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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION OFFICIALLY BEGINS SUNDAY, DEC. 8



(above) The Fanwood Recreation Commission, volunteers and Recreation Director Bob Budianski, 2nd from left.

Fanwood's holiday season officially begins when Santa Claus arrives in town on Sunday, December 8, 2019, at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to meet Santa under the big tent on the lawn in front of the North Avenue Train Station and enjoy an afternoon of seasonal music, holiday crafts and refreshments—all for free. Children who stop by to say

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TINY TIM FUND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT ON DECEMBER 4

Submitted by Bernadette Hoyer

The annual Tiny Tim Carol Night Fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains will fill local neighborhoods with song and collect donations for the Tiny Tim Fund.

The Tiny Tim Fund is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to children of Fanwood and Scotch Plains in need of medical or dental care, psychological testing, prescriptions or medical equipment and supplies. The organization is run by a volunteer board of trustees and has been assisting local families in need since 1983.

Carol Night is the organization's sole fundraiser. There is still time to volunteer by forming a group or joining an existing one to make this community service fundraiser a success. For further information contact Mary Beth at 732-616-7695, email: mbrehrer@gmail.com; or Mari at 908-233-6513, email: mlwmcd@aol.com.

Light refreshments will be served to carolers when groups turn in their canisters at the Stage House in Scotch Plains on December 4.

Contributions can be made directly to: The Tiny Tim Fund,

P.O. Box 181, Fanwood, NJ 07023.



(above, l-r) Tiny Tim Fund Trustees, Jodi frank, Barbara Anilo, Carol Kiley, Bernadette Hoyer (seated) Mari McDevitt and Flavia Blechinger are looking forward to hearing from volunteers to make the Carol Night Fundraiser a success.



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FANWOOD'S FAMOUS CHRISTMAS HOUSE BENEFITS CHARITY

The grand lighting of the "Christmas House" display for the 2019-2020 season is Friday, November 29th. For the 5th year, donations are accepted for NJ Institute for Disabilities njid.org. There is a secure lock box next to the front door, or the family welcomes visitors to the ring the doorbell. In 2018, over \$7000 was collected and donated to the charity.

All display and lighting expenses are paid by the Roser family. The 20,000 light extravaganza

is the work of one person, Greg Roser, who starts preparing the display in September. The display is a blend of wooden home-made displays and purchased displays, and is a collection started 37 years ago. This is a traditional display with no flashing lights, and soft Christmas music playing.

The special event for the season is Santa's arrival on Saturday December 7th (rain or shine) from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., or until the last child is seen by Santa. Last year 150 children visited

Santa. There is NO CHARGE to attend, and everyone is welcome. There will be gifts for all children. This event is a gift from the Roser family, who has made Fanwood home for over 30 years. Mr. Roser thanks all of his family, friends, and neighbors for volunteering as Santa's elves. Special thanks go to Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, Fanwood Borough Council, and the Fanwood Police Department for their support.

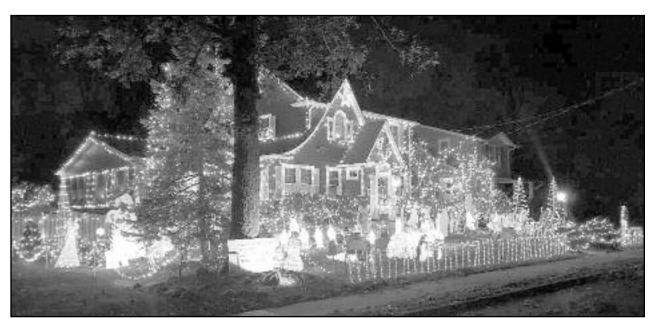


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(above) The display can be viewed at 83 Paterson Road, Fanwood NJ from November 29th to January 8th, 2020, from dusk to 10 p.m., with continuous lighting all night Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Questions about the display or the charity can be directed to Greg's cell phone 908-403-6486.

















