

## Fanwood Library Among Food Drive Participants

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road, is among multiple local libraries participating in a holiday season food drive sponsored by the Union County Public Libraries.

Now through Friday, December 31, the Fanwood Memorial Library will accept donations of non-perishable food items to benefit the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Food Pantry, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey and other local food pantries.

Collection bins will be located at participating public libraries. Library staff will then route 100 percent of the donations to designated food banks.

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey assists those in need by supplying food to more than 1,500 non-profit charities in 19 counties, including soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, local food banks, after-school programs and senior centers.

Groceries most urgently needed are canned meat and fish; canned soups and stews; peanut butter (in plastic jars); boxed pasta and rice; powdered

milk; infant formula; canned vegetables and fruits. Personal products (soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, toothpaste, shaving supplies, deodorant, moisturizing lotion, mouthwash), paper products (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, tissues) and cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, various cleaning products) also are welcome.

Other libraries participating in the food drive include: Berkeley Heights Public Library, Clark Public Library, Cranford Public Library, Elizabeth Public Library, Garwood Free Public Library, Hillside Public Library, Kenilworth Public Library, Linden Public Library, Mountainside Public Library, New Providence Memorial Library, Plainfield Public Library, Rahway Public Library, Roselle Free Public Library, Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library, Scotch Plains Public Library, Springfield Public Library, Summit Public Library, Union Free Public Library and Westfield Memorial Library.

For more information, call the Fanwood Memorial Library at (908) 322-6400 or visit the Union County Public Libraries' website: [lucnj.org](http://lucnj.org).

## FUSP Holiday Craft Fair Set For December 4 and 5

PLAINFIELD – The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield (FUSP) will present its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, December 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It will take place in the FUSP's newly revitalized Parish Hall, located at 724 Park Avenue, near the corner of West 7th Street, in Plainfield. The building is one block from the Plainfield Public Library.

Admission to the craft fair will be free and open to the public. The Society will host local crafters, who will display and sell homemade foods, jewelry, textiles, pottery, knitted goods and ornaments, plus other merchandise.

A variety of Fair Trade products, from coffee to chocolate, will round out the offerings. Coffee, desserts and hot cider will be available in

FUSP's Stevens' Café, while holiday music plays through the Society's newly updated sound system.

Returning this year will be Kids' Craft Workshops. For a small donation, children can bring home a handmade holiday craft of their own making. Additionally, certain crafters will demonstrate some of the secrets of their handiworks.

Multiple crafters have donated crafts for the event's Craft Raffle, a new feature this year. Visitors will be able to purchase tickets at the door for the raffle, and need not be present to win.

Profits from the craft fair will support the First Unitarian Society's congregational work and outreach programs to the community. For more information about the Society or craft fair, visit [fusp.org](http://fusp.org) or call the congregational office at (908) 756-0750.



VFW PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP...Scotch Plains-Fanwood Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 10122 recently presented its annual scholarship to Deanna Dell Bene, a 2010 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School graduate and a local veteran's child. This marked the 18th year that VFW Post No. 10122 has awarded a scholarship. Deanna presently attends William Paterson University, where she is a freshman majoring in criminal justice. She is pictured with Frank Chupko, VFW Scholarship chairman.

## 'Lights, Action, Universe' To Be AAI Meeting Topic

CRANFORD – Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI) will conduct its monthly membership meeting tomorrow, Friday, November 19, at 8 p.m. in the Roy Smith Theater in the Nomahegan Building at Union County College (UCC), located at 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Immediately following the business meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m., the club will present a lecture entitled "Lights, Action, Universe," given by Dr. William Gutch. From planetariums and museums to television studios, interactive space-flight simulators and soundstages in Hollywood, Dr. Gutch will go behind the scenes for a fun look at the techniques and technology of bringing the universe "down to Earth."

Dr. Gutch served as chairman of the Hayden Planetarium in New York, as well as a syndicated columnist for the Gannett newspapers, sci-

ence editor for WABC-TV in New York and science correspondent for ABC's "Good Morning America" and "World News This Morning."

Following the lecture, attendees will be invited to the William Miller Sperry Observatory, located on the UCC campus, for refreshments and the opportunity to speak with Dr. Gutch. If weather permits, a celestial viewing of Jupiter will be conducted using the club's two large telescopes.

In addition to monthly meetings, informal meetings are held on the remaining Fridays at Sperry Observatory. For more information about AAI, visit [asterism.org](http://asterism.org) or call (908) 276-STAR.

### Library Collecting 'Books For Kids'

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library currently is participating in the "Books For Kids" program again this holiday season.

