recognizes these outstanding citizens for their community service and leadership. The Boy Scouts of America are proud to work with such dedicated members of both Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities, part of

our Watchung Mountain Scouting District, for their embodiment of the values of the century old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event chair is Bruce Moran, Vice President Scotch Plains Fanwood PAL & Marketing Director for Knights of Columbus Council 1711.

Fanwood and Scotch Plains are both a part of the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America which serves 17,000 youth in over 400 Scouting units in communities throughout Morris, Middlesex, Somerset, Sussex, and Union Counties.

For more information on Scouting, attending the event, and sponsoring the program journal, contact Ryan Page, Development Executive, at 973-271-0174 and/or ryan.page@scouting.org.



All money raised through this event will go to providing quality programs and experiences to youth in Scotch Plains and Fanwood as well as our Scouts in Union, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, and Sussex Counties

For event information, please contact:

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### VISION OF THE PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL

The Patriots' Path Council will be the leading youth serving organization in the communities we serve by demonstrating and teaching the core values, contained in the Scout Oath and Law, to every eligible youth and their families. Toward that end, Patriots' Path Council will support its units to consistently grow their membership by providing the best possible training, programs and outdoor adventures.

## **SERVICE LEAGUE THRIFT SHOP**

For the month of October, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop, 1741 East 2nd St., Scotch Plains has Halloween costumes. The shop has children's favorites; action figures, super hero and heroines, Disney characters firefighters, doctors, and police officers. For infants and toddlers there are character pajamas. The shop has not forgotten adults. A limited selection of adult costumes can be found. Shoppers can also make their own. Shoppers will find accessories for scare crows, witches, and others.

Late October, for the entire family, the shop will have a wide selection of coats for the winter season. Ski pants are not just for skiing. Anyone who spends time outdoors will appreciate this water resistant and warm outer wear.

The Thrift Shop kicks off the holiday season with the Annual Toy & Doll Sale. The sale will be held Tuesday, November 6 through Saturday November 10. There will be a wide variety of favorite games and toys by Matel, Play School and other major manufacturers. Legos are often available. Dolls include Barbie and Barbie-type

dolls, fashion dolls, character dolls and baby dolls. Toys and dolls are new and gently used.

Items cannot be held and are cash only.

Thrift Shop hours are Tuesday, through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New and gently-used saleable donations are always welcome during business hours. Free parking is The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non- profit organization that has served the local communities since 1974.

Since its founding, the League has donated more than \$1.3 million for local causes. Anyone interested in learning more about the League or membership is invited to call (908) 322-5420, visit the League's website at scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com or speak to any of the volunteers at the Thrift Shop. Checkout the organization's Facebook page, "Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League," and give the League a "Like." Parking is available on the street and in the rear of the building. Visitors may enter the parking lot via Willow Avenue.

## "IN OUR OWN VOICE — LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS"

On Tuesday, October 23, 2018, the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Union County (NAMI) invites the public to a free event featuring speaker and video presentations that convey messages of reality, hope and the facts of mental illness.

Learn about the support and education that NAMI can offer. 7:30- 9 p.m. RWJ Rahway Fitness & Wellness Center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Rd., Scotch Plains.

For more information call 908-233-1628 or email namiunioncounty@yahoo.com

# HALLOWEEN PARADE & COSTUME CONTEST TO BE HELD OCTOBER 31ST

Scary times return to Fanwood this fall! The annual Fanwood Halloween Parade and Costume Contest will be held on October 31, 2018.

The parade will begin at 6:15 p.m. Children and Adults participating should assemble at 6 p.m. at Fanwood Memorial Library on the front lawn, located on the corner of North Avenue and Forest Road.

The parade will end at La Grande Park at approximately 6:30 p.m. A costume contest will be held at that time for children of all ages.

There will also be a Jack-o-Lantern Contest. Anyone who wants to enter a pumpkin in the Jack-o-Lantern Contest should bring his or her carved creation to the park and fill out an entry form by 6:30 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the best jack-o-lanterns! Free cider, donuts and coffee will be available. This evening of fun and festivities is presented by the Fanwood and Recreation Commission.







