

Mountainside Voting Results November 8, 2005

District	Governor					Assembly - LD21					County Clerk			Freeholders										
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1	182	95	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	179	179	85	86	146	114	168	170	167	84	86	89	190	191
2	163	106	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	163	165	90	88	138	115	164	164	160	88	82	85	184	179
3	186	106	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	195	190	89	93	166	113	189	188	182	94	86	95	207	207
4	197	99	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	197	195	83	78	166	113	188	190	185	86	88	89	201	202
5	211	116	3	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	212	217	97	95	184	133	211	204	204	98	101	101	215	222
6	153	95	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	161	156	72	74	131	103	141	142	144	87	89	87	168	163
7	171	132	1	0	7	3	1	3	0	0	185	174	100	107	142	152	178	175	177	103	109	107	195	198
8	122	110	0	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	117	124	95	95	96	129	119	115	117	93	101	82	133	135
9	157	101	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	153	152	78	77	118	120	148	141	146	84	87	87	162	159
Totals	1542	960	12	3	21	14	10	5	0	1	1562	1552	789	793	1287	1092	1506	1489	1482	817	829	822	1655	1656
Total Voters Registered	2627	56.2%	Question 1		Question 2																			
	4675		Yes	No	Yes	No																		
			881	741	855	633																		

Fanwood Borough Council

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sidewalks on Trenton Avenue and sprinklers for the LaGrande baseball field.

Borough Councilman Andrew Calamaras, liaison to the Environmental Commission, reported that members of the commission met with the mayor to discuss the potential for borough liability in the event of a contamination of the Dean Oil site.

Environmental Commission Chairman Gary Szecel told *The Times* the commission recommended to the borough council that an independent consultant be hired to assess the condition of the property, in terms of possible contamination. Mr. Szecel said he was satisfied that this process was being handled and would be dealt with in the future by the Downtown Redevelopment Agency. He also stated that there was no evidence that the land was currently contaminated, but the commission was acting prudently.

Mayor Mahr told *The Times* that because the borough was not in the line of title to the land, the borough would not be held liable in the event the land was found to be contaminated or in need of further clean-up. Mayor Mahr also said the condition of the land would be discussed and evaluated during a site plan review brought before the Redevelopment Agency by any future developer.

At that time, the borough could request an independent engineering consultant hired by the borough with developer's escrow funds, could assess reports regarding the land's safety, the mayor confirmed. Mr. Calamaras added that any future developer would also be required by the planning board and Redevelopment Agency to obtain clearance by the

state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for residential development.

Testing of the Dean Oil Site in the 1980s turned up limited contamination, which was reportedly remediated by the removal of several underground tanks and filled-in with clean soil. The DEP then issued "no further action" letters, authorizing the construction of parking lots at the site. However, those letters would not be sufficient for residential development, which requires a higher degree of testing and remediation, Councilman Calamaras confirmed.

According to borough officials, testing of the Dean Oil Site is ongoing. The DEP was contacted, but did not return inquiries at press time. Borough council and planning board members told *The Times* that contamination concerns regarding the Dean Oil Site were speculative and unfounded.

Bigosinski Wins By One Vote in Westfield Ward

WESTFIELD - Democrat Tom Bigosinski was victorious by one vote over Republican Eric Leuthold this week for the fourth ward seat on the town council after the county counted absentee and provisional ballots.

Mr. Bigosinski has a 1,469 to 1,468 edge over Mr. Leuthold. Councilman Jim Foerst, counsel for Mr. Leuthold, said he is filing for a recount. The deadline to file is November 23.

The county board of elections received 10 provisional ballots for the fourth ward—six were counted, four were rejected. Also, four absentee ballots received too late were rejected.



Fred K. Lecomte for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*
REMEMBERING WHEN... Scotch Plains resident Fred Ritter enjoys a happy moment with U.S. Navy seaman first grade George Bechpod at the G.I. Bar off Times Square in New York in 1944.

SP-F Board of Education

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and communicating their curriculum to parents.

BOE members asked for clarification about the seemingly large scope of the goals. Board member Craig Nowlin asked if, within a sublist of eight to 10 items, the concept of priority is truly present.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Margaret Hayes explained that such items are the tools that will elicit the goal of better writing or effective use of data.

