

Mountainside PTA Pancake Breakfast Is Stacks of Fun

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MOUNTAINSIDE - In this carb-counting world, planning a pancake breakfast can be as sticky as maple syrup. That hasn't stopped the Mountainside PTA from continuing the tradition of hosting one of its most popular winter fundraisers. Postponed because of snow on only a handful of occasions, the breakfast brings the entire community together, and this is one event that isn't all about the food.

Consider the "service with a smile" patrons receive from members of both the Girl and Boy Scouts while they bring breakfast to tables of families seated among friends and neighbors. The smiles are real, and the kids are there because they want to be, not because they have to be, although there is some vested interest for some of the scouts.

Working towards their Bronze Award, for which they will receive a badge for community service, were several members of Girl Scout Troop 855, including one environmentally conscious 10-year-old, Carolyn Pinto. Carolyn, a fifth grader at Deerfield Middle School, told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, "All the plastic materials used for the event will be recycled."

Carolyn noted that her troop, along with Boy Scouts Liam Christoffer and David Jennings, were also responsible for the cleanup afterwards. But some girls, like Katie McLaughlin, just want to have fun. She told the newspaper she hasn't exactly ruled out the possibility of being part of a professional wait staff one day, Katie said, "It's fun to serve people."

Any mishaps at the event? The girls giggled in unison and the pair reported that they "almost" dropped something a few times, but made good recoveries.

Katie reported she also almost spilled something, but noted, "it was only my mom." Thankfully, "almost" doesn't count. Just in case, the troop was given a safety drill before the event in order to live up to its motto of "being prepared" in case of a burn or choking incident.

And for girls, isn't it always about the clothes? Carolyn remarked she was happy to wear an item from her uniform, noting, "I'm proud to wear the shirt, and what it represents. Whenever I wear it, it tells people that I'm a Girl Scout, and I'm really proud of that."

"The Girl Scouts do a lot more than serve people at pancake breakfasts," said fellow scout member Lauren Nagel. She told the newspaper that community members might be interested in checking out their showcase at the Mountainside Free Public Library.

The showcase houses crafts they have made and highlights the other service projects they are involved in throughout the year.

But what about the food? Vicki's Diner of Westfield donated the batter. That's a lot of batter for hundreds of hungry Mountainsiders. Say you're not a fan of flapjacks, or you don't eat sausage? Then have a bagel. Not just any bagel - a Manhattan bagel.

And would you like fruit with that? Gary Whyte of Bonita Fruit, and Frank Garguilo and Son Produce, Inc. donated crates of oranges and bananas, as well as whole pineapples, which did double duty as centerpieces.

And no centerpiece would be complete without just the right mix of balloons and flowers. Thanks to Dana Kline of Party Designs and Christoffers Flowers and Sanguiliano Garden Center, some lucky patrons went home with more than a full stomach.

Who doesn't like to win something just for showing up? There were gift certificates from Toyland of Cranford, Bowcraft Amusement Park, Famous Dave's, Scoops and Uncle Mike's; coin banks from Chiquito's Children's Store and slurpees, naturally, from the Mountainside Deli, Kings of Garwood, Stop and Shop of Watchung, ShopRite of Garwood, BJ's Wholesale Club, Costco, McDonald's of Garwood and Scotch Plains and the Echo Queen Diner also donated necessary staples such as milk, sugar, maple syrup and paper goods.

Now to the people part, because that's really what it's all about. Thanks to Sigrid Patsch, there wasn't even a problem with leftovers. Mrs. Patsch, who is known for her active role in the volunteer community, arrived at the end of the event to bring leftover food to the members of St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

PTA Co-Chairwomen Berri Duswalt and Stacy Nick, whose husbands both got roped into kitchen duty, noted that there were approximately 30 more volunteers who pitched in an hour or two to man the stations.

The outpouring of support from the local businesses that made such generous contributions also overwhelmed the chairwomen. Thanks to them, costs were kept to a minimum, and all the profits will directly support the PTA's work in both the Beechwood and Deerfield schools.

Without Ms. Duswalt and Ms. Nick, there wouldn't be a PTA pancake breakfast. Well, there would be, but with different chair persons. Maybe it could be you next year. Just think about the fringe benefits of volunteering - wouldn't it be worth it just to watch a bunch of men cook?

Local Students Earn WH Honor Roll Status
AREA - Upper School Head Rhona Esmerat Wardlaw-Hartridge in Edison announced the Second Quarter Honor Roll for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Students listed with an asterisk have earned Honor Roll with Distinction for both first and second quarter:

12th Grade
Michael Mielicki - SCOTCH PLAINS
Alyssa Torpey - SCOTCH PLAINS

11th Grade
Jordan Neuhauser - SCOTCH PLAINS
Cari Rosoff - SCOTCH PLAINS
Alice Ren - WESTFIELD **

10th Grade
Chry George - WESTFIELD
Sahil Zubair - SCOTCH PLAINS



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BATTER UP...Bob Perasso was one of the many dads in the kitchen at the Deerfield School flipping flapjacks at the Mountainside PTA Annual Pancake Breakfast.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

CONTRACTOR: Richard C. Mariani, Esq.; Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C., 10 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

NATURE OF SERVICE: Continued representation of Thomas E. Atkins, Municipal Manager in the matter of Cassidy v. Township of Scotch Plains, et al.

