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A salute to the first 50



Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papen offers congratulations to John Losavio.



Carey Edwards, right, was on hand for the day's festivities.



Enjoying the celebration are left to right—Vinnie Losavio, Pat O'Brien, Nick Losavio, and Roland Minelli.



John and his wife, Marie, take a photo break.

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Fanwood - 1, Developers - 0 in Senate Skirmish

Scores of Fanwood residents left Trenton in a cautiously optimistic mood on Monday, April 17th, after the Senate Committee on Government voted to release Senate Bill S-3342 for a full vote on the floor of the Senate. The bill in question would amend the

Fair Housing Act to specifically prohibit developers from gathering up small parcels of land and demolishing sound housing for the sole purpose of increasing density in Mt. Laurel suits.

The Committee, chaired by Senator Winona Lipman, took substantial

testimony from developers, attorneys, Borough officials and residents before voting 3 to 0 to release the bill for Senate action. Councilwoman Linda Stender testified that Fanwood does have an alternate plan for affordable housing despite the developers

disclaimers. Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden, testifying in support of the bill noted that she supported the concept of affordable housing but objected to the destruction of communities to achieve that goal, Fanwood builder Robert Rau and

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Fanwood budget approved... increase in taxes

by Patricia R. Mundth
The first order of business at the April 12 meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council was a vote on the budget. The budget was adopted, which means that Fanwood residents will see a significant increase in their property taxes. Several council members commented on the reasons for the increase. Councilman David Berger stated that the individual departmental increases within the borough are just under 5%, which meets the recommended adjustment for inflation, and that other increases are due to loss in state revenues.

"The state mandates programs which we have to follow but doesn't give us the money to do this. It comes out of property taxes. We collect for the schools and the county and ourselves and then hand it over to the schools and the county. There is nothing new in this budget. All municipalities are facing loss in State Bank Tax and Revenue Sharing," Mayor Patricia Kuran said. Councilman Walsh urged residents frustrated by tax increases to address their concerns to elected officials at the state and county level where some of the big costs occur.

Councilwoman Linda Stender commented on the cross acceptance policy of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan. While she is pursuing a plan that reflects the needs of the community, Stender expressed concern

that, "the state will leave us open for increased density in the future." The current plan is vague on this point. Stender found it ironic that municipal engineers have been excluded from the statewide planning process.

Chief Anthony Parenti was honored by the Plainfield Board of Realtors for developing a viable safety program and for cracking down on motorists who attempt to speed through the streets of Fanwood. They also congratulated him in becoming president of the N.J. Association of Police. William Populus, president of the Plainfield Board of Realtors and Louis Pompilio awarded

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At a recent Borough Council meeting, the Plainfield area Board of Realtors presented a check for one thousand dollars to the Fanwood Police Department. Accepting the check for the Borough of Fanwood are from left to right, Police Chief Anthony J. Parenti and Maryanne Connelly, police commissioner. Presenting the check from the Plainfield Board of Realtors are Lou Pompilio, district governor, and William Populus, president of the Plainfield Board of Realtors. Also at that time the Board of Realtors presented to Chief Parenti a plaque congratulating him on becoming president of the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police.

M E R C H A N T

highlight

Park Avenue Florist



KEVIN TIERNEY

When Kevin Tierney was twelve years old he began working weekends for Mayfair Florist in the Vailsburg section of Newark. He wired flowers and ferns which were part of the floral arrangements for funeral services. By the time he was sixteen, Kevin had worked in every phase of the Newark based operation. He continued to work part-time after graduation from

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