From now through Sunday, December 5, the library is collecting new and gently used children's and teen books. These books will be donated to the Union County Division of Social Services, which will use them in holiday baskets.

The Books For Kids program is an initiative of the New Jersey Library Association. For more information, call the Fanwood Memorial Library at (908) 322-6400 or drop off books at the library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

### Susan Auer Receives Quarter Horse Award

WESTFIELD – Susan R. Auer of Westfield recently earned an award for logging 3,000 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Horseback Riding Program. The program recognizes and rewards AQHA members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, working cattle, pleasure driving and simply riding. For more information about AQHA and its programs, visit [aqha.com](http://aqha.com) or call (806) 376-4811.

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Westfield**  
Thursday, November 11, Benny L. Rouland, 42, and Latice R. Hollis, 26, both of Plainfield, were arrested for allegedly shoplifting from a business on the 600 block of West North Avenue. The pair, which police said are suspects in prior thefts from the business, were charged with shoplifting and possession of burglary tools. Hollis was processed and released after posting \$3,500 bail. Rouland was processed and held on \$7,500 bail. He also was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and issued a summons. Additionally, he was wanted on an outstanding Middlesex County traffic warrant in the amount of \$1,116. He was committed to the Union County jail.

Friday, November 12, Shafi Faisal, 19, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested on an outstanding Carteret traffic warrant in the amount of \$750 pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at West South and Westfield Avenues. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released on posted bail.

Friday, November 12, Ronald Powell, 54, of Plainfield was arrested at the Middlesex County jail on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$1,000. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, November 13, Rylon Burke, 37, of Westfield was arrested on the 100 block of Myrtle Avenue and charged with disorderly conduct. According to authorities, Burke was shouting in the street, waving his hands and threatened violence to neighbors and police. He was committed to the Union County jail in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

Sunday, November 14, Brendan Dukes, 26, of Linden was arrested at North and 4th Avenues on a Middletown warrant in the amount of \$500. He was released after posting bail.

Monday, November 15, a burglary was reported in the south-side Westfield train station lot, in which someone unknown entered a structure and removed merchandise valued at approximately \$80.

Monday, November 15, Moses Coley, Jr., 55, of Plainfield was arrested on South Avenue near Sussex Street on a no-bail Union County Sheriff's Fugitive warrant. He was turned over to Union County detectives.

**Mountainside**  
Wednesday, November 10, a business on Globe Avenue reported that someone cut the chainlink fence, entered the property and removed approximately \$200 in scrap metal. According to police, included in the scrap metal was a 100-gallon aluminum tank.

Thursday, November 11, James A. Pratola, 32, of Bridgewater was arrested on two counts of criminal trespassing and one count of theft of movable property after police responded to an alarm going off at a Route 22 business.

According to police, an officer responding to the alarm observed a section of barbed wire surrounding the business parking lot had been cut and Pratola's motor vehicle partially hidden by a large truck in the driveway of the business, with a female in the front passenger seat. She told the officer the car had broken down and that Pratola had pushed it to the location on Route 22, police said. She stated that she and Pratola were headed to a friend's house but did not know the friend's name, and that Pratola had walked to a nearby house for help, authorities reported.

According to police, Pratola was later apprehended in Westfield and told police that he and the female passenger were heading to a diner when he experienced car trouble. Upon searching the vehicle, police found a toolbox and a large bolt cutter and took both individuals into investigative detention. A subsequent investigation found Pratola to be in possession of scrap metal removed from a Globe Avenue business, authorities reported. A tow truck was called to remove the vehicle, which started right up and was driven onto the back of a flatbed truck, police said.

Thursday, November 11, a resident of Holly Hill reported that someone forced open the rear door of his residence. According to police, it is not known whether entry was gained, as nothing was reported missing at the time.

Thursday, November 11, Richard N. Garcia-Lozano, 46, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Newark in the amount of \$200 after the motor vehicle in which he was a passenger was stopped for a violation.

Friday, November 12, Nelda Festejo, 36, of Jersey City was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Friday, November 12, a resident of New Providence Road reported that someone contacted her through her website indicating an interest in purchasing \$146.26 worth of cosmetics from her. According to police, the suspect sent the victim a check for \$1,450 and asked her to cash the check, deduct the amount owed and send him the balance. The victim took the check to her bank to confirm its authenticity and was told it was a fraudulent check. The incident is under investigation.

Saturday, November 13, an individual came into police headquarters to report that he lost

his cell phone, described as a black, Motorola Droid, and later received a call from an individual using a pay phone who claimed that two people were attempting to sell him the phone for \$50. When the victim asked the caller to contact police, the caller stated that he did not want to get involved and hung up.

