



SQUAD RECEIVES DONATION...Chelsea Senior Living's annual golf outing raised more than \$20,000 for volunteer rescue squads across New Jersey. The Fanwood Rescue Squad is among the squads receiving \$1,500. Pictured are Councilman Tom Kranz, who is also director of communications for Chelsea, Annette Watson, executive director of The Chelsea at Fanwood, and Brian Downing, a Fanwood Rescue Squad EMT and recent MSN graduate. The golf outing took place on September 24 at Fiddler's Elbow Golf Club in Bedminster, NJ.

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fort. Adding a large amount of density to the downtown will be unfeasible without adequate parking, both men said. The mayor said the proposed new parking facilities will serve not only the new residential units but also provide adequate additional parking for any private property owners who want to expand their own buildings. Private property owners will be encouraged to become part of the process as the redevelopment effort moves forward.

Mrs. Coronato praised the plan for being flexible, meaning the township expects developers to put forth a variety of proposals while still meeting the basic requirements set out in the plan. "We're open to suggestions," she said. Mr. Mistretta noted the plan's "extensive" architectural design guidelines pertaining to building exteriors, streetscape improvements and open space. Additionally, he said developers will be responsible for infrastructure improvements.

Councilman Andrew Bondarowicz said the plan provides guidelines for "re-imagining" the downtown business district, while Deputy Mayor Ted Spera praised the community involvement in formulating the plan. "So many people came together with so many areas of expertise," he said.

It is expected the township will soon issue requests for proposals and requests for qualifications from interested developers. Once proposals are received, the redevelopment committee and the township council will review them and, optimally, then select a redeveloper. The mayor said earlier this month he hopes a final proposal and a developer can be settled upon by early next spring at the latest.

SP Day

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Recreation Commissioner Alfonso Akins said the commission, recreation alliance leaders and the Scotch Plains Police Department must remain vigilant regarding whether or not those using the fields "are, in fact, Scotch Plains residents."

Mr. Akins said he noticed non-residents using the field space reserved for residents and Scotch Plains' allied sport organizations. Mr. Akins said he felt the police were unaware of the field schedules for the day when he spoke with them after noticing the non-permitted organizations.

Mr. Akins said he wanted to place an emphasis on protecting field conditions for when the fields are needed for allied organization use.

The recreation commission or taxpayers fund the maintenance for many public fields in town, stated Recreation Commissioner Colleen Gialanella. It remains important to acknowledge, she said, "if the fields are not in shape for our children or organizations (bad weather or too much rain), the fields should not be used by outside organizations or non-residents."

Ms. Gialanella said the recreation commission acknowledges the taxpayers' or residents' right to use the fields to practice with their children in non-organized play. Also, if a group of children are playing a pick-up game, the "commission should not bar" them from playing, "unless the fields are permitted for other use at that time or are in no condition for use (being seeded or too wet from rainfall)," Ms. Gialanella said.

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eliminated from an inclusive community, saying he wanted Garwood to remain a diverse community in opinions and creeds. However, Mr. Lazarow stated that he would support the resolution if it was rewritten to promote democracy by allowing democratic criticisms and was not as restrictive to free speech towards American leadership.

"We live in a country that allows us to criticize a President," said Mr. Lazarow, agreeing Mr. Nierstedt had a valid point on how ones free speech could be impeded if the resolution supports banning all political criticisms.

Ms. Todisco said it is important to note the billboard has been removed since Union Township residents complained.

Councilman Richard McCormick said the council's bipartisan stance against hate speech must remain; though Mr. McCormick voted to support the resolution's not yet decided rewording.

The borough council unanimously adopted an ordinance approving the Paperboard Urban Renewal Associates, LLC financial agreement.

Ms. Bianco said Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro suffered a heart attack two weeks ago. Ms. Cuccaro was not present at Tuesday's meeting.

"The doctor's prognosis is a full recovery in the next few weeks," said Ms. Bianco. "She (Ms. Cuccaro) is very grateful for all the warm wishes and support sent by residents and council."

