



Mayor's Message

The Fanwood Downtown revitalization and improvement efforts and plans are moving forward. We expect to award a contract for summer construction of the downtown streetscaping for Martine and South Avenues. A contract will also be awarded for parking lot improvements behind the stores on the west side of Martine Avenue. The most exciting recent development is the selection of our new

downtown street lamp called "The Fanwood" by the manufacturer.

This Victorian street lamp will have a Bishop's crook and scroll design duplicating the lamps that were at the train station 70-100 years ago. They will be truly unique. The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) is working with PSE&G on implementing this phase of the downtown improvements. Funding for the downtown improvement effort came from 1999 grants of \$300,000 from Union County and \$100,000 from the State of New Jersey. The DRC continues to investigate all possible options for retaining and attracting businesses. We will soon be hiring an individual to perform market analyses. This will also be funded by the above grants. We have received several informal inquiries from outside firms and businesses that would like to become involved in Fanwood's downtown future. We are in final negotiations with NJ Transit (NJT) for a contract covering the new and expanded South Avenue train station parking lot. NJT has purchased the former Scotchwood Automotive property which will be added to the existing parking lot. This will result in more than fifty additional parking spaces in the new combined and re-landscaped lots. This work will also be done this summer. Please remember to support the annual fund drives by the Fanwood Rescue Squad and the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department. Also, please consider becoming a volunteer for one of these truly vital organizations. And finally, be sure to mark your calendar for the Annual Fanny Wood Day event which is scheduled for Sunday, September 24.

Louis C. Jung

FANWOOD RESCUE SQUAD FUND & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We're asking for your help in keeping us afloat for another year. You recently received our mailing asking for your financial support. If you haven't already mailed in a donation, please do so. We depend on your donations to keep us financially afloat year after year. Please help us remain the reliable and friendly 24/7 service we are now. You can also donate or join us via the Internet. The



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West Nile Virus Update & Advisory

The Westfield Regional Health Department reports that the State of New Jersey recently unveiled a strategy for dealing with a possible return of the West Nile Virus (WNV) this spring.

New Jersey's plan includes enhanced mosquito control efforts; increased human, animal and mosquito surveillance; a streamlined system for testing collected samples; and a public education program.

The plan involves the coordinated efforts of a number of federal, state and local agencies including the New Jersey Departments of Health and Senior Services, Environmental Protection and Agriculture, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State Mosquito Control Commission, the Rutgers Mosquito Research and Control Unit, and focal health and mosquito control agencies.

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services will serve as the central coordinating agency for WNV surveillance and reporting. The department will take the lead in communicating with public health and mosquito control officials and will develop and distribute educational materials. The department will post fact sheets and up-to-date information for the public on its Web site at www.state.nj.us/health. The department will establish and disseminate testing protocols to doctors, hospitals, local health officers and other health care

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providers. The department will also coordinate and provide testing services.

The Westfield Regional Health Department encourages the public to report any sightings of dead crows, hawks and falcons to the Health Department (908) 789-4070, as these birds may be a reservoir of these viruses. If the dead birds are in good condition they may be considered for testing. This is being requested for surveillance. No cases have been reported in New Jersey to date.

Residents are also being cautioned not to directly handle any dead birds. The animal control service for each municipality should be contacted for this purpose.

Residents are further advised

RESCUE SQUAD

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Fanwood Rescue Squad's official Web site, www.fanwoodnj.com/rescue, is a comprehensive Internet resource for you and your family. When you log on, you can donate, get information about becoming a member (we're always in need of volunteers), find out the latest in safety and EMS-related news or look at pictures of your neighbors involved in volunteer activities. You can even get our local weather forecast. Check out www.fanwoodnj.com/rescue, and thanks in advance for your support.

to take the following mosquito control measures:

- Eliminate local sources of stagnant or standing water where mosquitoes breed (clogged rain gutters, neglected backyard swimming pools, old tires, empty buckets, birdbaths, drains, wheelbarrows, flowerpots, etc. Also change your pets water dish daily, if it is kept outdoors.
- When outdoors, wear clothing that covers the skin, such as, shoes, socks, long-sleeved shirts and pants. Also, spray clothing and exposed skin with recommended insect repellents (follow instructions!)

- Curb outside activity at dawn, dusk and during the evening, avoid mosquito habitats, including areas with heavy underbrush.

- Repair holes in screens on doors and windows.

- Fill ornamental pools with mosquito-eating fish.

- Drain flat roofs that pool water on a regular basis.

- Fill holes in trees and stumps with suitable material.

