



Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly Thanks Town for 13 Great Years

Thank you to all who have put your trust in me and allowed me to serve the Borough of Fanwood for 13 years. As I reflect on the 4 years as your Mayor, there are some unique experiences I will not forget.

One is the ritual of tribute and farewell performed by Chief Roy Crazy Horse for the historic Fanwood Oak which had to be removed in 1996.

Others are the natural disasters we faced starting with the record 24" snowfall my first week on the job, not to be upstaged by our very own tornado in 1998 and the nor'easters.

I have learned more about public utilities than I ever wanted to know.

We lost Patricia M. Kuran, the person who became the first woman and the first democrat to be elected Mayor in Fanwood, and former Mayor Roland Beathem.

The Mansion Hotel became the Chelsea Assisted Living facility and Children's Specialized Hospital celebrated 10 years in Fanwood.

Our Police Chief Anthony Parenti retired and Bob Carboy succeeded him.

Dan Weiss became our librarian.

The girl scouts, Mrs. Lawlor's class and other children toured borough hall and performed mock



Photo courtesy The Times Newspaper
"DREAM COME TRUE"...Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly stands beside the Millennium Clock, a 16-foot-high timepiece that was unveiled September 26 during the borough's fourth annual Fanny Wood Day celebration. Mayor Connelly called the debut of the clock "my dream come true."

council meetings.

Fanny Wood Day became a reality and we dedicated our millennium clock.

Of course all of these activities have been recorded by our very own Cecil B. DeMille and his assistants.

These are only some of the highlights that preclude the participation in over 400 meetings and events and the evening calls to say "we have no power" or "my street hasn't been plowed" or "my neighbor ..."

It was worth every minute. In political life they say there is no job like being Mayor and I can attest to that.

To our department heads, Eleanor McGovern, Bob Carboy, Ray Manfra and their staffs, as well as to all the borough employees I offer a salute and special thank you. We all depend on you to get the real work done!

To all the volunteers, thank you. You are the backbone of the community and with your help we move forward.

To the members of Council present and past thank you for your contributions and for being willing to put Fanwood as a priority.

With Warm Regards,
Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly

Holiday Events For Fanwoodians

- 12/4/99 **First Day of Chanukah**
- 12/4/99 **Fanwood Lions Christmas Tree Sale Through Dec. 24th**
At LaGrande Park.
Saturday & Sunday 9am to 9pm • Weekdays 6pm to 9pm
- 12/4/99 **10am-1pm – Photos With Santa**
Santa will arrive on the 10:20 a.m. train at the Fanwood Train Station. Admission is \$3 and includes crafts, games, candy necklaces, coloring and face painting.
- 12/5/99 **2-5pm– Fanwood Winter Celebration**
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Editor's Note

As we enter the holiday season our thoughts turn to giving. Arguably, no other individual has given so freely of her time than Mayor Connelly. Even this newsletter would not exist without her efforts.

The members of the Fanwood Communications Committee would like to thank Mayor Connelly for all her efforts on behalf on the Borough of Fanwood and wish her luck in all her future endeavors.

Winter Celebration Scheduled In Fanwood for December 5

A special winter celebration will be held on Sunday, December 5 for all Fanwood residents.

The seasonal observance is a cooperative event hosted by two of our Borough's volunteer committees – the Winter Decorating Committee, chaired by Mark Annese, and the Cultural Arts Committee, directed by Adele Kenny.

Mark and Adele describe the occasion as a 20th century page from Charles Dickens, a contemporary version of the Victorian-era community-centered gatherings recalled by Fanwood's history.

It is likely that similar events took place during the 1890's when the Homestead was host to city residents in search of the particular winter charm offered by our small-town, "country" community.

The festivities will begin with downtown decorating at 2 pm.

Additional activities will take place between 3 and 5 pm on the north side of the Fanwood Train Station. Activities will include games, "reindeer" rides for children, photos with Santa, refreshments and entertainment by New York City guitarist and soloist Billy Populus, one of New York City's rising stars and most exciting performers.

Billy grew up in Fanwood with his parents, Marilyn and Council President William Populus, and returns to his hometown for this special celebration. From the recent grand reopening of Max's Kansas City, to the stages of the

Mercury Lounge, Arlene Grocery, and many other venues including MTV, Billy plays regularly to enthusiastic packed



Billy Populus

houses.

His debut release, *Chasing Devotion*, is a diverse collection of rock, pop, folk, and world music influences.

New York's Village Voice describes him as "a talented singer and musician who strives for originality and achieves it."

He will perform his own compositions and well-known favorites inside the Train Station beginning at 3:15.

The afternoon will conclude with a candlelight community procession from Fanwood's Millennium Clock to the traditional tree lighting ceremony with Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly.

Admission is free. Fanwood residents, families and friends, are invited to attend. For information, call Mark Annese at 889-7529 or Adele Kenny at 889-7223.



GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD...and a whole lot of fun. Fanwood TV-35's own Joe Nagy heads just one of the many tables of volunteers that attended Fanwood's First Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day. Attendees received a limited edition t-shirt and the heartfelt "Thanks" of the community.

First Volunteer Celebration Called A Huge Success

On Sunday, November 7, 1999 over 100 Fanwood volunteers attended the borough's 1st Annual Volunteer celebration at the Sun Tavern in Fanwood, hosted by the Fanwood Communications and Volunteer Committee.

t-shirts were handed out by the Committee to everyone who had volunteered in Fanwood during the last year.