Ms. Cuccaro stated in her public statement read aloud by Ms. Bianco that she "looks forward to being back soon and serving the town."



LEADER VISITS COLORADO...Honey Corbin, holding *The Westfield Leader*, visits with friends while on their mountain home deck overlooking the mountains in Colorado. Their trip included a visit to Guanella Mountain Pass, the old mining town of Georgetown, where they had a picnic lunch surrounded by towering mountains, as well as Keystone and Breckenridge.

Rec. Commission Discusses Pickleball, Coming Events

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FANWOOD — There was much discussion at Tuesday night's recreation commission meeting about upcoming events and borough park improvements.

Recreation Director Bob Budiansky updated the commission about adding a pickleball court to either of the borough's parks. Pickleball was discussed at length at the commission's August meeting. Mr. Budiansky said he recently contacted Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's tennis coach to seek permission to paint lines on the La Grande Park tennis courts. This was approved as long as the new lines are painted a different color than the tennis courts.

Mr. Budiansky said the other option to add the sport of pickleball is to replace the Forest Road Park handball court with a pickleball court. He said he contacted CME Associates about this possibility. CME Associates are the contractors for the Forest Road Park Master Plan improvements. Mr. Budiansky said he has yet to receive an answer. CME's president told him that he has to wait for an environmental impact study first and that this is a slow process. The recreation director also mentioned that the new fence was recently installed at the Forest Road Park skate park. He is in discussion

with the Department of Public Works to add a garbage receptacle linked to the corner of this fence so that it cannot be moved.

"The bathroom stalls in both parks will be replaced as well as the tile," Councilwoman Erin McElroy-Barker, governing body liaison, told the commission. The councilwoman and Mr. Budiansky were unsure of the time frame for these improvements.

Commission Chairman Joe Valente is actively seeking volunteers for the 5K race on Sunday, October 21, at La Grande Park. Volunteers are needed for the pre-registration on Saturday, October 20, from 5 to 7 p.m., at La Grande Park and for the 5K registration on race day from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Race marshals ages 16 and up are needed for the roads. Mr. Valente also mentioned that there are some new sponsors for this year's race.

The borough's Halloween Parade will be on Wednesday, October 31. The parade starts at 6 p.m. at the Fanwood library and ends at La Grande Park. Refreshments will be served. The commission discussed the various ways it promotes this annual event, as attendance declined last year. The borough's holiday celebration is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 2, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The commission's next meeting will be Tuesday, October 23.



HAPPY 25th ANNIVERSARY...Union County Freeholder Sergio Granados, second from left, and Freeholder Rebecca Williams, second from right, present a resolution to Union County College President Margaret McMenamin, right, and Victoria C. Ukachukwu, dean of the Union County College Plainfield Campus, congratulating them on the 25th Anniversary of the Union County College Campus in Plainfield.



FAIRVIEW CEMETERY RECOGNIZED...At the 150th Anniversary re-dedication ceremony on Sunday, State Senator Thomas Kean, Jr. (R-21st, Westfield), pictured left, and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21st, Westfield), pictured right, present William Shepherd, president of the Fairview Cemetery Board of Trustees, with a proclamation from the New Jersey General Assembly that resolved that Fairview Cemetery is "honored and celebrated for serving the town." At the ceremony, the Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Dr. Sam Henderson of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield read passages from the original sermons delivered 150 years ago.

New LED Ord. Expected

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plex, two of which will be classified as affordable. A slice of adjacent land to the west will be donated by the developer to the township and serve as a buffer between the new housing and the single-family homes to the west.

Board Vice-Chairman Joseph Doyle inquired whether the inclusion of the two properties in the master plan necessitated a public hearing. Board attorney Robert Pansulla said he would look into

whether a formal hearing is needed, but said he felt there was no need for one. Mr. Doyle replied that he was under the impression that an addendum to the township master plan triggers the need for a hearing.

Mayor Alexander Smith said he did not want to take any shortcuts on the matter, concerned that the court could wrongly interpret the lack of a new public hearing on a matter related to the affordable-housing settlement.

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