NOTE: Rain gutters need to be physically inspected to see if debris is being collected that would restrict water flow and create a mosquito breeding source. Recent news articles reported that all positive cases cited last year revealed mosquito-breeding areas on the properties of the affected parties.

Updated information relating to the West Nile Virus will be posted as available on the Health Department Web site at: www.westfieldnj.net/health.



Courtesy The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood

CAGE OF CHICKENS...Chief Inspector of Union County's Bureau of Mosquito Control Carolyn Vollero and Bureau Chief Ernie Testa pose with two members of their flock of chickens. Ms. Vollero explained that hen chickens have been used to successfully test for the West Nile-Like Virus for 15 years. Even when infected with the virus, the chickens do not become sick. Union County's three, 21-week old chickens have been stationed in the backyard of the mosquito bureau's offices behind the county Engineering Department on South Avenue in Scotch Plains. The chickens reside in a rabbit hutch-like cage the size of a refrigerator.

The Fanwood Memorial Library Needs Your Help!

We are getting a much needed face lift with new paint, carpet, desks, tables, book stacks and more, which will involve closing for a short time in late summer with our Grand Gala Re-Opening scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2000. Mark your calendar now and come help us celebrate.

All of our plans and funding are in place but we need VOLUNTEER Assistance to make it all come together. We

have to box and remove all materials and furniture from the library and a week and a half later move it all back in. We need your help from July 24 through August 12, and again (to move everything back in) from August 23 through September 8. If you are interested in contributing to this great community volunteer effort please contact Dan Weiss, Library Director at (908) 322-6400 or online at dweiss@lmxac.org.

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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.

Meet Your Government Leaders



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Fanwood Government Enters 21st Century with Web Presence

The Borough of Fanwood has joined the 21st Century with E-mail and a Web presence.

Visit the Borough on-line at www.fanwoodnj.com and E-mail Borough Hall at fanwood@fanwoodnj.com. All Fanwood businesses and

organizations are encouraged to participate in the official Borough site. Interested organizations should contact Darryl Walker via E-mail to webmaster@fanwoodnj.com or the Fanwood Vol/Comm Committee for additional information.

Web Sites for More Info About Life in & Around Fanwood

www.goleader.com

Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood

www.inthegardenstate.com

Comcast Online's Local Web Site

www.unioncountynj.org

The County of Union

www.ucac.com

The Union County Arts Center

www.ucc.com

Union County College

www.njtransit.com

New Jersey Transit

www.ci.summit.nj.us

City of Summit

www.westfieldnj.com

Town of Westfield

www.njmuseums.com

Listing of Museums in NJ

www.lsc.org

Liberty Science Center

An Important Summer Message From the Fanwood PD

The Fanwood police department would like to ensure the safety of all residents. The following tips are recommended for use by residents while away on vacation.

Please make sure:

- All doors and windows in your home are locked.
- If the home is empty for a period of time, give the appearance that someone is home.
- Leave lights on timers, a radio playing, and a car in the driveway if possible.
- Be sure to have a friend or neighbor collect morning newspapers and mail.

The lawn should also be cut while away. These are all

signs of an occupied house. Residents can also request a periodic vacation check on their house by the Fanwood Police Department. Your house will be visually checked on a random basis as circumstances permit during extra motorized patrol.

Stop in Police Headquarters and fill out a request with important information to be kept on file during your vacation.

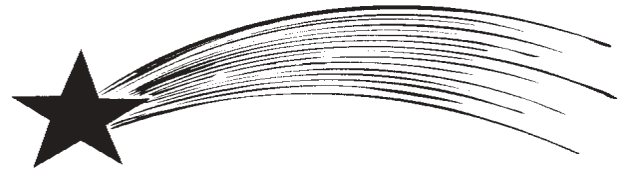
Also advise neighbors that you will be away and have them watch for anything suspicious.

If they notice anything unusual have them call the Fanwood Police immediately by dialing 911 or (908) 322-5000.

Fanwood Vol/Comm Committee Reveals New Resident Package

Moving to a new community can be stressful. But having information about that community can make you feel informed and welcome. That's why, this year, new homeowners in Fanwood will be receiving the recently compiled New Residents' Package. Compiled by the Fanwood Communications/Volunteerism Committee, the information package includes essential information about the Police, Public Works, Library, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, voter registration and community cable channel 35.

Committee members will hand deliver the package to new homeowners and will be available to answer questions about Fanwood and our surrounding communities.



Welcome to Fanwood.
Welcome home.

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