

Local Ballot Questions Zero In on Open Space, LOSAP

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Length of Service Awards Program:

The question reads:
"Shall the Borough of Fanwood be authorized to establish a Length of Service Awards Program for volunteer Fanwood Rescue Squad and Fanwood Fire Department members that serve the borough, pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

1. The program shall provide for annual contributions to a deferred income account for each active volunteer member who meets eligibility criteria and in accordance with the schedule adopted by the borough.

2. The proposed annual contribution for an active volunteer member is \$500.

3. The estimated cost of the program has been calculated as \$12,000 - \$15,000 per year.

A "yes" vote will establish a program that deposits \$500 per year in an interest-earning, tax-deferred account to be used for volunteer members of the Rescue Squad and Fire Department. The new program will be funded out of the borough's existing budget and will cost approximately \$14,000 per year.

Authorize Purchase of "Dean Oil" Site in Fanwood:

The question reads:
"Should the mayor and council of the Borough of Fanwood proceed, in accordance with the requirements of The Eminent Domain Act of 1971 (NJSA 20:3-1 et seq.) and the Redevelopment & Housing Law (NJSA 40A:12A-1 et seq.), to acquire certain property

located at 225 LaGrande Avenue at the northeast corner of Second Street and LaGrande Avenue, and commonly known as the "Dean Oil" property?"

A "yes" vote will authorize the borough to acquire the site if it chooses to do so. The site, which is located next to a borough-owned parking lot behind commercial stores on Martine Avenue, was only recently cleared of petroleum contamination. The site cannot be used for apartments because it is located in the borough's general commercial zone.

If Fanwood acquires the property, it will have to pay the fair market value. Borough officials say redevelopment through either public or private dollars is the best way to eliminate the property's current substandard condition.

Voters across the state will be asked to amend the New Jersey Constitution to increase the property tax deduction for veterans.

The question reads:
"Shall the amendment to Article VIII, Section I, Paragraph 3 of the State Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, increasing from \$50 to \$250 over four years the annual deduction for veterans from real and personal property taxes, be approved?"

A "yes" vote will increase the property tax deduction for veterans from \$50 to \$100 for the year 2000, to \$150 for 2001, \$200 for 2002 and \$250 for each year after that. The veterans' property tax deduction has not been increased since 1963.

Voters to Decide Races In Surrounding Towns

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who works for the Bank of New York, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of former Councilman Michael Carlin, who resigned and moved to Westfield.

Both Democrats point to the revitalization efforts that they have pursued for Garwood. The borough received \$250,000 from Union County for downtown revitalization efforts this year. The borough also is continuing to work on the "Brook Project," which is an effort to control flooding and erosion around the brook that cuts through Garwood.

Walter Maszczak, Municipal Republican Chairman in Garwood, said the Republican candidates are looking for better communication between council members and the public. He added that many citizens have expressed interest in creating a place for the borough's middle school students to use on weekends and after school.

In neighboring Cranford, while there are no issues on the ballot, the election of some Township Committee members seems to revolve around some plans that have raised "issues" with local residents.

Incumbent Republicans Thomas N. Denny, who was appointed Mayor this year, and Philip J. Morin, 3rd, the appointed Deputy Mayor, are both up or re-election. They face Democratic challengers Bette J. Kowalski and Stephen A. Caruso.

Mr. Morin, who is an environmental law attorney and grew up in Cranford, is running for a second three-year term. He said he became involved in local politics because he had several concerns, one of which was how property taxes were being spent.

In 1998, a three-year Strategic Plan was begun to build up the downtown, which had been witnessing the exit of businesses. With a strong downtown, stagnant property values should rise, he has argued.

One of the projects spawned by the three-year plan, however, is now being criticized by the Democrats in

their campaign platforms. A project called Cranford Crossing is planned for the approximate intersection of Walnut and South Avenues.

Proposed as a mixed use facility, it would include retail, offices and apartments. The township has agreed to guarantee the loan for the project, and this is the point with which the Democrats are most at odds.

Mr. Caruso, for instance, who serves as Director of the Division of Security for the County of Union, says in his campaign platform that guaranteeing the developer's loan could put Cranford at risk.

He also says taxes have been rising too high and says that this year taxes rose by 1.5 percent. Mr. Caruso also said he hears from many citizens that they do not feel they have the ear of the Township Committee.

