



BARREL OF ACTIVITIES...The Westfield Historical Society's AppleFest, held on Saturday at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center, offered a variety of activities for all ages, including musical entertainment, pumpkin painting and the tasting of a variety of homemade baked goods. Hourly tours of the historic Reeve House were hosted throughout the event.



FANNY WOOD DAY...Booths line Martine Avenue as the crowd fills the street during the 17th annual Fanny Wood Day in downtown Fanwood on Sunday.

### Janice Kovach

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Independent, I am going to let you know what I think," Ms. Kovach said.

This mindset of a focus on community is something she wants to bring to Washington. "I think that there is not a lot of conversation with what is happening in our backyards, and that to me is extremely important," Ms. Kovach said.

She also has a stance on the U.S. involvement regarding the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), immigration reform, environmental changes, gun laws and the Affordable Care Act.

In regards to the U.S.-led coalition striking ISIS, she said she would need further information she is not privy to in order to make a judgment call.

"I'm a mother and I have a daughter who is 24 and two boys in middle school. Do I want them to have to go to war? No. At the same time I understand we need to protect what is important to us, our democracy. We need to make sure we appear as a strong community as the United States," she said.

She does feel that politics can get in the way. "And I hope we can start to get away from that and focus on what we are trying to accomplish here..." Ms. Kovach said.

President Barack Obama's stalled immigration reform, which partly would allow children here illegally to remain in the United States, is something which Ms. Kovach would like to see given the stamp of approval.

"I would hope if my children ever needed to seek refuge somewhere that they would be welcomed. That being said, I think our immigration process is broken. It needs to be addressed. We need to look at real reform... These people are here; these children are here...if they are working, if they are contributing to their

community and society, they should have an opportunity to apply for residency or citizenship. The idea we are going to gather people and ship them back, to me is abhorring," Ms. Kovach said.

The border patrol security needs tightening, she said, without force. She said work visas for migrant workers are a way to reform immigration law.

Ms. Kovach is in favor of stiffer gun control by way of stringent background checks and taking into consideration a doctor's determination of a person's mental state.

"It is not a matter of taking away someone's right, but it is ensuring that those who should not have access to guns don't have access to guns," Ms. Kovach said.

Ms. Kovach is supportive of the Affordable Care Act, but said it is "far from perfect."

"We need to do all we can to fix it so it is the most effective it can be for residents," Ms. Kovach said.

Infrastructure changes and moving toward alternative energy sources are necessary for health and public safety, Ms. Kovach said. "The alternatives if the subsidies go away for the fossil fuel and you start to see the investment in infrastructure to move towards the alternative energy...that is when it starts to happen," Ms. Kovach said. "But right now, because of the subsidies, the incentives aren't there. It becomes more expensive."

Jobs also will come to the state when more money is invested on rebuilding the infrastructure, which would help the economy, she said.

"I want to see more money come back into the state to help with that infrastructure," Ms. Kovach said.

The entire interview can be viewed at [goleader.com/services/video/](http://goleader.com/services/video/).

### Garwood Planning Board

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before it could proceed, and both attorneys agreed a court ruling almost certainly was unlikely before early next year.

With the mayor having the authority to appoint members to the board and a new mayor set to be elected in November, the composition of the board could change. Mayor Pat Quattrocchi was defeated by Sal Piarulli in the Republican Primary in June; Mr. Piarulli will face off against Democratic candidate Charles Lombardo in the November General Election.

Mayor Quattrocchi also sits on the planning board but was prohibited from voting on the issue in May, along with Councilman Bill Nierstedt, because council members are not permitted to decide variances.

When asked to comment on the appeal, Horace Corbin referred to a letter he wrote that was published in *The Leader* on June 5:

"On Wednesday, June 5, 2014, at the Garwood Planning Board meeting, I was disturbed to see that the meeting was run by the board attorney and not by the board chair. The attorney sat on the dais and directed all actions including re-framing testimony of speakers, cross-examining witnesses, dominating discussion, collaborating directly with applicant's attorney and drawing conclusions to his own choosing. He steered the outcome. He even suspended the rules of the board that calls for adjournment at 11 p.m. - whereby matters then are ordinarily continued at future meetings.

"I appreciate that planning and zoning boards require detailed legal review of applications, thus considerable attorney involvement may be required. However, for the attorney to actually run the meeting is inappropriate in my view. As with council meetings and as to how

business is conducted in other towns, attorneys are hired as advisers to provide advice when requested by the officials. They do not run the meetings."

In other matters, the board voted unanimously to have H2M Associates of Parsippany conduct an "In Need of Redevelopment" Study for the largely abandoned Casale Sheet Metal and Petro Plastics properties on South Avenue.

H2M submitted the lowest bid of four, \$8,550, significantly less than Clarke, Caton, Hintz of Trenton (\$14,000); Heyer, Gruel and Associates of Red Bank (\$13,000); and Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel of Hoboken (\$11,000 to \$12,500).

Mr. Nierstedt informed the board that he had asked consultant Jill Hartman to appear at its next meeting on Wednesday, October 8, to offer advice regarding the borough's responsibility to update the "fair share housing" portion of its master plan per the mandate by the state's Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

"The (Garwood) council has to submit it to the Council on Affordable Housing, but the planning board has to develop the meat of the plan," Mr. Nierstedt said.

Also, Sandra Sep, who owned a two-family home at 304 Center Street that was destroyed by fire in November 2012, withdrew her application for an interpretation of a land ordinance she sought to rebuild the structure as a two-family house.

