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Education foundation donates new sound system for municipal building

Much needed improvement to benefit several borough groups

By Amanda Stone

AVON-BY-THE-SEA — A major improvement will soon be made to the borough’s municipal building as a result of one local nonprofit’s fundraising efforts.

The Avon-by-the-Sea Education Foundation announced at this week’s board of commissioner’s meeting that it would be donating a brand new sound system to be installed in the municipal building.

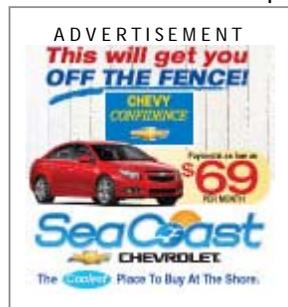
The \$16,000 gift — which was funded through grant monies and private donations — will help improve the quality of sound in the building that is utilized by several organizations and the board of commissioners.

“Through our efforts, we are providing a technology gift which will benefit all members of our community, both children and adults,” Michele Gioia, foundation president, said. “This initiative has been two years in the making and represents hours and hours of community service.”

While funds were being raised by the foundation, board members determined it would be best to purchase a technological gift for the borough. The decision was made after talking with members of the community.

“We went out to all of our neighbors, all of our friends, our students, and said what do you think is our best opportunity to utilize this money,” Ms. Gioia said.

Ms. Gioia said the response was unanimous on what to do with the funds.



“Everyone said please improve the sound system in this town,” Ms. Gioia said.

The new sound system will benefit several different groups.

“We’re dedicating this to the municipal building because we know this is the heart of our town,” Ms. Gioia said. “This is where we congregate, this is where our children play, this is where our commissioners work.”

Mayor Robert Mahon thanked the education foundation for the gift. He said the sound system will benefit the borough.

“It is certainly a gift that will be well used and is much needed,” Mayor Mahon said.

Ms. Gioia said the sound system will be used for the first time during the foundation’s upcoming Mardi Gras fundraiser at the municipal building on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Tickets to the event cost \$50 and can be purchased on the foundation’s website at www.avonbytheseafoundation.org or by calling 732-925-4974.

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Mayor Robert Mahon thanked members of the Avon-by-the-Sea Education Foundation for their recent purchase and donation of a new sound system for the borough’s municipal building and gymnasium. Presenting the donation on behalf of the foundation was president Michele Gioia [from left], secretary Flavia Loughlin, vice president Tess Nielsen, board member Peggy Bonanno, treasurer Susan Bongiorno and board member Dolly Stolgitis. Photo by RYAN MAYER, STAR NEWS GROUP

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