As far as the improvement of writing, she said writing should be assigned across the board. This priority demands the same assiduousness to style and mechanics in writing assignments from language arts to health class, Dr. Hayes said.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education President Linda Nelson

agreed that some of the focusing issues would be revisited in the curriculum committee. The motion to adopt carried 9-0.

Scotch Plains resident Jane Costello mentioned the danger of children walking on a pathway at McGinn School, which is also utilized by the police during their routes.

Business administrator/Board Secretary Anthony Del Sordi responded that he would look into the police getting a different access route to the area.

For now, he suggested that the Parent-Teacher Association send both the Scotch Plains and Fanwood councils and police departments a letter outlining their concern over the danger of driving on the path while children are outside the school.

Scotch Plains Council Discusses Heather Glenn

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have added a significant number of new students to the already-overburdened school system. This, he said, was an issue "that weighed heavily on our minds."

The arrangement, Mayor Marks emphasized last week, will not mean Heather Glen property owners will avoid paying the two-thirds of property taxes normally earmarked for educational purposes.

"It's not the case that they're getting a 65 percent tax break," he said. Instead, he estimated the typical property tax bill would be about \$1,000 lower for Heather Glen residents. But, given the expected prices of the new homes, the mayor noted that the average property tax bill for each of the 55 new units will be higher than the average bill in Scotch Plains, with a greater share being

kept for municipal government purposes.

What the state laws are doing, he said, is "dangling an incentive for a developer to take a risk by developing property" in an area that, until now, was seen as difficult to develop. He told Mr. Roskin the agreement with the developer would prove to be "a benefit to you, because if not for the state redevelopment law, we might have had 300 townhouses with extra kids, extra stress on the school system and higher [property] taxes."

Councilman Frank Rossi backed up the mayor's comments, saying that "we faced, a few years ago, a real potential of a development that would have added to the school burden." He pointed out that Heather Glen property owners will be paying 90 to 92 percent of the usual tax bill and those bills will be about 30 percent higher overall than the median tax rate for the rest of the township. "It's a win-win for the community," he said.

Councilwoman Nancy Malool told Mr. Roskin that, due to the agreement, "substantial money will be coming into township government coffers" that can be used in future years to offset the need for higher property taxes.

"It's direct property tax relief to you," she said.

DOT Hearing on Rt. 22 Bridge to Be Held In SP

SCOTCH PLAINS - The New Jersey Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 28 regarding the planned renovations to the Route 22 bridge linking Park Avenue and Bonnie Burn Road.

The meeting, which will be held at the municipal building on Park Avenue, will run from 4 to 7 p.m.

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Saturday, November 5, Brandon Pantano, 19, of Westfield was arrested at Rahway Avenue and Willow Grove Road and charged with the following offenses: driving while intoxicated, underage possession of alcohol, possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana, possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle, criminal mischief to motor vehicle, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident.

Pantano was charged with these offenses shortly after he allegedly struck a parked car on Scotch Plains Avenue. There were no injuries and he was released to a responsible adult.

Monday, November 7, Robert Maloney, 40, of Cranford was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated following a motor vehicle stop at Central Avenue and Clover Street. He was released to a responsible adult.

Wednesday, November 9, Michael Caruso, 58, of Westfield was arrested and charged with criminal mischief to a motor vehicle after a witness saw him allegedly key a motor vehicle in an Elm Street municipal lot. He was released on his own recognizance.

Wednesday, November 9, Adriann Roulhac, 23, of Newark was arrested at Plainfield police headquarters on the strength of an outstanding criminal warrant out of Westfield for \$300. Roulhac was held in lieu of bail.

Friday, November 11, Frank Anthony Florio, 3rd, 25, of Elizabeth was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at South Avenue and Livingston Street on an outstanding Roselle Park motor vehicle warrant for \$800. He was released on his own recognizance.

Saturday, November 12, George Williams, 4th, 19, of Cliffwood was arrested during a motor vehicle stop in the 1000 block of Central Avenue on an outstanding \$300 traffic warrant from Union. He was released after posting bail.

Sunday, November 13, Daniel Campion, 20, of Cranford was arrested at North Avenue and St. Paul Street and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released to a responsible party. Edward Clinton, 20, of Cranford also was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognizance.

Scotch Plains

Monday, November 7, a member of the Scotch Plains YMCA reported that her cell phone was stolen. The victim stated she left her cell phone in an unlocked locker. The phone was valued at \$200.