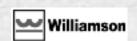
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## **FANWOOD 5K SUPER HERO RUN & FAMILY FUN RUN**

For the ninth year in a row, Fanwood Recreation hosts our community's favorite running event: the Fanwood 5K Super Hero Run & Family Fun Run! The race returns to La Grande Park on Sunday, October 21, 2018. The festivities begin with the one-mile Family Fun Run at 9 a.m., followed by the 5K Super Hero Run at 9:30 a.m. All participating Fun Run children will receive a super hero cape and mask, and automatically be entered in a raffle for gift cards.

All runners are invited to reveal their true selves and come dressed as their favorite super hero. Free refreshments will await all finishers.

Preregistered runners who want to avoid the lines the morning of the 21st will be able to pick up their numbers and t-shirts the day before from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the La Grande Park building.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$25, \$20 for USATF members and \$30 after October 18. The entry fee for the Family Fun Run is \$10, which includes a race t-shirt, and \$5 without a t-shirt. You can download a race application or register online at Fanwood5K.org. The race is fully sanctioned by the United States of America Track and Field (USATF) and is part of the New Jersey Grand Prix as a 500 point race.

All proceeds from the event go to the Fanwood Recreation Department and will help to purchase new playground equipment, build new recreational facilities and expand recreational programs for local residents.

The event is accepting sponsorships; please visit Fanwood5K.org for details on becoming a sponsor.

Come out and be a part of the day: enter the 5K Super Hero Run or the Family Fun Run with your children, cheer the runners, or volunteer to help. Visit Fanwood5K.org or contact Joe Valente at (201) 725-2032 for more information.

Please be aware that roads will be closed along the race route approximately between the hours of 8 and 11 a.m.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

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## **CAROLYN COLONNA TAKES OATH** AS ADVOCATE FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Fanwood is among 11 Union County towns represented recently by volunteers sworn in as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), thanks to Carolyn Colonna, who says she became an advocate "because I felt something pulling at me to help children. ... The mission of Court Appointed Special Advocates of Union County really spoke to me. I am the proud mom of two young adults. I love being a mom, and I feel called to help children both know they can be heard and to be a reliable presence in a child's

Superior Court Judge James Hely administered oaths to Colonna and others from Cranford, Elizabeth, Hillside, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Scotch Plains, Summit and Westfield, before they were matched to a foster youth or sibling set ranging from birth to age 21. After court observation of experienced CASA volunteers in action, the new advocates will meet their assigned youth.

Volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates of Union County are extra eyes and ears for family law judges hearing cases involving abused, neglected or abandoned children removed from home and placed in foster care. With court-ordered access to such parties as foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, the advocates incorporate findings into court reports for the judge and work to ensure the youth's needs are met and best interests are protected. CASA volunteers serve another important role for their youth: being a constant amid a flurry of unknowns and changes, including multiple caseworkers, foster homes and schools.

This class ranges from age 23 to 70 and includes parents, non-parents, business and medical professionals, county employees, retirees and homemakers. One was adopted from foster care and another has guardianship of nieces from the system. Most had no prior knowledge of the foster system.

It's crucial that each of the more than 500 Union County foster youth have an advocate. As the only organization filling this role, community volunteers are still needed, and are encouraged to join one of the fall training sessions that begin September 17 (evenings) and October 12 (daytime). For details, contact Courtney at 908-293-8136 or cgreen@casaofunioncounty.org, or log on to www.casaofunioncounty.org.



(above) Carolyn Colonna of Fanwood along with 12 other volunteers were sworn in as Court Appointed Special Advocates.

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## THE FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS COLLEGE CLUB **WELCOMES GENEALOGIST AMANDA GREENE**

welcomes local genealogist Amanda Greene to present a program entitled "There is No Truth without Proof' on October 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. the program will educate the audience to look for facts rather than just a family story or another person's online tree. She will show the audience where to look for original records that provide direct evidence of their family lines.

Mrs. Greene was a Business Analyst for Cisco Systems, as well as owned her own management consulting business for 6 years. Her education includes a BS in Computer Science from Allegheny College and MS in Computer Science from Syracuse University. This training served her well for online queries of family research and organizing a research plan and results. More

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains recently, she enrolled in the Boston University Genealogical Research Program and received her certificate enabling her to become a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. While her focus is on Lineage Research for organizations like the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution, she has also researched family lines for clients who have lost track of a relative or to explore immigrant ancestors. Her website is atggenie.com.