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Fanwood Recreation announces its winter program schedule for Fanwood seniors. Programs begin the week of January 6th, 2020, and run weekly through the week of March 23rd. Classes include Aerobics, Yoga, Meditation, Zumba. Water Exercise and Tai Chi.

All classes will be held in the recreation building at Forest Road Park with the exception of Water Exercise, which will be held at the JCC of Central NJ Wilf Jewish Community Campus indoor pool.

For more information about these classes, including schedule and fees, and to register online and pay by credit card, please go to fanwoodrecreation.org. Or, if you prefer to pick up a registration form and pay by check, please go to Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue.



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SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MAGGIE LAPOLLA SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is very proud to have Maggie Lapolla sign her National Letter of Intent to play Division I Girls' Lacrosse at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Maggie has been a three-year starter for Girls' Tennis and Girls' Lacrosse as a Raider after transferring in her Sophomore year. Maggie earned First Team All-Conference Honors as a Junior last year and has been a leader on and off the field. Her leadership by example is prevalent in her play as she is a non-stop hustling athlete who motivates others by her hard work and dedication. Maggie will serve as the captain of the Girls' Lacrosse team this spring. Maggie is among the top scorers in the program's history when totaling her assists and goals and we are anticipating another great season this spring.

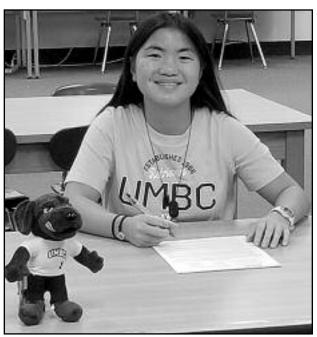


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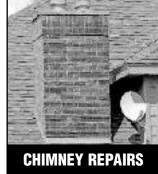






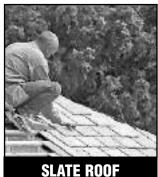






















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ROTARY CLUB LOOKS TO LIGHT UP THE TOWN WITH HOLIDAY LUMINARY SALE

During the month of December, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary club will sell Luminaries at the Fanwood Department of Public Works on Manfra Way off of North Avenue (across from the Fanwood Public Library). The sale dates are December 7, December 14-15, December 21-22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and December 24 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The luminary kits cost 75 cents apiece in all quantities and include paper bags, candles and sand. Customers are encouraged to bring buckets, boxes or plastic bags to transport the sand. The kits can be purchased in any quantity and payments can be made by cash or check. Quantities over 100 can also be purchased online by credit card. See the Rotary Facebook page for additional information regarding online purchases: facebook.com/fsprotary.

Luminaries are traditionally used to illuminate the streets on Christmas Eve. A candle is nestled

in sand at the bottom of a paper bag and placed along sidewalks to create a beautiful walkway. The candles are then lit at dusk on Christmas Eve. Some neighborhoods in the area get together and buy hundreds of kits to create an amazing display.

All proceeds from the sale will be used to fund the various charitable and humanitarian projects that Rotary supports, both locally and internationally.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has been serving the community since 1938. The club meets on Wednesdays at noon at the Stage House Restaurant. On the last Wednesday of the month, the club meets in the evening at 6:30 p.m. Guests are invited to attend and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide. For further information about the Rotary club, go to fsprotary.org or visit their Facebook page: Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

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MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE SPONSORS MOVIE RELEASE

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance teamed up with the Clark, Cranford and Westfield alliances to support and cosponsor the release of a newly released film 'Shooting Heroin'. The film depicts the opioid epidemic in this country taking place in a small Pennsylvania town. Actor Gary Pastore

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal stars in the movie playing the sheriff. He is lliance teamed up with the Clark, Cranford also starring in the upcoming film 'The d Westfield alliances to support and co-Irishman'.

The red carpet premier was held at the newly remodeled Cranford Theater on Thursday November 14th, 2019. Producers, directors, and actors were in attendance.



(above) Clark Alliance Coordinator Ralph Bernardo, Actor Gary Pastore, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Coordinator Karyn Steele and Cranford Coordinator MaryAnne Mason.







