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FRAZEE HOUSE HARVEST FESTIVAL 2019

Submitted by Maria LaMorte-Wright

The historic Frazee farmstead will host October festivities on its site and participate in Union County-wide events marking the area's deep Colonial history. All October events, besides providing engagement to county residents and lovers of history, will benefit the "Save the Frazee House" project, an effort to complete the renovation of the historic house.

The 4th Annual Harvest Festival will be held - rain or shine - at the Frazee House site, 1451 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, on Saturday, October 19, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be many family friendly activities: live music, pony rides, a petting zoo, food trucks, face painting, pumpkin tossing and bowling, a haunted trail, and a costume contest, plus, new for this year, bouncy house, water game and more games for all ages.

"We've made wonderful progress with the Frazee renovation and are excited for the public to see it," said Andy Calamaras. The Harvest Festival is another chance for the community to visit the site and see for themselves.

There will be "The Great Pumpkin Patch," where pumpkins will be sold during the Harvest Festival and every day, from 11 a.m. to dusk, at the Frazee site. The sales are ongoing from October 5 through 31.

Additionally, in October, overlapping the date of Harvest Festival, will be the Frazee House participation with Union

County's annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend," October 19 and 20. The county Board of Chosen Freeholders sponsors coordinated open houses that weekend at more than 50 sites all over the county — homes, museums, trails, cemeteries and parks — of which the Frazee site is one of the oldest. Representatives will be on the Frazee site between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. on both days with brochures, bookmarks, a video demonstration and an external tour of the house. History buffs can note that the Frazee House is one of the stops on the Battle of Short Hills Historic Trail as well as being renowned for the legendary confrontation between General Cornwallis and Aunt Betty Frazee.

"October 2019 could be one of the most significant milestones for Aunt Betty Frazee since she stepped onto her porch to defy the British on their march past her house in 1777," said Andy Calamaras, president of the Rotary Frazee House committee. The committee, with the support of the Township of Scotch Plains, has spearheaded a 12-year project to rescue the house's structure to the American Revolutionary period — and the external renovation is nearly complete.

More information about the Save the Frazee House project can be found at crowdrise.com/savethefrazeehouse. You can also visit the facebook page for ongoing updates regarding the October events: facebook.com/frazeehouse.

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THE TINY TIM FUND RECEIVES A DONATION FROM THE FANWOOD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Submitted by Bernadette Hoyer

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Tiny Tim Fund recently received a \$1,000 donation from the Fanwood Community Foundation.

The Tiny Tim Fund is a non-profit organization organized and operated exclusively for the charitable purpose of providing financial assistance for medical needs to local families and has been doing so since 1983.

The organization's sole fundraiser is the annual Carol Night which will take place on December 4 this year, when volunteers will

solicit donations. Donations from private citizens and service organizations such as the Fanwood Community Foundation make it possible for the Tiny Tim Fund to continue its mission of assisting children of local families and make it possible to accept new referrals.

For further information about the Tiny Tim Fund, Carol Night, to request a referral application or to make a donation please send correspondence to The Tiny Tim Fund, P.O. Box 181, Fanwood, NJ 07023.



(above, l-r) For the Love of Fanwood: Tiny Tim Fund Board members accept a \$1,000 donation from Peter Chemidlin, President of the Fanwood Community Foundation. Pictured are Tiny Tim Fund Board Members Mari McDevitt, Jerome McDevitt, Carol Kiley, Peter Chemidlin, President of the Fanwood Community Foundation, Flavia Blechinger, Bernadette Hoyer and Barbara Anilo.



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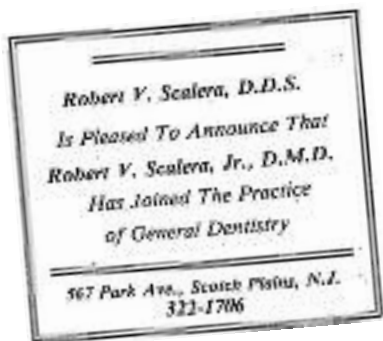
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CHELSEA MARKS 9-11 ANNIVERSARY BY PROVIDING LUNCH FOR LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

The Chelsea at Fanwood marked the 9-11 anniversary by providing lunch to our first responders and other local heroes. The lunch included a "hoagie" with sides of chips and water packaged in carry out bags decorated by preschoolers at the Goddard School.