Mr. Morin argued, however, that when people hear all the facts of the development, they understand that the Cranford Crossing project is a safe and wise investment. He also pointed out that the Township Committee has been responsive to residents' needs and noted the construction of a new community center on Walnut Avenue.

It replaces one that was housed in the Bloomingdale School. The school building, which had been leased by the township, was turned back to the Cranford school district this year. The district needed the building to handle a student population boom.

In New Providence, three Republicans are running for three open seats on the Borough Council. They include James Cucco, an incumbent, Terri Keller and Joseph Lfriery.

In Summit, a number of Republican incumbents, including the Mayor, are running unopposed.

Walter D. Long is running again for Mayor, while Cynthia B. Martin is running for a second term in the First Ward; P. Kelly Hatfield is running for a second term in the Second Ward and Eric Munoz is running for a third term in the position of Councilman-at-Large.

Obituaries

Norman Koza, Sr., 75, Navy Veteran; Served as Policeman in Westfield

Norbert Koza, Sr., 75, a lifelong resident of Kenilworth, died on Friday, October 8, in Hospice House in Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Koza served with the Westfield Police Department for 25 years before retiring as a sergeant in 1975.

He was a United States Navy veteran and served during World War II.

Surviving are a son, Norbert Koza, Jr.; two daughters, Cheryl Park and Susan Lorenc; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was offered on Saturday, October 23, in St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church in Kenilworth.

Arrangements were handled by the Mastapeter Suburban Funeral Home in Roselle Park.

October 28, 1999

Candace Feinman, 46

Candace Feinman, 46, of Lakewood died on Tuesday, October 19, in the Paul Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood.

Born in Newark, she grew up in Westfield and lived in Roselle Park before moving to Lakewood last year.

Mrs. Feinman was a graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Surviving are her husband, Stuart Feinman, and a brother, Joseph Wagner. Arrangements were handled by the D'Elia Funeral Home in Lakewood.

October 28, 1999

Lena M. Fania, 88, Retired Seamstress From Hodes Dress Company, Plainfield

Lena M. Fania, 88, a lifelong resident of Plainfield died on Tuesday, October 19, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Fania was born in Sperlongo, Italy.

She retired as a seamstress from Hodes Dress Company in Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony Fania, in 1966, and by a brother, Casimer Fedele, in 1993.

Surviving are two sons, Paul L. Fania of Piscataway and Jerry J. Fania of Toms River; a daughter, Frances DiMarzo of Plainfield; two brothers, Joseph Fedele of Lebanon, Tenn. and Tony Fedele of Vero Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Alice Fania of Ortle Beach, Rose DeCuollo of Scotch Plains and Frances Sawyer of Whiting; three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, October 22, at St. Bernard's Church in Plainfield. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Plainfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Scarpa Funeral Home of North Plainfield.

October 28, 1999

Elsie Annese, 86

Elsie Annese, 86, of Springfield died on Friday, October 22, in the Cornell Hall Convalescent Center in Union.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Springfield eight years ago.

Mrs. Annese was a salesperson with the Tony Dennis Men's Store in Elizabeth and Westfield for 30 years before retiring in 1980.

She was a 40-year member of the Roselle Golf Club and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Annese and Anthony Annese, and a grandchild.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, October 25, in St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church in Linden.

Arrangements were handled by the Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home in Linden.

October 28, 1999

Mary Ann Perretti, 86

Mary Ann Perretti, 86, of Westfield died on Tuesday, October 19, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield, she lived in Westfield since 1965.

Surviving are a daughter, Rose Marie Beirne; two sons, Charles Perretti and Dominick Perretti; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, October 22, in Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield.

October 28, 1999

Inez Louise Page, 67, Was Employed By Roselle School Board for 12 Years

Inez Louise Crawley Page, 67, died on Thursday, October 21, at her brother's home in Franklin.

Born in Plainfield, she lived there until moving to Scotch Plains 34 years ago.

Mrs. Page had worked for the Roselle Board of Education for 12 years.

She was a member of the Faith Fellowship World Outreach Center of Edison.