ROTARIANS PAY TRIBUTE TO VETERANS DURING LUNCHEON

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club hosted a Veterans Appreciation lunch at their meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Veterans in the towns of Fanwood and Scotch Plains were invited to attend.

This is an annual event. The Rotary Club is very grateful to all men and women who served the United States Armed Forces and they pay tribute to those who served, those who continue to serve, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you to all the Veterans who joined us for lunch!

First time guests are invited Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. at The Stage House on Park Avenue, Scotch Plains to enjoy a free Lunch. Visit our website at fsprotary.org or call Carmela at 908-499-4782 for more info.



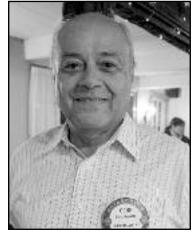
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HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS VAPING SYMPOSIUM

On November 4, 2019, a Vaping Symposium took place at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. In attendance to speak with and listen to students were the Mayor of Fanwood, Colleen Mahr, the Mayor of East Brunswick, Dr. Brad Cohen, Superintendent of SPF Schools, Dr. Joan Mast, and Ms. Rayna Wasserman, Mayor Cohen's cousin and a recent victim of the effects of vaping.

The program, organized by SPF Student Assistant Specialist, Liz Knodel-Gordon, was attended by a cross section of SPFHS students

and was aimed at helping students better understand the choices they are making around vaping, how to resist negative influences and how the staff and greater community can combat this growing epidemic. Ms. Wasserman shared her evocative story about her recent hospitalization from smoking and the toll it took on her life and her health.

Jessica Stuart, from Prevention Links-Union County Efforts and NJ Helpline shared information and tips on ways students can combat vaping.



(above, l-r) Rayna Wasserman, speaker; Liz Knodel-Gordon, SPF Student Assistant Specialist; Mayor Colleen Mahr, Mayor of Fanwood; Dr. Brad Cohen, Mayor of East Brunswick; Dr. Joan Mast, Superintendent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District and Jessica Stuart, Prevention Links-Union County.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS THE SPFHS GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Tennis Team had an impressive 2019 Fall Season, led by Head Coach Luke Piede and Assistant Coach Barbara Joyner.

The Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Tennis Team closed out September with a Fifth Place Finish in the Union County Tournament at Hub Stein Field in Plainfield and advanced to the Sectional Semi Final Match against Chatham, earning the Mountain Conference Championship. The team concluded the season with a 15-6 win loss record and compiled a perfect 11-0 record in the Mountain Conference.

The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Tennis Team consisted of the following members: Naa Dei Ashie, Sofia Berkman, Ariel Burman, Avery Burman, Alexa Chan, Mia Cutaia, Eve Delaney, Madison Diamond, Madison Diaz, Sophie

Conference Drapkin, Samantha Edelman, Bella Fiore, Alexa Gingold, Anabelle Griffin, Nina Johnson, Richa Kulkarni, Maggie Lapolla, Nithyaraajitha Lokesh, Rachel Lubeck, Ava Mach, Ellora Majumdar, Shyana Nanshah, Ava Niemczyk, arsity Tennis Alexis O'Brien, Elina Puri, Nikita Sahasrabudhe, Niyati Shah, Jion Shim, Lucy rman, Avery Spitzer, Anna Szczuka, Mack Trenk, and Jamie Eve Delaney, Wirth.

Photo by SFPS Public Schools



(above) The SPFHS Girls Tennis Team were recognized at the Board of Education meeting for their excellent season.

TENURED STAFF AND NATIONAL PRINCIPAL MONTH RECOGNIZED BY SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

On Thursday, October 17, 2019 the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools celebrated their 24 teachers and staff who received tenure this year. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joan Mast thanked everyone that gathered, recognizing that "tenure is a reflection on the districts commitment to our teachers and staff, and the teachers and staff to the district. It is a mutual

'Yes!' to being part of our community of Ritsko, Thomas Andrews, Rachel Cuzzo, learners seeking excellence together."

