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GIFTS FOR ALL...Santa delivers Christmas presents to children on Saturday as part of the annual Fanwood Santa Run, courtesy of the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department.



WELCOME HOME...Members of the 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, New Jersey Army National Guard made their return home from Jordan with a police escort to the Westfield National Guard Armory Thursday night. A crowd of supporters at East Broad and Elm Streets in Downtown Westfield waved United States Flags and held up signs to welcome the troops back home.

Garwood Creates Parks, Recreation Committee

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Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

GARWOOD—Mayor Sara Todisco and the borough council adopted an ordinance at Thursday's council meeting, which would approve a Garwood parks and recreation committee to replace the existing recreation commission structure.

Councilwoman Jennifer Blumenstock stated she wanted to provide residents with "assurance" the committee structure will be implemented to expand programming options while allowing more residents to volunteer. The committee structure will not replace or eliminate any recreation programs for children or seniors, stated Councilwoman Blumenstock.

"It's important to emphasize that," said Mayor Todisco, addressing Councilwoman Blumenstock's assertion suggesting the recreation committee will enhance programming options.

Mayor Todisco said the committee structure has been implemented successfully in other capacities, allowing residents to be heard.

Garwood will begin participating in a new "electronic waste" recycling program addressing what is referred to as "e-waste," stated Councilwoman Blumenstock. E-waste refers to electronic devices that drastically harm the environment if disposed of in regular garbage, Councilwoman Blumenstock explained.

Councilwoman Blumenstock said Garwood will be paid by the recycling program that is collecting the electronic waste. The recycling opportunity allows for Garwood to profit, while residents can dispose of unwanted items in an environmentally-friendly way.

Such items include televisions, cameras, computers, cell phones and other common electronic devices.

Residents can drop off their un-

wanted electronic items at Borough Hall on the third Saturday in January, April, July and October.

Additional drainage, new curbs and new sidewalks have been completed as the New Street project has been finished, Mayor Todisco said. "The sidewalks had previously not existed. I've heard from residents about how happy they are to have a 'new' New Street," the mayor remarked.

The Garwood Christmas tree lighting was a success, Mayor Todisco said.

"I want to take a moment to thank all the volunteers on the Garwood Celebrations Committee for really giving it 110 percent," she said.

Mayor Todisco said "long-standing traditions" were maintained while new traditions were added to the holiday festival.

"This year's Christmas tree lighting was literally the best ever," Mayor Todisco said.

The mayor said the Christmas tree lighting had the largest turnout, with numerous "compliments" paid to the event's structure. The event included additional snacks, face painting, volunteer-participation information tables and performances by the Y Dance Academy and the Girl Scouts.

"I look forward to Santa coming back to Garwood on the fire truck this Saturday," Mayor Todisco said.

Garwood's volunteer fire department will help Santa tour Garwood as he waves to all the borough's children. The Santa Brunch, sponsored by the Garwood Fire Department, was held on Sunday.

"I hope to see a big turnout for our second annual Menorah lighting," said Mayor Todisco. This event will take place on Monday, December 23, at 6 p.m., in celebration of Hanukkah.

Councilman Russell Graham openly asked Garwood's Police Chief James Wright to look at pedestrian safety on Brookside Place. Councilman Graham said pedestrian safety came to his attention when his wife was almost struck three separate times while walking alongside the road or trying to cross the road.



'TIS THE SEASON...Houses in the area are fully decorated and ready to welcome St. Nick's arrival next week.

Fanwood Council

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honor on Wednesday evening at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Gifts also were presented to outgoing council member Tom Kranz in appreciation of his two terms serving the borough. It was noted that Mr. Kranz, who also served as the council president, additionally chaired the Administration and Finance Committee for the last two years. He also was acknowledged for the six years that he sat on the Public Safety, Health and Senior Services committees.

Mr. Kranz thanked all members of the council for his gifts and thanked all the members of the community who he has worked with over his two terms. He especially thanked Fanwood resident Michael Lewis, who Mr. Kranz noted, "comes to every one of our meetings, takes notes, and helps to keep us accountable."

Mr. Kranz is a 26-year resident of the borough and will continue to be a volunteer with the Fanwood Rescue Squad.

In addition, council members thanked Russ Huegel for 10 years of service to the borough as a councilman before he became the borough attorney in January 2018. It was noted that he served on the Public Safety and Public Works Committees as well as being a part of the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Colleen Mahr stated that Mr. Huegel was "a great asset to us on the South Avenue redevelopment project and the skate board park."

The mayor and council also honored Patricia Nering for her 25 years of volunteer service with the Heart for Humanity organization, which she founded. The organization has provided food, clothing and other services to many in need in Fanwood and surrounding communities and continues to help others.

It was noted that Ms. Nering also is a past president of the Junior Women's Club, as well as serving on the borough's recreation commission and on the board of health. She further served as a Girl Scout Leader for 12 years.

In other business, Liz Jeffery, Fanwood's redevelopment consultant, reported that earlier in the evening, in their role as the Fanwood Downtown Redevelopment Agency, the council approved Carano Square LLC as the designated developer for the former A&P site on South Avenue. It was reported that this developer wants to see 140 rental units built as well as a restaurant on the site.

The next Fanwood council meeting will be the governing body's annual re-organizational meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2020.

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the developer as it puts together the redevelopment plans. Mayor Smith asked residents to "give us some time to work through" the process of choosing a suitable location for the township buildings. He said it is possible that the public could see some aspects of the redevelopment plans by mid-January or February.

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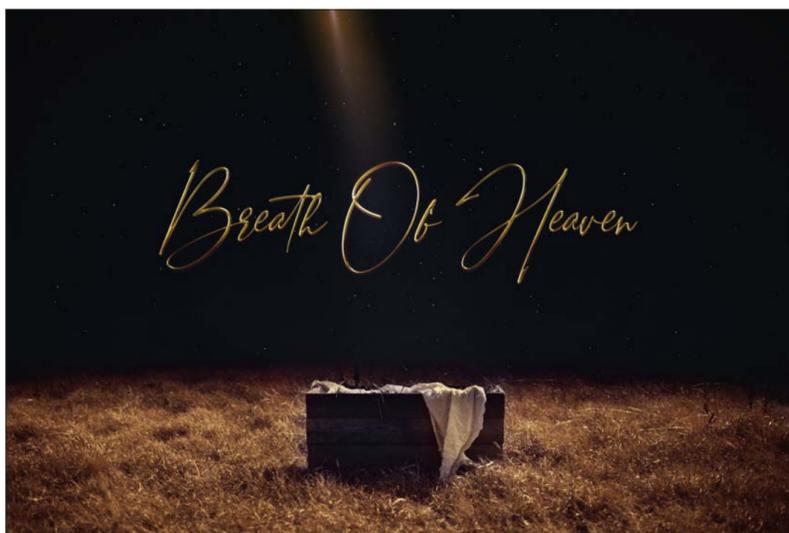
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SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS...The Cranford High School Madrigal Singers perform for the American Federation of Teachers NJ Retirees at their Christmas luncheon held at the Deutscher Club in Clark.

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St. Helen Church (Meaney Hall)
3:45PM, 5:30PM, 7:30PM, 9:30PM, Midnight

Christmas Eve

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