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"Stone Cold"



Terrill Gallery, 1161 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, awarded a \$25.00 Government Bond to Dorothy Clarke, of Scotch Plains, for her design and creation of Stone Cold. Mrs. Clarke is a young mother of two daughters and has a great deal of stamina. She dressed and painted Pru's prize winning outfit one very cold Sunday and couldn't be coaxed away until it was completed. The contest drew entries from 28 New Jersey communities with contestants ages ranging from a 7 year old, to one woman, unidentified, describing herself as an old lady.

S.P. Council Seeks Alert On Utility Shut-offs

Concerned over the possible impact of cessation of utility services on local citizens, the Scotch Plains Township Council has requested utility companies serving the local area to notify the township Director of Welfare of intention to immediately terminate service to any citizen in the township because of failure to pay utility bills. The recent intense cold spell throughout much of the nation has brought with it some newspaper accounts of people who have frozen to death because of turn-off of utilities. It was such instances which led to the Scotch Plains governmental action.

It is the intention of the township that the Welfare Director be given the opportunity to personally contact individuals threatened with termination of services, to preclude any possible tragedy. In a letter from Municipal Manager James Hauser to Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Elizabethtown Gas Company, and Elizabethtown Water Company, Hauser stated that "if at all possible, the Township would like to be notified a reasonable time prior to termination so that we can inquire of the family's financial status. It is not the intention of the Township to be part of the late payment collection process."

Coincidentally, customers of Elizabethtown Gas Company

PATH Meeting Tonight

Citizens of Fanwood will meet tonight at the Community House, at the railroad station, to discuss impact of PATH commuter service upon the community. Mr. Walter Appel, long an advocate of upgrading the existing Conrail service instead of constructing new PATH facilities, will speak to the group. The public is invited to the session, which will begin at 8:00 p.m.

this week received in the mail a card providing them with the opportunity to take advantage of a "third party discontinuance" service. Customers may register the name of a relative, friend or neighbor whom they wish to be alerted in the event of threatened termination. Joseph Famulary of Elizabethtown Gas Company said this week that customers may also select the municipal Welfare Director as their designated "third party." Famulary noted that the third party designation does not carry with it any responsibility or obligation for assuming the payment of bills.

Famulary said residents of the area with elderly parents or neighbors may wish to designate themselves as "third party" for these people. Famulary said company action in instituting the "third party" resulted from concern over the plight of the customers who could be threatened with discontinuance.

It is the view of the Scotch Plains Council that discontinuance of service could "prove detrimental to the health and welfare" of citizens. When alerted of threatened termination of service, the Welfare Director could then investigate any potential aid which the township might offer.

Marathon For C. Newman

The 4th Annual Marathon for Charles Newman will be held Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and January 30, 1977 at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains High School, Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, N.J.

The dance is sponsored by the Chuck Newman Fund which consists of students from the High School, Union Catholic, Junior High, and local businessmen.

The fund defrays a number of Charlie's medical expenses, resulting from a football injury, as well as a recently purchased van for Charlie to commute to Union College.

A number of celebrities will attend: Jim Kerr with Howard the Cab Driver, Ray Roades of the New York Giants, WERA D.J.'s Art Thomas and Glen Edwards and WNBC, New York, DJ Walter Love.

Snow Removal

Ray Manfra, Superintendent of Public Works in Fanwood, has requested a clarification on services provided by the Public Works Department in snow plowing. In a recent article in *The Times*, outlining snow removal problems in Fanwood and Scotch Plains, Manfra explained that on occasion, huge snowballs form on the front of plowing equipment, and sometimes drop in a driveway entrance. These snowballs, which form when there are wet-snow conditions, occasionally block a driveway. Usually, they can be moved by a homeowner. Manfra said in the event that a ball of snow is so huge that a homeowner cannot remove it, plowing trucks will return to move the snowball. The plows DO NOT clear out driveway entrances upon request, he noted.

Calendar

Thursday, January 27 — Meeting, Fanwood neighbors concerned on PATH, Community House, Fanwood, 8 pm.

Thursday, January 27 — Fanwood Recreation Commission, Community House, 8 pm.

Saturday, January 29 — Charlie Newman Marathon, SPFH.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 — S.P. Township Council, S.P. Municipal Bldg., 8:30 pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 — S.P.-F. Board of Ed., Budget Presentation, Terrill Jr. High, 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 — Fanwood Public Safety Advisory Council, Community House, 8 pm.

Scotch Plains & Fanwood On List For C.D. Funding

Presentation Set For Tonight

Final projects and dollar allocations were determined for the Third Year Community Development Application last Thursday night, during a meeting of the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee. Several applications submitted for consideration by the governing bodies of Scotch Plains and Fanwood have been favorably reviewed and appear on the list of final allocations. A formal presentation of the package will be made at a Public Hearing to be held in the Cranford Municipal Building (Council Chambers), 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, tonight at 8:00 P.M.

The total grant to Union County is now estimated at \$2,205,000, up \$105,000 from original expectations. Housing has allocated \$1,256,500, or 57 percent of the grant for a combination of rehabilitation loans and grants and services, code enforcement and neighborhood preservation, and housing planning. Facilities proposals total \$404,288, or 18 percent of the grant. Social services, supporting these specific housing and facilities activities, total \$207,500 — or 9.4 percent of the grant.

The allocation list awaits final approval by freeholders.

Under Housing, Scotch Plains is listed for the 17th and 18th projects for allocations, out of a total of 18 projects chosen by the screening committee. Scotch Plains is slated for \$72,000 for seed money for planning for senior citizen housing, and another \$10,000 for demolition of township owned structures.

Under Facilities, Fanwood is listed as the 14th choice of 15, for receipt of \$80,000 for construction of a community multi-services center. In previous discussions, it has been indicated by Fanwood Council members and by Joseph Steiner, Fanwood Community representative to the Union County

Community Development Revenue Sharing Block Grant Program, that Fanwood would be able to add on to such a multi-service building. The building core, funded jointly by Fanwood and the HUD funds, would provide a community area which would serve many different interests, including counseling agencies, scouts, senior citizens and as a training area for fire and rescue personnel. The borough would have to add a wing to the building, from borough funds, to house the police department and administrative offices, as well as garage space for fire and rescue vehicles.

On February 10, the Scotch Plains Board of Education will hold a public sale of School One on Park Avenue — often discussed as the site of senior citizen housing for Scotch Plains. However, the Community Development funds, if finally approved, would not be received until next July. Also, the senior citizen housing committee is just beginning to roll, and to date no decisions have been made on definite locations for such housing in Scotch Plains.

Fanwood is also listed, under Social Services, for receipt of

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"Schools Out Sharing"



"Schools Out Sharing." Students visited the *Times* newspaper as a project for Catholic School Week, which will be celebrated with an Open House on February 9, 1977 at St. Bartholomew School from 9:00 to 3:00. All are welcome to share in the many activities occurring. From left to right are Michele Porcelli, Kim Sweeney, Margaret Lyons, Christina Setaro, Mr. Lorow of the *Times*, and Phyllis Novello.