Ashleigh Boyce, Swati Bulusu, Michael

Board of Education President, Dr. Karen Kulikowski read the resolution for all Tenured Teachers and staff. They are: Avery Boettcher, Reyna Martoccia, Joanne Boettcher, Lynne Cinella, Jennifer Drechsel, Cristhian Mora-Franco, Courtney Noon-Vargas, Matthew

Ritsko, Thomas Andrews, Rachel Cuzzo, Ashleigh Boyce, Swati Bulusu, Michael Hergenhan, Joshua Jordan, Kelly May, Li Salewski, Theresa Skoog, Dr. Karen Wetherell, Jaclyn Tumolo, Michael Davis, Ryan Dominguez, Darlene Kendrick, Michelle Napier, and Judi Resnicoff.

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(above) Tenured Staff and Principals at the October 17, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS SPFHS GIRLS GYMNASTICS TEAM

School Girls Gymnastics Team achieved remarkable success throughout the 2019 Fall Season. On Friday, October 18, for the first time since 2003, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Girls Gymnastics Team earned the Union County Championship with a complete and total team effort, led by Head Coach Lisa Cerchio and Assistant Coach Tara Bozetarnik.

In addition, the Gymnastics Team won the Cougar Invitational, which was held at Cranford High School on October 3 led by Shaylin Farley, First Place All Around, Bars, and Floor; Elisa Place in Vault; and Jordana Reisberg First Place in Beam and earned a combined Team tournament score of 109.225. On October 3, the Gymnastics Team defeated Summit by earning a school record score of 107.1.

The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Girls Gymnastics Team consisted of the following members: Elisa Bianco, Ava Jacobsen, Natalia Nervi, Marin Brace, Shelby Kumpf, Sarah Paul, Nicole DeFrancesco, Ava Leonetti, Katelyn Perez, Shaylin Farley, Caitlin Maughan, Jordana Reisberg, Lenore Ferguson,

The 2019-2020 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High Bianco and Tamyra Singletary tied for First Gianna Mavilla, Tamyra Singletary, Lauren Fitzgerald, Morgan McArdle, Izzy Sutton, Jessica Gallagher, Madalyn McEvoy, Cadee Weiss, Kayla Giuffi, Ava McKenzie, Margaret Whitney, Emily Grill, Kayla Morrow, and Kelly Zimmerman.

> The team competed in the State Sectional Tournament on November 3 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, and they are proud of the accomplishments of the season which include earning the Watchung Conference Championship.

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(above) The SPFHS Gymnastics Team were recognized at the Board of Education meeting for their successful season.

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Change has been in the air at Mobile Meals of Westfield. At the beginning of the year, longtime President of the Board, Nancy Otchy, retired from the organization. Nancy had served as a Mobile Meals board member for over 20 years and after taking the reigns as president steered the organization up until its 50th anniversary in 2018. The board honored Nancy for her extensive dedication and commitment at their June 2019 board meeting.

Attempting to fill these big shoes as the new Board President is Ruth Maloney. Ruth has been a volunteer driver for Mobile Meals for 20 years and joined the board in 2018 after her youngest graduated high school.

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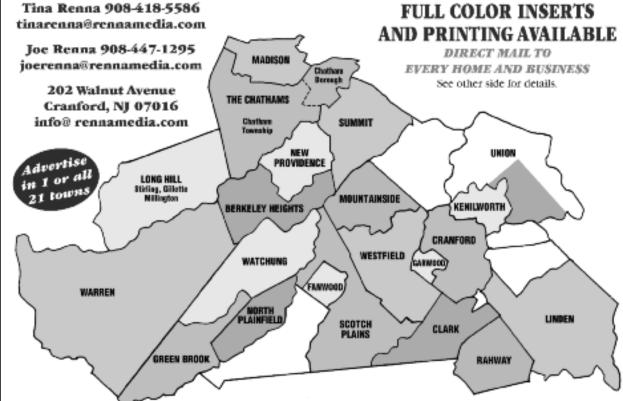
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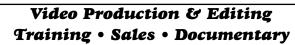
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