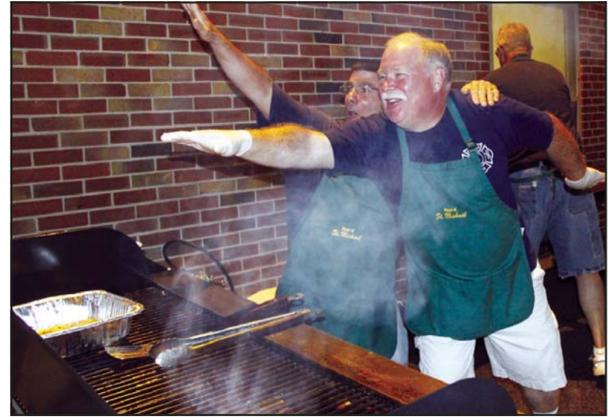
The home sits in an area zoned for single-family homes, and Zoning Code Officer Victor Vinegra in May 2013 refused to issue a building permit, telling the board that his interpretation of the ordinance required Ms. Sep to have her two-family "lawfully existing" when it was destroyed.

Ms. Sep, who inherited the property in 2000, admitted she did not have a certificate of non-conforming use or a certificate of occupancy for a two-family home, but she submitted documentation that showed the property had been used, inspected and taxed by the borough as a two-family home as far back as the 1970s.

At the suggestion of Mr. Fraser, she withdrew the application in order to resubmit it, seeking a non-conforming use certificate, which seemed to have the support of several members of the board. There did not seem to be any barrier for Ms. Sep to rebuild as a single-family home.

But since the certificate of non-conforming use would not pre-date the fire, it was not clear if that alone would satisfy the board to supersede Mr. Vinegra's interpretation and permit her to rebuild as a two-family structure.

Mr. Fraser suggested the earliest Ms. Sep could resubmit the application that met all the legal requirements and be heard was at the board's Wednesday, November 12 meeting.



MULTI-TASKER...Cranford Township Commissioner Tom Hannen, Jr. shows off his moves while dancing to the music and simultaneously working the grill at the Feast of St. Michael at St. Michael Church and School in Cranford on Saturday night.

### Michael Ince

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planned."

The sheriff's department has three undersheriffs on staff whose duty is to assume the role of sheriff when the sheriff is off-duty. When asked by *The Leader* if three undersheriffs are an overabundance on the payroll, Mr. Ince replied, "It might be something to look at. I think any undersheriff should be able to do the sheriff's job in his absence...I think undersheriffs as well as the sheriff should have a law enforcement background or they shouldn't be there."

There has been discussion amongst residents at Union County Freeholder meetings about merging the county police department and the sheriff's office. When asked if Union County should employ a county police department and a sheriff's office, Mr. Ince said the topic of eliminating the county police department was "worth looking at."

"I don't think it is the sheriff's decision by any means. I think the sheriff could contribute to that conversation. As far as I know...I think Union County is one of only two or three in the state to still have a county police department. It is not very common anymore in New Jersey," Mr. Ince said.

Training officers on terrorist threats and surveillance for fugi-

tive apprehension were two programs Mr. Ince would like to delve into should he assume the sheriff's seat. Mr. Ince also said he would expand on the program Project Life-saver, a tool for law enforcement to assist in locating lost or wandering individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and related dementia or disorders such as Down syndrome and autism. He also said once he was sheriff he would look at the effectiveness and efficiencies of the programs run through the sheriff's office.

"I think Sheriff Froehlich laid a great foundation...I think he did some good things. I would try to add to those programs and possibly develop programs in the future," Mr. Ince said.

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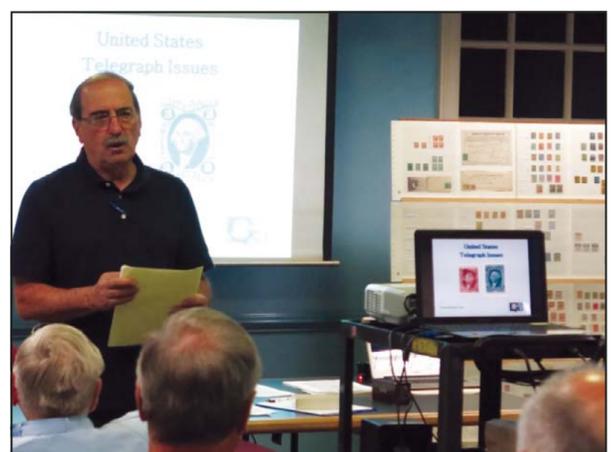
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HARVEST FESTIVAL...The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal hosted the 32nd annual Union County Harvest Festival at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside on September 29. The festival gives event-goers a chance to see early American culture and history come to life.



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continue each Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., until October 25, at the South Avenue train station parking lot.

In other news, the board approved grants for several of the businesses located in the SID. The DWC regularly provides grants to businesses to encourage improvements made to the restaurants and shops.

The board first approved a grant for Old Havana, a Cuban restaurant that will be located at 13 Elm Street. The board next approved a grant for RoosterSpin, a Korean fried chicken restaurant located at 251 North Avenue West.

The board also approved grants for the Towne Barber Shop, located at 29 Elm Street, and Via Nutrition, a certified holistic nutrition and health coaching practice located at 111 Hamilton Avenue.

The next DWC board of directors meeting open to the public is scheduled for Monday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. The DWC office is located at 105 Elm Street, basement level.

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