DURATION: Completion of above. AMOUNT: \$7,500, billed at the hourly rate of \$225 for Richard Mariani, Esq. and \$200 per hr. for any other support, and to be applied toward fees and costs for those services, which shall be subject to the approval of the Township Attorney and which are not covered by insurance.

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 2/8/07, The Times Fee: \$21.93

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on February 21, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey in the lower level meeting room, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 43 South Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block 55, Lot 7, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map owned by Parker & Parker, LLC.

The applicant requests permission to add a second floor to the existing one story building, which is in violation of the Fanwood Land Use Code:

Section 184-160; Variance Requested: Parking; Permitted: 25 spaces and no front parking; Present: pre-existing 16 and front parking variance; Proposed: 12 spaces and front yard parking variance (pre-existing).

Section 184-118E (4); Variance Requested: Side yard setback; Permitted: 5 feet; Present: pre-existing (.73 feet & 2.14 feet); Proposed: .73 feet & .5 feet.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 AM to 4 PM, Monday - Friday) from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

All interested parties may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Applicant: Parker & Parker, LLC
43 South Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023

Attorneys for Applicants: Stanley Fink, Esq.
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(732) 382-6070

1 T - 2/8/07, The Times Fee: \$44.88

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

In compliance with J.J.S.A. 10:4-8D (Open Public Meeting Act), the Westfield Recreation Commission wishes to advise the public that it will hold its regular meetings for 2007 in the Recreation Conference Room of the Municipal Building 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30pm, on the following dates:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5
MONDAY, MARCH 5
MONDAY, APRIL 9
MONDAY, MAY 7
MONDAY, JUNE 4
MONDAY, JULY 9
NO REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3
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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. in the lower level meeting room of the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at 174 Burns Way, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 103, Lot 24, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, and owned by Matthew and Maryann Ziolkowski.

The applicant seeks a 2-lot Minor Subdivision with bulk variances:

Lot Width: 75 feet required; 50 feet proposed
One Side Yard: 15 feet required; 10 feet proposed
Improvement Coverage: 35% permitted; 39% proposed

Front Setback: 30 feet required; 25.6 feet existing; 24.5 feet proposed

The applicant will also seek such variance and other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (Tues. - Thurs., 9 AM - 2 PM) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in contact with the Planning Board office during normal business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc).

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Applicant: D. Villane Construction, LLC
Attorney for Applicant: Richard M. Cohen, Esq., Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth
328 Park Avenue, PO Box 310
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
1 T - 2/8/07, The Times Fee: \$44.88

Musical Club Presents Valentine's Concert

WESTFIELD - The Musical Club of Westfield will present a concert on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14, at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street.

Featured on the program will be music for solo piano, a trio of flute, oboe and piano, a vocal duo, and organ. Organist Marie-Danièle Mercier will perform "Fantasie and Fugue in Bb Major" by Alexandre P.F. Boely, a French composer of the 19th century. She will also perform "Pastorale" by Auguste Guirand. The work has the subtitle "Annette and Lubin," named after a famous pair of lovers from 18th-Century Belgium.

Flutist Jenny Cline, oboist Paul Gordon and pianist Mary Beth McFall will perform the "Trio for Flute, Oboe

and Piano" by English composer Madeleine Dring.

Soprano Nancy Deutsch will perform "Always through the changing" from the opera *The Ballad of Baby Doe* by American composer Douglas Moore. She will be joined by bass-baritone Blucher Cooper to perform "La ci darem la mano!" from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, and "Dirait-on" by Maurice Lauridsen. Pianist John Blasdale will perform the Arietta from Beethoven's "Piano Sonata No. 32 in C minor, Opus 111."

The chairwoman for the program is Clarissa Nolde, and hospitality will be provided by the club's hospitality committee, chaired by May Furstner, Edna Borchers and Maryann Dolling.

The performance is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the program, to give those in attendance the opportunity to meet the performers.

Anyone wishing information about membership in the Musical Club of Westfield as a performer or associate member may call the membership chairman at (908) 232-2173.

Gil Arbtsman Makes Drew Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Gil Arbtsman has earned dean's list honors at Drew University in Madison with a 4.0 GPA for the fall 2006 semester.

An economics major, Gil is a senior and is captain of the Drew men's lacrosse team. He is a 2003 graduate of Westfield High School and the son of Sheraine and Yossi Arbtsman of Westfield.

Gil is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Epsilon honor societies and will graduate summa cum laude in May.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. in the lower level meeting room of Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Fanwood Planning Board will hold a public for major subdivision approval for Woodcliff, Inc., 7 Beverly Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 4, Lot 7. No variances are requested from the Land Use Ordinance of the Borough of Fanwood. This conforming application seeks approval to convert 1 lot into 4 lots.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in contact with the Planning Board office during normal business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.)

Applicant: THEODORE J. FETTER, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey
PARKER MCCAY P.A.
Three Greentree Centre
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Marlton, New Jersey 08053-0974
1 T - 2/8/07, The Leader Fee: \$63.24

Richard M. Cohen, Esq.
Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth
328 Park Avenue
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
Attorney for: Woodcliff, Inc.
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