> This program is open to the public, is free of charge and will take place on October 22, 2018 at The Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 South Martine Avenue, Fanwood (McDermott Street entrance) at 7:30 p.m. after a brief refreshment period.

## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, **CHAPTER 688, UNION COUNTY**

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 688, Union County will be held at the VFW Post 2230 Hall, located at 33 S. 21st Street in Kenilworth,

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of 908-283-3293.

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(above) Picture from last years Hall Harvest, hosted annualy by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. This year's fall Harvest will be held on October 21, 2018 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

## **FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS YMCA TO HOST ANNUAL FALL HARVEST**

will host its annual Fall Harvest event on Sunday, October 21, 2018 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. The annual event is free and open to the community and will feature a variety of activities for the entire family.

Activities on that day include: pumpkin picking, pony rides, hay maze, healthy snacks, games, program demonstrations, arts and crafts, raffles, and much more family fun. There also will be a special for attendees who join the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA that day. The Joiner's Fee will be reduced to \$20.18, and all proceeds will benefit the Fanwood-Scotch Plains

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA (FSPY) YMCA's Annual Campaign, which ensures no one is turned away from the Y's programs and services due to the inability to pay.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA is located at 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. More information about the Fall Harvest can be found online at fspymca.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/fspymca. YMCA guests are asked to please bring a valid government-issued photo ID for check-in to access the indoor activities.

For information on becoming a vendor or sponsor of this event, or to donate a raffle prize, please contact Andrea Ganzman at 908-889-8880 or aganzman@fspymca.org.

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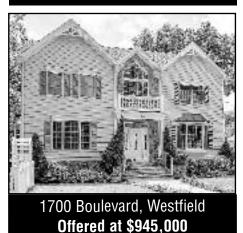
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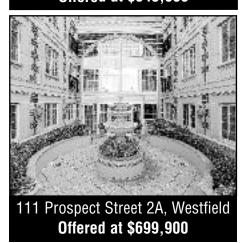


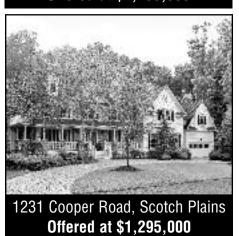




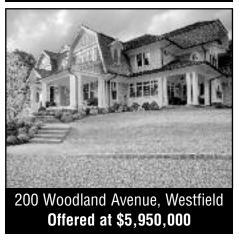












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Registration is open for the Scotch Plains/Fanwood CROP Hunger Walk to take place on Sunday, October 14, 2018 starting at 1:30 p.m. from the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build support by raising funds to reduce hunger in your own community, and around the world. CROP Hunger Walks are a source of income for more than 1,500 local food banks and soup kitchens in the U.S.

The Walks are also a way to help and show global solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water. The Walks support sustainable water and food projects and disaster assistance globally. For more information, go to crophungerwalk.org and click on "About".

Everyone is welcome to register for this approximately 3-mile Crop Walk. Volunteers who walk will be given a "Donation Envelope" for checks or cash from those you ask to sponsor your Walk. You may also raise funds online at crophungerwalk.org. Not able to walk? This Walk also has rocking chairs to sit in the company of other "rockers", who also raise money from sponsors by rocking during the same time others are walking.

How can you volunteer for this CROP Hunger Walk on October 14t? To register yourself, your congregation or your organization to participate, just send an Email to: augustar@verizon.net asking to sign up. You will then be given information and donation envelopes for yourself and others.

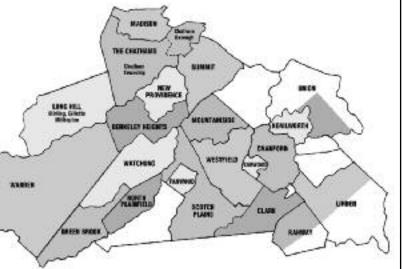
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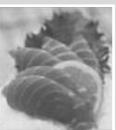
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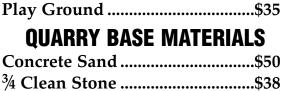
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