(above) Fanwood Councilman Tom Kranz, an EMT with the Rescue Squad, also posed with Dorothy Ericsson. Both became EMTs later in life and enjoyed their volunteer service tremendously.

Photos courtesy Tom Kranz, Chelsea Senior Living



(above, l-r) Fanwood PD Officer Elliott Bernard, Sgt. Ron Greco, Lt. Gene Chin, Retired NY police officer and Chelsea resident Tom Rowan, Fanwood Lt. Frank Marrero, Fanwood Emergency Management Coordinator Howard Drewes and retired Barnegat Light Rescue Squad volunteer EMT Dorothy Ericsson, and a Chelsea resident.



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The 56th edition of the Fanwood Scotch Plains College Club Community Calendar is now available. The 13-month calendar contains a wealth of information about community activities providing dates of school holidays, testing periods, closings, concerts and activities (PTA, Music Boosters meetings and sports events) for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District K-12, Union Catholic and St. Bartholomew Academy. The calendar also provides listings of the local Houses of Worship and contact information for approximately 100 local organizations.

Due to the support of the 100 advertisers in the calendar the entire purchase price of \$10 goes directly into the Club's Scholarship Fund for scholarships that are awarded annually. In May the College Club was able to award \$37,000.00 in scholarships to eleven local young women. Calendar sales are a major fundraiser for the scholarship funds.

Calendars can be purchased at the Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries and the following local merchants: Norman's Hallmark, Apple Blossom Flower Shop, Shear Magic and Scotchwood Florist as well as from any College Club member.

For additional information about the community calendar and the College Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains please visit the website: fspcollegeclub.org.



(above) The cover of the 56th edition community calendar of the College Club of Fanwood and Scotch Plains features the 2019 scholarship recipients.

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9/11 SURVIVOR TALKS OF HEROES AND ANGELS

During the September 11, 2019 Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club lunch meeting guest speaker Connie Labetti told her 9-11 survivor story.

Many were moved to tears in the packed

meeting room as Connie recounted how heroes, and maybe even angels, helped her and others escape the south tower on 9/11.

Crucial to her survival was her boss Ronald Fazio who stayed behind and made sure everyone left the floor. Ronald made it from the 99th floor of the south tower to the lobby on 9/11, but he stayed behind to hold the door so others could make it out alive. He never did.

In honor of his memory, his son Rob founded the Hold The Door For Others Foundation. They help people deal with grief and loss. During the meeting Rotarians and guests collected \$327 for the foundation and the Club added another \$100 bringing the total contribution to \$427. To learn more about the foundation visit holdthedor.com.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has been serving the community since 1938. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at noon at the Stage House Restaurant. On the last Wednesday of the month, members can participate in a service project for Mobile Meals of Westfield. Guests are invited to attend and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide. For further information, go to fsprotary.org.



(above) Rotary Club president Wayne Zuhl and Connie Labetti

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Submitted by Phyllis Fischer

The Fanwood Lions is celebrating 70 years of Lionism this year.

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scholarships to local students. Donating to the White Cane Drive goes directly to the blind. A big "Thank you" goes out to our community, and we Lions hope to continue our work in the coming years.

For more information please Like us on Facebook 'Fanwood Lions'.



VINTAGE MARKETPLACE SUNDAY, 10/27

The Fanwood Train Station Vintage Marketplace will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2019. There will be 75+ tables of vintage items, antiques, collectibles and more. If you are a collector or love things from days gone by then you will enjoy this event which is held in the parking lot of the Fanwood Train Station on South Ave.

Spend some time 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!



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NEW POLICE OFFICER SWORN IN

Fanwood Police Officer Tyler Flowers, was officially sworn in on September 16, 2019 by Mayor Colleen Mahr in the presence of his family. The bible was held by his grandfather.