Delicious food, including the Sun Tavern's famous pizza was served and plenty of fun and camaraderie were the order of the day.



FANWOOD'S YOUNGEST VOLUNTEER... joins in the festivities at Fanwood's 1st Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day. People of all ages are encouraged to volunteer within the community. Not only will you help your community, you'll feel good

Mayor Maryanne Connelly thanked all those volunteers who have given their time and talents to the borough in making it the great town that it is.

Many of the volunteers were heard saying what a great idea it was to have this celebration and how much they enjoyed meeting other volunteers.

If you want to volunteer for any special event or for any board or commission, please call Borough Hall at 322-8236.

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The Fanwood Communications/Volunteer Committee is always looking for individuals and organizations interested in providing manpower, money or expertise. We also welcome material and suggestions for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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12/7/99 Tiny Tim Carol Night – 4pm to 9pm
If you'd like to participate call Peggy
Tan 233-2195

12/18/99 Santa delivers presents – 12 noon to ????
Santa will personally deliver a gift to your child.
Gifts must be dropped off to Fanwood Police
Headquarters between December 4th and 16th.
For more information call FPD at 322-5000.
Sponsored by the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue
Squad, Fanwood Volunteer Fire Company and
PBA Local 123.

12/31/99 7pm – 1am– First Night Westfield
An alcohol-free New Year's Celebration.
\$10/person. Call 518-2983 for details



Mayor-Elect Jung Thanks Mayor for 13 Years of Service

As Mayor-elect, I wanted to take this opportunity to commend Mayor Maryanne Connelly for her long service to the Borough, and to say how much I am looking forward to serving the residents of Fanwood as their Mayor.

Maryanne has given a major part of the past 13 years of her life to Fanwood. She was a Councilwoman for nine years prior to becoming Mayor four years ago.

As a Councilwoman, she served as Police Commissioner for nine years, was Council President-for seven years, and was instrumental in fighting for Fanwood's rights in the Mt. Laurel issue.

As Mayor, she initiated the Fanny Wood Day celebration, and had the vision for the Millennium Clock.

All of us owe her a debt of gratitude for her distinguished and dedicated service.

As you well know, volunteers are key to making Fanwood a great community. Not only do we have a terrific volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department, but there are many boards, commissions, and committees that need people to fill openings each year.

If you have any interest in serving on one of these groups, please contact me at Borough Hall, 322-8236.

As usual in January, the Mayor and Council will be filling vacancies that come up each year.

Louis C. Jung

The Holidays Are The Time To Give Back to The Community

During the holiday season the time just seems right to give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The Children's Specialized Hospital is collecting new toys and clothing for infants through teenagers now through Wednesday, December 8, as part of its annual holiday drive for the hospital's patients. Deliveries must be scheduled.

For more information or to

make an appointment, please call (908) 233-3720, Ext. 5379.

The Scotch Plains PBA has kicked off its fifth annual Toys for Tots toy drive. The cut-off date for donations will be Friday, December 17. All donations may be dropped off at the lobby of the Scotch Plains Police Department.

For more information, please call (908) 322-7100.

Happy Holidays

Help us identify our residents who have special needs.

Those who require special attention in case of emergencies should complete this form. Please mail or return it to the Fanwood Police Department as soon as possible.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ Friend/Relative Phone # _____

Special Need: Home oxygen unit Home baby monitor Bed ridden patient
 Wheel chair patient Home medical dispenser requiring electric power

Elderly resident living alone

Other _____

The Borough of Fanwood is Ready For The Next Millennium

Tips Offered to Residents in Event of Any Y2K Trouble

The Borough of Fanwood is ready to face Y2K. While we expect few, if any, problems you can never be too prepared.

This information is provided by Fanwood's Local Emergency Management Planning Committee to help you prepare for possible problems.

These are suggestions that can be used in the event of computer malfunctions on January 1, 2000. These events could cause events similar to those we experienced during recent storms.

In the event of utility failure there will be extra emergency patrol vehicles in each quadrant of town. Police, Fire or Rescue may be summoned by stopping one of these vehicles or sending someone to Police Headquarters.

Emergency information will be available on TV-35 and/or 101.5 FM when electric power

is available.

Please remember, these tips are intended to help you *IN CASE* of a Y2K problem we do not mean to suggest that there definitely will be a problem.

Things You Can Do Before New Years Eve

- Keep a one week supply of non-perishable food and bottled water on hand.
- Be sure you have a manual can opener.
- Fill the fuel tanks for your home and vehicles.
- Refill all prescriptions.
- Have flashlights and a portable radio available. Be sure to have extra batteries on hand.
- Have sufficient warm clothing and bedding.

- Stay in contact with your neighbors. Appoint a "Block Captain" who can represent your neighborhood at any community meetings called to address Y2K issues.
- Plan to stay close to home on New Year's Eve.
- Complete the form on page 3 for any family member, friend or neighbor who may need extra assistance in a time of emergency.

Things NOT to DO

- Do not call the police unless there is an immediate risk to life or property. Call the Police with **emergencies** at 911 and in the event there are utility failures, notify any utility company at 1-800-624-0241
- Do not install an emergency generator without consulting

a licensed electrician.

- Do not use an alternate heat source without adequate ventilation.
- Do not use an open flame as a source of heat or light.
- Do not keep large sums of cash on hand. The banking industry is not expecting any interruption in service. If you require a larger sum consider taking travelers checks or money orders.

Want To Know More About Y2K?

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