



IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING... Joined by Boy Scout Troop 103, Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr along with Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell and Councilmen Kevin Boris and Tom Kranz, spent a recent Saturday morning working at the Fanwood Recycling Center and talking to residents about the services currently being provided in the borough.

GW Residents Propose Questions for Candidates

GARWOOD – Borough residents have begun submitting questions to be asked of the candidates for mayor and Borough Council during two appearances in the clubhouse at the Pointe, the condominium complex between Maple and Chestnut Streets. Questions may be sent to PointeForum@gmail.com.

All Garwood voters have been invited to attend the discussions. Those who do so will be given an opportunity to submit additional questions in writing.

The mayoral candidates—Salvatore Piarulli, a Republican, and Charles P. Lombardo, a Democrat, will appear on Thursday, October 16. The council candidates, Carol Kearney and Tina Simitz, Republicans, and Louis Petruzzelli and Sara Todisco, incumbent Democrats, will speak on Thurs-

day, October 23. The sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The questions proposed so far deal with such issues as taxes, the long-delayed athletic complex and the redevelopment of North and South Avenues.

“These issues have an impact on every Garwood resident,” said Christine Spear, the president of the condominium’s board. “Hearing the candidates’ positions will allow voters to make informed decisions, so we hope our clubhouse will be full on October 16 and October 23.”

Light refreshments will be served at each event. Parking is available in the large lot behind the commercial buildings on North Avenue between Maple and Chestnut Streets. A stairway leads from the lot to the clubhouse.



HISTORIC ORGAN... The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders last week unveiled the newly-restored historic Wurlitzer organ at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. Pictured, from left to right, are: Freeholder Vice-Chairman Mohamed Jalloh, Freeholders Bruce Bergen, Bette Jane Kowalski, organist/composer Bernie Anderson Jr., Freeholder Vernell Wright, and Freeholder Chairman Chris Hudak.

SP Seeks Nominations For Gala Awards

SCOTCH PLAINS — Nominations for the Scotch Plains Volunteers of the Year and Volunteer Organization of the Year are being accepted at the Scotch Plains Recreation Department.

Members of the community are encouraged to nominate those individuals and groups who have displayed extraordinary community service. The recipients of these awards will be recognized at the 23rd annual Mayor’s Charity Gala. The categories for awards are as follows: Male

Volunteer of the Year, Female Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer Organization of the Year.

Nomination forms can be picked up in the Scotch Plains Recreation Department, located in Town Hall or online at the township’s website, www.scotchplainsnj.gov.

The Gala is a non-partisan event, which serves to gather all segments of the community for an evening full of dining, dancing and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event support the Municipal Alliance Committee and other local non-profit organizations.

For information about sponsoring or donating an item for the Mayor’s Gala, please contact the Scotch Plains Recreation Department at (908) 322-6700, extension 223.

Kean Disappointed With Parole of Trooper’s Murderer

TRENTON—Assemblyman Sean Kean (R-30th, Wall Twn.) said he is extremely disappointed with an Appellate Court decision on Monday releasing Sundiata Acoli (a.k.a. Clark Edward Squire) on parole. Acoli was convicted in the 1973 slaying of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster. Joanne Chesimard, who was also convicted in the killing, escaped to Cuba where she is now in hiding.

“The decision to release one of Trooper Foerster’s killers is quite disappointing, regardless of how much time has passed,” said Asm. Kean, who has sponsored several resolutions calling for the extradition of Chesimard to the United States.

“Time will not heal the wounds felt by the Foerster family and his many friends. Expressing remorse does not change that a husband and father was lost. Life in prison without parole is a justified sentence. I intend on working on legislation that will prevent parole under these circumstances from happening again.”

The state attorney general’s office said it would appeal the decision.

County Announces Public Flu Shot Clinic Clinics

COUNTY – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders advises residents to prepare for the 2014–2015 flu season by getting vaccinated against the flu. In addition to many pharmacies and medical offices, public flu clinics are making flu shots available now.

At public flu clinics, the flu vaccine is affordably priced and may be free for eligible residents in some circumstances. Residents are advised to call ahead for information on fees, and to confirm availability, before visiting a public flu clinic.

The following health departments have announced public flu clinics for September and October in Union County:

Kenilworth (via Union Township Health Department), (908) 851-8507; Plainfield, (908) 753-3092; Roselle, (908) 259-3032 or (908) 259-3039; Springfield (via Madison Health Department), (973) 593-3079, ext. 9, and Union (908) 851-8507.

A complete schedule of public flu clinics in Union County, including locations and contact information, is available online at the county website, ucnj.org.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends the flu vaccine for ev-

eryone over the age of six months, especially for persons aged 65 years and older regardless of whether or not they have chronic health conditions.