Surviving are her husband, Donald Edward Page; three sons, Donald Kim Page and Patrick Page, both of Plainfield, and Michael Scotland Page of Norwalk, Conn.; a daughter, Bridget Toni Sanchez of Louisville, Ky.; seven brothers, Clifford Crawley and Larry

Crawley, both of Franklin, Howard Crawley of Wilmington, N.C., Carlton Crawley of Waccama, N.C., Gerald Crawley of Williamsport, Md., Leslie Crawley of Middlesex, and Reginald Crawley of Hagerstown, Md.; five sisters, Gloria White of Laurelton, N.Y., Margaret Pettiford, Alma Crawley, Joanne Crawley and Brenda Crawley, all of Franklin, and nine grandchildren.

A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, October 26, at the Rose of Sharon Community Church in Plainfield. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were handled by the Higgins Home for Funerals in Plainfield.

October 28, 1999

Elmer F. Rieth, 84, Marine Veteran; Former Accountant at Union Carbide

Elmer F. Rieth, 84, of Spring Lake died on Saturday, October 23, in the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune.

Born in Nutley, he had lived in Scotch Plains for 30 years before moving to Spring Lake 10 years ago.

Mr. Rieth was an accountant with the Research and Development Division of Union Carbide in Bound Brook for 33 years before retiring in 1976.

He was a Merchant Marine veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1711, Henry J. Watson Council, Scotch Plains.

He was predeceased by a brother, Edward Rieth.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Elsa Mahringer Rieth; five sons, Rob-

ert Rieth of Brentwood, Calif., William Rieth of Middletown, Thomas Rieth of Shelton, Conn., John Rieth of Pennfield, N.Y., and James Rieth of Oakdale, Minn.; a daughter, Janice Crosby of Sudbury, Mass.; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, October 26, in St. Catharine's Roman Catholic Church in Spring Lake.

Arrangements were handled by the O'Brien Funeral Home in Wall Township.

Memorial donations may be made to MS Society, Mid Jersey Chapter, P.O. Box F, Belmar, 07719 or to a charity of one's choice.

October 28, 1999

Donna J. Dempsey, 50, Was Secretary With Wales Darby, Inc. of Warren

Donna J. Dempsey, 50, of Edison died on Thursday, October 21, in John F. Kennedy Medical Center in

Edison.

Born in Newark, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Edison in 1983.

Mrs. Dempsey was a secretary with Wales Darby Inc. in Warren for 18 years.

She graduated in 1971 from Keon College in Union with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. She was a member of the Rho Theta Tau Sorority.

She was also a swimming coordinator for the Metuchen-Edison YMCA.

Surviving are a daughter, Kimberly A. Dempsey; her mother, Jean A. De Tore; a sister, Barbara Ann Penn, and a brother Ronald De Tore.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, October 25, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

October 28, 1999

Antoinette Hluchy, 88, Former Owner Of Westfield Appliance Service Co.

Antoinette L. Hluchy, 88, of Toms River died on Friday, October 22, at Green Acres Manor in Toms River.

Born in Newark, she had lived in

Mountainside before moving to Toms River two years ago.

Mrs. Hluchy and her late husband, John Hluchy, owned the Westfield Radio and Television Service Company in Westfield from 1947 to 1977. Prior to that time, Mrs. Hluchy worked for the Prudential Insurance Company in Newark for 15 years.

Besides her husband, she was predeceased by five brothers, Edward Misuriello, Ralph Misuriello, James Misuriello, Harry Misuriello, George Misuriello and three sisters, Genevieve Tamburro, Pauline Dispensiere and Julia Misuriello.

Surviving are a brother, Richard Misuriello of Barneget, and two sisters, Shirley Inga of Brick and Kathryn Guzzo of Boynton Beach, Fla.

A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, October 26, at the Silverton Memorial Funeral Home in Toms River.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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Andrea Pearson, 38, Hospice Volunteer; Was Fundraiser for Republican Party

Andrea Romagnano Pearson, 38, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, October 22, at home.

Born in Plainfield, she was raised in Westfield and lived in Washington, D.C. and Valley Forge, Pa. before moving to Scotch Plains seven years ago.

Mrs. Pearson had been a professional fundraiser for the National Republican Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C., early in her career. Her tenure spanned both the Ronald Reagan and George Bush presidencies. Later in her career, she returned to New Jersey to work on a state Senate campaign.

She had earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from American University in Washington, D.C. in 1983.

She was the Vice President of Westfield High School class of 1978, and was a former district governor of the Key Club of Westfield. Mrs. Pearson also worked on charitable activities for the church, Center For Hope Hospice and other organizations.