Tyler, 27, is a resident of Scotch Plains and previously was a police officer in Tewksbury, NJ. His twin brother and his family live in Fanwood.



Photo by Borough of Fanwood

SERVICE FLAG HONOREE

The Borough honors local service families by honoring them with a Service Flag, which they display in the windows of their homes.

Irasel Bueno was on hand to accept the Service Flag from Mayor Mahr on September 16, 2019. Her partner Oshanda Erb, is active in the Air Force. They live in Fanwood and have twin boys.

Oshanda most recently was involved in the Hometown Heroes banner project and volunteers hundreds of hours in many other pursuits related to her military service.



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LOCAL CIVIL AIR PATROL SQUADRON ACHIEVEMENTS

Submitted by Cadet Master Sergeant Niyati Shah

On Tuesday, August 20, 2019, Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Anushka Kumar, a resident of Watchung, New Jersey, accepted command as the new Cadet Commander of a local Civil Air Patrol (CAP) squadron, the Captain “Bud” Jackson Composite Squadron (NJ-102). This prestigious role was passed on to her by Cadet Major Veronica Vergara, a resident of Scotch Plains, NJ, who has graduated high school and has started her college life at Rutgers University.

The Change of Command ceremony was conducted by Cadet Major Veronica Vergara, as previous Cadet Commander, Capt. Sachin Adbe, as Squadron Commander, and Cadet Master Sergeant Isaac Allen, as guidon bearer. The ceremony consisted of Cadet Major Vergara relinquishing command and passing on the squadron guidon to Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Kumar. The passing on of the guidon symbolizes not only a change in command, but the passing on of responsibility and expectations.

Cadet Commander isn’t just a title, with the title comes tremendous responsibility. Cadet Kumar now acts as the liaison between the cadet body and senior member staff and ensures compliance with CAP regulations and policies in all squadron activity. She would set goals and develop training plans for the squadron to improve with. Under her leadership, the squadron will work towards the shared goal of maximizing cadet participation, recruitment, and striving for excellence. Cadet Kumar will lead and command 102 cadets, and it is not a small responsibility for a teenager.

Cadet Kumar joined the CAP in 2016 and has been an active member of the squadron, consistently rising in rank ever since. She has utilized many opportunities to learn about emergency services, leadership, cyber security, and STEM based topics. She leads drills and ceremonies, teaches about positive character traits, and encourages cadets to promote. She has become a role model to her peers and has inspired them to “Aim High”.

During the same ceremony night, several other cadets were commended for their notable achievements. Cadet Paul Koizumi, resident of Fanwood, NJ, achieved a major milestone, the Billy Mitchell Award, promoting in rank to Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. This milestone signifies a transition from the leadership to executive phase of the Cadet Program. Additionally, twenty-four cadets were awarded the Encampment ribbon after completion of the rigorous Air Force-style boot camp at the Joint Base Mcguire-Dix-Lakehurst in Trenton, NJ. These cadets, along with staffing cadets, Cadet Kumar, Bellam, and Pant were commended for their hard-work and effort. In attendance were special guests Major

Jamie Currey, Captain Plunkett, and Captain Jill Milstein.

Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Manali Shah was awarded an Achievement Award for her service in assisting a cadet with a medical emergency that had occurred at one of the squadron’s weekly meetings. Cadet Chief Shah, a resident of Scotch Plains, NJ, is in training as an EMT and is a volunteer with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. She is majorly involved in some of the CAP’s main missions: Emergency Services, Search and Rescue missions, and Disaster Relief.

The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program is an afterschool program open to all Middle School and High School students from ages 12 to 18. Since CAP is part of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, the cadet program teaches and challenges cadets to excel in discipline, character, community service (emergency service), Aerospace-STEM education, and Air Force customs and courtesies. The goal is to Aim High as cadets. For more information about the CAP cadet program, please contact CAP Captain Jose Vergara at jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov or visit the CAP webpage at gocivilairpatrol.com.