Other persons specially recommended for flu shots are residents of long-term care facilities, persons aged 2 to 64 years who have chronic health conditions, children aged six months or older who attend licensed child care centers or preschool activities, pregnant women, healthcare personnel who provide direct patient care, and caregivers of infants less than six months old.

People infected with flu can infect others before symptoms start, and up to a week after becoming sick. Flu viruses spread through coughing and sneezing, or by transfer from an infected surface to the mouth, eyes, or nose.

In addition to getting vaccinated, residents are advised to wash hands with warm water and soap often, always cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home when feeling sick.

For more information on flu prevention, including an online pharmacy locator and more details on health department clinics in Union County, visit ucnj.org/what-to-do-about-the-flu.

Assembly Approves Muñoz Bill to Reduce Hospital Re-admissions

TRENTON—To reduce costly hospital re-admissions, Assemblywoman Nancy Muñoz (R-22nd, Summit) has sponsored legislation to encourage patients to designate a caregiver for their post hospital care. The measure won approval Monday in the General Assembly.

“Nationwide, we spend \$17 billion in Medicare funds annually on unnecessary hospital re-admissions. In New Jersey, we have a surging population of older adults and others who require long-term assistance and services,” Asw. Muñoz said. “This measure will enhance patient care by enabling caregivers to provide better support to their loved ones at home and avoid costly hospital readmissions.”

The bill, A-2955, would require hospitals to provide patients and their legal guardians with an opportunity to designate a caregiver following the patient’s entry into the hospital and prior to discharge or transfer to the patient’s residence. A named caregiver is not obligated to perform any after-care assistance for the patient. Under the bill, hospitals would be required to provide caregivers with instructions in all after-care assistance tasks as per the discharge plan, including a live or recorded demonstration of the tasks performed by an individual designated by the hospital and opportunity for the caregiver to ask questions about the tasks.

Union County to Hold Sixth Columbus Day Flag Raising

COUNTY — Union County Freeholder Chairman Christopher Hudak has announced that the county’s sixth Annual Columbus Day Flag Raising event is set for Friday, October 10, at 1:30 p.m. on the steps of the Union County Courthouse.

The keynote speaker/guest of honor, Joe Long, played with the Four Seasons from 1965 to 1976, and is a native of Elizabeth’s “Peterstown” neighborhood.

Other speakers at the flag raising include: Freeholder Hudak, Union County Surrogate James LaCorte, UNICO National President Rick D’Armino, Hillside UNICO President Angelo Bonanno, Plainfields’ UNICO President Connie Kozachek and others. UNICO is the nation’s largest Italian-American service organization whose chapters and members engage in promoting and defending Italian culture and heritage, as well as providing scholarships, engaging in community service and other philanthropic endeavors.

Freeholder Al Mirabella will host and emcee the event. The Courthouse is located at 2 Broad Street in Elizabeth at the corner of Rahway Avenue. In the event of rain, the program will be moved indoors to the County Courthouse Rotunda.

Italian-style refreshments will be served after the event in the Courthouse. Parking (pay) is available in the Midtown area at the J. Christian Bollwage Parking deck at Elizabethtown Plaza and Caldwell Place. A second deck is Elizabeth’s Parking Deck 6 on Jefferson Avenue and Dickinson Street. The entrance is on Dickinson Street.

CF Mayor Announces 1st Wellness Fest

CRANFORD – Mayor Andis Kalnins of Cranford will kick off the 1st Annual Mayor’s Wellness, Fitness and Fun Festival at the Centennial Avenue Sports Complex on Sunday, October 5.

This free event is open to all Cranford residents and kicks off at 3 p.m. with Mayor Kalnins’ welcome. Activities will get under way with the bike rodeo for ages 4 through 8, and yoga for all ages at 3:15 p.m. The event will continue through the afternoon with a kickball tournament, baseball hitting challenges and Kid-Fit fitness activities.

The Wellness Campaign kickoff

will be capped by a Flag Football game to be played by the Cranford Police and Fire Departments.

Children and their families can sign up for the day’s events on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cranfordmwc>. Local retailers will provide healthy and nutritious snacks and prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

In the event of rain, all activities will be moved to the Cranford Community Center.

For more information, please e-mail Cranford Community Connections at cranfordcommunityconnectio@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page.



MILESTONE EVENT...The RWJ Rahway Foundation’s 31st Annual Golf Classic, held September 15 at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, raised more than \$140,000 for RWJ Rahway and was its most successful golf outing ever. Pictured, from left to right, are: Marlene Lubinger, RWJ Rahway Foundation president; Rick Parker, Golf Classic co-chairman and Foundation trustee; RWJ Rahway President and CEO Kirk C. Tice; Honorary Golf Chairman Jim O’Connor, CBIZ/EAO Benefits; Kevin Headd, Golf Classic co-chairman, and Marie Galvin, RWJ Rahway Foundation events manager.

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