Saturday, November 13, Antonio Macedo, 49, of Linden was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for allegedly driving with a suspended license and on an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside in the amount of \$200.

Sunday, November 14, Juan Medina, 49, of Somerville was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for allegedly driving with a suspended license.

**Scotch Plains**  
Monday, November 8, a resident of Fawn Ridge Drive reported that she arrived home and observed a grey motor vehicle parked in her driveway. According to police, as she walked up her driveway, she saw a black male, approximately 6 feet and 4 inches tall and approximately 280 pounds, walking out of the house. The suspect then got into his vehicle and drove off, police said. The front door of the residence had been kicked in, and several hundred dollars worth of jewelry was removed, authorities reported.

Tuesday, November 9, the manager of a Route 22 gas station reported that someone ordered \$15 worth of gas, paid with a counterfeit \$20 bill and drove off.

Wednesday, November 10, a student at the Magnet High School reported that, sometime during the school day, someone removed her wallet from her desk. The wallet contained personal identification and \$80 in cash.

Wednesday, November 10, a contractor working on Route 22 reported that, sometime overnight, someone removed approximately \$1,500 worth of scrap metal from the construction site.

Wednesday, November 10, Saquan Stevenson, 20, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of East Greenwich in the amount of \$575. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Friday, November 12, Timothy Lamore, 23, of Fanwood was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, November 12, two individuals playing softball in Farley Park reported that they left their equipment, valued at approximately \$175, at the park and went to get food, and when they returned, the equipment was missing.

Friday, November 12, Jose Hernandez, 27, of Perth Amboy was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Manchester in the amount of \$500 after a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Saturday, November 13, Jalil Rogers, 31, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Elizabeth in the amount of \$500 after a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, November 14, Heather Plotkin, 37, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Springfield in the amount of \$255 after a motor vehicle stop on Mountain Avenue. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

**Fanwood**  
Tuesday, November 9, Franklin Arias, 33, of Plainfield was arrested for allegedly providing false information to police after a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released with a court date.

Wednesday, November 10, Susana Cueva, 44, of Dunellen was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Elizabeth in the amount of \$120 after the motor vehicle in which she was a passenger was stopped for a violation. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Wednesday, November 10, Juan Arroyave, 52, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Elizabeth in the amount of \$280 after a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, November 12, two 17-year-old male juveniles from Plainfield were arrested and charged with receiving stolen property and obstruction of justice following a car chase that began in Fanwood and ended when the stolen vehicle in which they were traveling crashed in Plainfield.

According to police, an officer attempted to stop the vehicle that was listed as stolen, but after the officer activated his lights, the vehicle fled. After a brief chase, the vehicle crashed into a parked vehicle on South Johnson Street and five male individuals fled the vehicle on foot, police said. Police secured the perimeter of the area, and two of the five individuals were apprehended, authorities reported. The juveniles were processed and released to a responsible adult pending a court date in Elizabeth Family Court. The vehicle was reported stolen from Plainfield two days prior to the incident, police said.

Saturday, November 13, Daniel Moreno, 27, of North Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) after a motor vehicle stop on Martine Avenue, at which time the officer smelled the strong odor of alcohol. According to police, Moreno failed multiple sobriety tests at the scene and was placed under arrest. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to a responsible adult.

Saturday, November 13, a business on the 100 block of South Avenue reported an incident of shoplifting. An individual described as a black male, approximately 5 feet and 6 inches tall and wearing a black jacket and light grey T-shirt filled a shopping cart with approximately \$100 worth of merchandise and fled the store without paying. According to police, a search of the area did not produce the suspect.

Saturday, November 13, a motor vehicle was reported stolen from the 10 block of South Avenue. According to police, the vehicle was recovered the next day parked in Newark.

### Police Seek Witnesses Following Shooting

UNION – The Union Police Department is seeking information regarding an incident last Saturday in which shots were heard fired from a Route 22 parking lot.

Responding to a report of a fight at approximately 2:30 a.m. outside of the Rio-22 restaurant, located at 2185 U.S. Highway 22, officers were confronted with a large crowd of more than 100 people. Police were attending to an injured person when the shots were heard from a nearby parking lot. Witnesses saw a white BMW sedan flee the area on Route 22 after the shooting. No one was injured as a result of the shooting.

The Union Police Detective Bureau is searching for any witnesses or anyone who can identify the occupants of the BMW. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Anthony Marra at (908) 851-5045.

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