(above) Cadet Paul Koizumi, resident of Fanwood, NJ, achieved a major milestone, the Billy Mitchell Award, promoting in rank to Cadet 2nd Lieutenant.

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Pre-registered runners who want to avoid the lines the morning of the 20th 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 17th. The entry fee for the Little Monster 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 Fright Fest 5K or the Little Monster 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..

FANWOOD'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST SET FOR OCTOBER 31ST

Scary times return to Fanwood this fall!

The annual Fanwood Halloween Parade and Costume Contest will begin on the front lawn of the Fanwood Memorial Library at North and Forest Avenues. Children and adults who want to join the parade should assemble in front of the Library by 6 p.m. because at 6:15 p.m. the parade will depart for La Grande Park.

Once the parade arrives at La Grande Park, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Costume Contest

will begin for children of all ages. 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 to all.

This evening of fun and festivities is presented by the Fanwood Recreation Commission.

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COLLEGE CLUB PRESENTS "CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AT A TIME"



(above) The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will be presenting "Changing the World, One Child at a Time" with Jim Naugle on October 21.

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will be presenting "Changing the World, One Child at a Time" on October 21, 2019.

Jim Naugle is a volunteer Child Ambassador with World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization that serves children in over 100 countries worldwide. He has traveled to Bangladesh, Kenya and Ethiopia to experience World Vision's work firsthand. Jim will share stories from his travels to some of the poorest areas in the world and will discuss the hallmarks of effective humanitarian intervention, "one child at a time". Jim is a

resident of Scotch Plains and is a homecare physical therapist. Jim and his family have been sponsoring children through World Vision for 15 years and has seen the profound impact that sponsorship has on the child, their community and the sponsor themselves.

This informative program is free and open to the public.

It will be held at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 Martine Avenue, Fanwood, (around the back at the McDermott Street entrance). It will begin at 7:30 p.m. following a brief refreshment period.

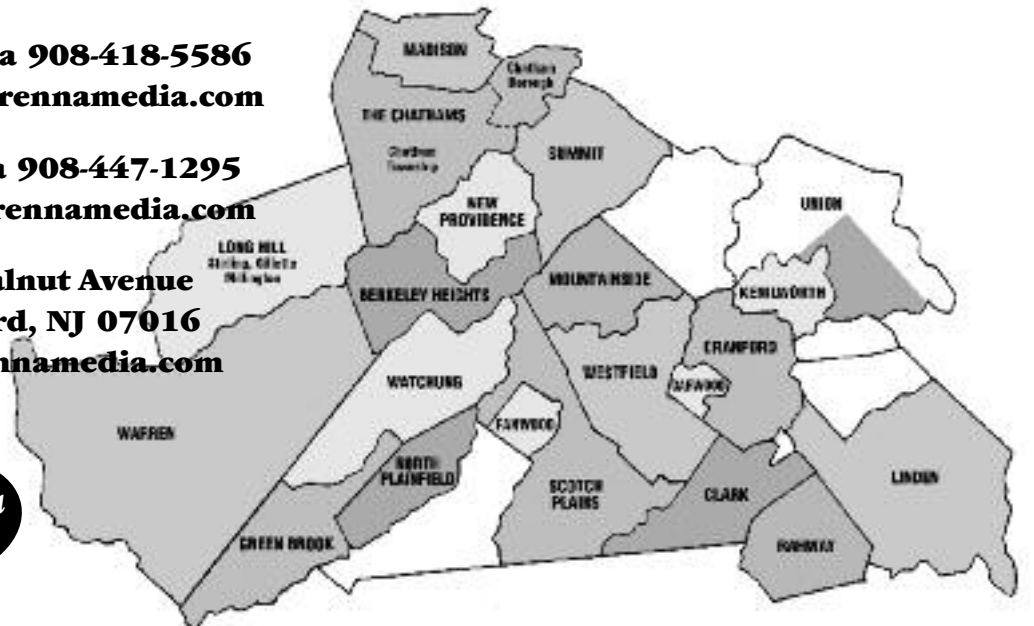
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The babysitting class is a 6-hour course that teaches the kids feeding and diapering, staying safe while being alone at home with a young child and certifying them in babysitting safety and CPR. The Jr. First Responder class is meant to give an overview of what emergency services do, introducing them to police, fire and EMS personnel and their equipment. Those students are certified in CPR and AED, basic first aid, fire safety and fire extinguisher training.