Wednesday, November 9, Javier Vargas, 42, of North Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting. Police were called to QuickChek after the suspect was observed by security stealing an energy drink. Mr. Vargas was processed and released.

Thursday, November 10, a resident of Sunnyfield Lane reported being the victim of identity theft. The victim stated that he received a letter from a credit union with his address on it, but another individual's name.

Friday, November 11, a Country Club Boulevard resident reported that sometime overnight her vehicle was struck by another vehicle, which left the scene. The victim's car was legally parked when another vehicle struck the front bumper.

Fanwood

Tuesday, November 8, Orell Tedder, 45, of Elizabeth was arrested for outstanding warrants following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue at 2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9, Brian J. Ilg, 28, of Clark was arrested on Midway and Patterson Road at 6 a.m. after a motor vehicle stop revealed outstanding warrants.

Saturday, November 12, Shanti M. Santana, 21, of Newark was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road at 8:55 a.m. revealed outstanding warrants.

Saturday, November 12, Maximo

Ramirez, 23, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue at 3:10 p.m. revealed numerous outstanding warrants.

Saturday, November 12, Christine Ramirez, 22, of Piscataway was arrested following a motor vehicle stop revealed outstanding warrants.

Sunday, November 13, Ghassan Tadros, 43, of Plainfield was arrested on North Avenue at Russell Road at 12:40 p.m. following a motor vehicle stop revealed numerous outstanding warrants.

Mountainside

Tuesday, November 8, Andrew T. Lewter, 53, of Bloomfield was stopped for a cracked windshield and unregistered motor vehicle on Route 22 West. He was arrested after it was revealed he had outstanding warrants.

Wednesday, November 9, William E. Watson, Jr., 36, of Metuchen was arrested on Route 22 East following a motor vehicle stop revealed outstanding warrants.

Thursday, November 10, Dobriwoje Brkusaniin, 58, of North Haldon was arrested following a motor vehicle stop revealed outstanding warrants.

Thursday, November 10, a resident of Summit Road reported his vehicle was broken into and his owner's manual was stolen from the glove compartment. According to police, the driver's side door was damaged and both front windows were rolled down and the trunk was open. The incident is under investigation.

Sunday, November 13, Howard Gray, 47, of Greenbrook was picked up from the Somerset County Jail on an outstanding warrant and was transported back to Mountainside for processing.

Once at headquarters, police searched the suspect's belongings and found a small white rock wrapped in plastic in his coat pocket. The item is believed to be rock cocaine. The suspect was subsequently arrested for possession of a Schedule II drug. Mr. Gray is being held on \$11,350 bail.

Poetry Reading Set For December 1

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Arts Council will present poet D.M. Dutcher and ten winners of the 2005 Fanny Wood Poetry Awards as featured readers in the Carriage House Poetry Reading Series at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1.

The free reading will take place in the Kuran Arts Center on Watson Road, off North Martine Avenue, adjacent to Fanwood Borough Hall.

Mr. Dutcher of Highland Park will start the evening's readings. Best known as "Dutch," he is an active poet at libraries, coffee houses and bookstores throughout New Jersey. In addition to writing poetry, Dutcher is a carpenter and fine woodworker who was part of the production crew at the George Street Playhouse. He also is the coordinator of the Poetry Night Series at the Highland Park Public Library, and he started the poetry series at the Somerville Public Library.

After a brief intermission, the reading will continue with the 10 winners of the 2005 Fanny Wood Poetry Awards each reading their winning entry and two other poems of their choosing. The winners had their poems selected from more than 400 entries in the third annual Fanny Wood Poetry Awards competition. The winners include Edwin Romond of Wind Gap, PA; Susan Rothbard of Livingston; Therese Halscheid of Haddonfield; Anna Evans of Hainesport; Penny Harter of Summit; Gwen Samuels of Rahway; Madeline Tiger of Bloomfield; John Chorazy of Montclair; Michael Szweczyk of South River and Gerri Black of Ocean City, NJ.

The public is invited to attend and admission is free. Books and magazines containing poems by the featured readers will be available for purchase.

For information or directions, please call Fanwood Arts Council directors Adele Kenny at (908) 889-7223 or Tom Plante at (908) 889-5298.

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