Mrs. Pearson's battle with cancer was

profiled on The Oprah Winfrey Show and most recently in a segment on CBS television "48 Hours" entitled "Desperate Measures."

Surviving are her husband, Stephen Leonard Pearson; a son, Sean Pearson; two daughters, Megan Keen and Emma Pearson; her parents, Rudy Romagnano and Mary Rose Chemidlin Romagnano; two sisters, Virginia Keen and Lisa O'Donnell, and a brother, James Romagnano.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, October 27, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pearson Children Scholarship Fund, care of Phillip Crawford, at Gibbons, DelDeo, Dolan, Griffenger and Vecchione, 1 Riverfront Plaza, Newark, 07102.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on Monday, November 8, 1999 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeals for variance from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance:

- Joseph Buontempo and Anthony Hellwig, 1020 South Avenue West, seeking permission to erect a (2) foot level balcony over existing office/residence building contrary to the requirements of Section 11.28 E.2., E.5 and E.6. of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum side yard proposed of 5.88 feet. Ordinance requires 1/3 building height ±12 feet. Minimum distance proposed between principal building and principal building on adjacent property ±6 feet. Ordinance requires 10 feet. Maximum building coverage proposed of 37.2%. Ordinance allows 30%. Maximum all improvements coverage proposed of ±75%. Ordinance allows 70%.
- Carroll and Michael Keating, 605 East Broad Street seeking permission to erect semi-circle driveway contrary to the requirements of Section 17.05 A. of the Land Use Ordinance. Circular driveway on corner lot proposed. Ordinance does not allow circular driveway on corner lot. Maximum width of circular driveway proposed of ±12 feet. Ordinance requires 10 feet.
- Jed and Cathy Schaffer, 716 Clarence Street seeking permission to remodel basement to den/play area contrary to the requirements of Section 11.08 E.9. and 12.04 E.3. of the Land Use Ordinance. Maximum floor area ratio proposed of 39.8%. Ordinance allows 35%.
- Marc and Kimberly Benou, 564 Lawrence Avenue seeking permission to erect a second story addition over an existing first floor structure contrary to Section 11.06 E.6 of the Land Use Ordinance which requires a minimum side yard setback of 15 feet—applicants propose 5.68 feet.
- Jeffrey and Elisa Mazen, 11 Stoneleigh Park seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 12.04 E.9 and 11.05 E.6 and 11.05 E.7 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum floor area ratio of 4.153 square feet — applicant proposes 5.224 square feet. Existing nonconforming detached garage, when attached as proposed needs to conform to requirements for principal

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structure with side yard of 15 feet and rear yard setback of 40 feet — A side yard setback of 3.72 feet and rear yard setback of 36.5 feet is existing and proposed.

- Louis V. and Carin Peluso, 132 Ayliff Avenue seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.09 E.6. and 12.04 F. of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum interior side yard (2) proposed of 9.18 feet and 9.13 feet. Ordinance requires 10 feet. Maximum building coverage without deck proposed of 22.7%. Ordinance requires 20%.
- Tom and Ann Madaras, 102 Surrey Lane seeking permission to erect a shed adjacent to garage contrary to the requirements of Section 13.01 B, 13.01 B1 and 13.01 B2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum distance between principal and accessory structure proposed of 1 foot. Ordinance requires 10 feet. Shed location proposed in side yard. Ordinance requires only in rear yard. Maximum number of sheds per lot proposed of 2 (two). Ordinance requires 1 (one).
- Matt and Cheryl Roggenburg, 288 Watchung Fork seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.04 E.7. of the Land Use Ordinance. Rear yard setback proposed of 25.7 feet for room over garage and 27.0 feet for first floor rear addition. Ordinance requires 50 feet.
- Melissa and Brian Stanton, 510 Cory Place seeking permission to erect a second story addition contrary to the requirements of Section 11.08 E.6. and Section 11.08 E.10 of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum interior side yard proposed of 9.18 feet (second story). Ordinance requires 10 feet. Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20% — Previously granted variance allows 20.9% — Applicant proposes 21.1%.
- Paul and Amy Mesches, 739 Shadowlawn Drive seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section 1012.E.5. of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum street side yard setback of 20 feet (for proposed second story addition) — applicant proposes 15.5 feet.

Documentation of the above is on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Colleen Mayer
Secretary Board of Adjustment
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