Little Hearts Big World is owned and operated by Melissa Padulsky of Fanwood; visit online at littleheartsbigworld.com.



(above) Babysitting students practice CPR on infant mannequins.



(above) Firefighter Ken Gorman demonstrates the use of a Scott breathing pack.



(above) Officer Dan Piccola demonstrates an AED training unit.

FANWOOD LARDER CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

Fanwood Larder, a specialty grocery store located on 44 South Martine Avenue Celebrated a grand opening on Sunday, September 15, 2019, during the annual Fanny Wood Day street fair. On hand for both ribbon cuttings were

Mayor Colleen Mahr, Council members Jeff Banks, Tom Kranz and Trisha Walsh, Fanwood Development Director Liz Jeffery, and Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Gene Jannotti.

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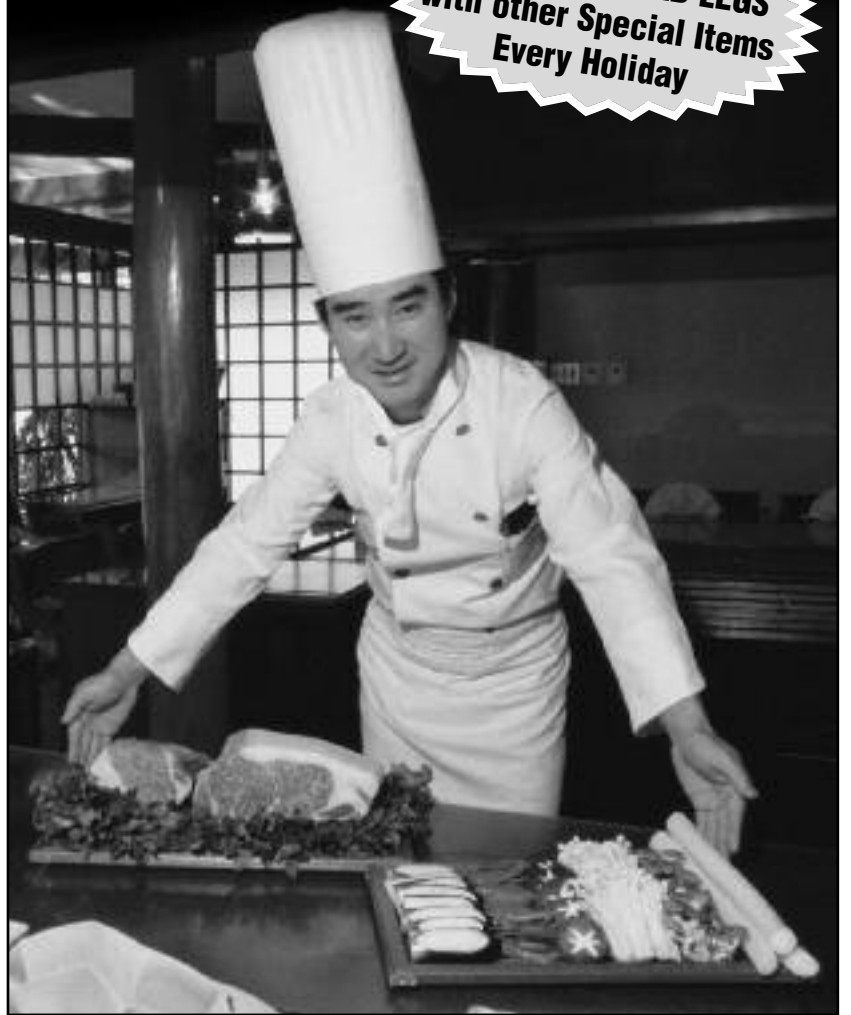
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