



## We're Back and We're Beautiful ! Fanwood Memorial Library

By Dan Weiss, Library Director

If you've visited the Fanwood Memorial Library recently you've likely noticed some big changes. The best part of all the wonderful improvements is the community spirit that has been evident throughout the project.

The funding has been a joint effort of the Borough, the Friends of the Library, and the Library itself, along with many additional contributions from local residents and businesses.

Volunteers packed over 500 boxes of books, moved them into temporary storage, and then brought it all back in and put everything back in its new home, along

with all the furniture, computers, etc. This effort was overseen by Jon Lorenzini, who adopted this as his Eagle Scout community service project, and is another example of the terrific volunteer spirit which is alive and well in the Borough of Fanwood.

The Fanwood Public Works crew also deserves high praise for the help they provided in making this project a success along with, of course, the library staff. Many, many "thank yous" to everyone who helped and contributed to the library renovation.

The library's new look, which was unveiled on September 9, 2000, is the culmination of a three-year renewal plan that began in late 1997 when I became the library's director.

The beautiful new space features new front doors and carpeting, new Circulation and service desks in both the Adult and Children's Departments, new book stacks, an improved floor-plan layout, a new Young Adult corner and plenty of new seating and work space.

But the library has improved in many ways beyond the obvious physical improvements to both the inside and outside of the building. We have focused, and will continue to focus on improved service to the public, providing traditional library services along with computer and Internet access, a focus on collection development as we continue to improve our video and books-on-tape collections and increased programming for both children and adults.

Our Friday night movie series has been a big success and will continue throughout the year, and in early winter we will begin to offer some computer and Internet training sessions.

Come on in, get yourself a card (if you don't already have one) and see all our new improvements as well as what there is here for you and your family. Take advantage of one of your best community resources, and be sure to visit us on the Web at [www.lmxac.org/fanwood](http://www.lmxac.org/fanwood).



### A Message from Mayor Louis C. Jung

You will be receiving this a few days before the 5th Annual Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, September 24. The Committee has worked very hard to make this the best ever Fanny Wood Day. Bring your families, other loved ones, and friends – there will be something for everyone, Noon to 5:00 p.m. Be part of a Fanwood tradition!

Earlier this month the downtown streetscaping project for Martine and South Avenues began. We suffered a month's delay in the project when the work had to be rebid due to the original low bidder being rejected for legal reasons. The project is scheduled for early October completion and consists of new concrete sidewalks and pavers, plus conduit and foundations for the new Victorian street lamps.

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### Fanwood Fire Department Adds New Rig To Its Arsenal



Number 8 is to be officially dedicated during Fanny Wood Day on September 24. Please see story on Page 4.

# Mayor's Message

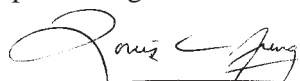
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More than 50 lamps will eventually be installed on Martine and South Avenues, as well as behind the stores on the West side of Martine Avenue.

Funding for the project comes from 1999 grants of \$300,000 from Union County and \$100,000 from the State of New Jersey.

We have completed negotiations with NJ Transit (NJT) for a contract covering a revamped and expanded South Avenue Train Station parking lot. NJT purchased the former Scotchwood Automotive property which will be added to the existing lot, resulting in more than 50 additional parking spaces in the newly combined and landscaped lots. Included will be a walkway from South Avenue across the center of the new lot to the train station. The walkway will include three of the new Victorian street lamps. NJT will be performing the work from November through early Spring.

Other projects are also underway in the Borough. Work on the Watson Road Pocket Park continues with the installation of a paver block walking path scheduled for September. In August, a new terrace was completed on the north side of the Kuran Arts Center. These two projects are funded through Union County grants. Design work is nearly completed for a pedestrian and bikeway bridge to be constructed in 2001 adjacent to the Sheelen's Crossing badge. This is being funded by a New Jersey Department of Transportation grant.

  
Mayor Louis C. Jung

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## ATTENTION NEW FANWOOD RESIDENTS

Members of the Fanwood Communication/Volunteerism Committee have been delivering Fanwood information packets to residents who moved to town as of January 1st, 2000. The packet includes information about the Police, Public Works, Library, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, community cable Channel 35, and a voter registration form.

Unfortunately, we don't get a list of the new residents until they've been here for a few months. If you would like an information packet sooner, please contact us by calling Borough Hall at 322-8236.



# Welcome to Fanwood.

Welcome home.

# Two Council Seats Up For Grabs in Election on November 7

## THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR FANWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Cynthia Swindlehurst** is a 34 year resident of Fanwood who was sworn into office as a member of the Fanwood Borough Council earlier this year to fill the seat vacated by Bill Populus.

A graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and East Stroudsburg University, Councilwoman Swindlehurst is a community activist and advocate. As a Deacon, Elder and Youth Group Leader of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church she has always worked to make her community a better place.

Currently the Chair of the Public Works Committee and the council Liaison to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, The Recycling Committee and the the Environmental Commission, Councilwoman Swindlehurst has also served on the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission.

By serving on Council she is

following in her parents' footsteps who each served on council and taught her the value of commitment to community. Cynthia said, "I grew up in Fanwood and believe that our small town is great place in which to live and raise a family. I believe we need to be fiscally conservative and must improve our downtown if we are to protect and improve our small town quality of life."

**Mathew T. Glennon** is a professional engineer who currently serves on the Fanwood Planning Board. Mathew said "My wife and I chose Fanwood as our home because we wanted to raise our family in a small town with a strong sense of community. I got involved because I want to make sure that our downtown changes in a way that will enhance the quality of life for our families."

A graduate of Manhattan College, Mathew holds a Masters Degree in Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA in Finance from Rutgers University. "Volunteerism is the heart of this community. I want to do my part to make sure our neighborhoods stay strong and safe," said Mr. Glennon.

Former Mayor, current Union County Freeholder and Chairwomen of The Fanwood Democratic Committee Linda Stender speaking for the Committee said, "We are very proud to have two such fine individuals running for Council in Fanwood on the Democratic ticket. They are concerned and dedicated and will work to make Fanwood an even better place in which to live and raise a family."

## THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR FANWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

The 2000 Republican candidates for Council are well known to many in town because they each have devoted a lifetime of service to Fanwood.

Council President **Joel Whitaker** and **Carol Wood** have been involved with our community for almost fifty years combined. Each has volunteered time and effort to Fanwood charities, service organizations and government. Their commitment to our Borough has been exemplary.

The Republican Municipal Committee believes that this ticket of candidates is as strong as any ever offered to Fanwood voters.

Joel is a native of Indiana and has lived in Fanwood for 21 years. This year he is running for re-election to the Council. He was chosen by his colleagues on Council to represent it on the Planning Board and this year was elected Council President.

During his tenure, he has also served as the Council liaison to the Recreation Commission, Environmental Commission, and the Board of Education. Joel was a member of the Planning Board and was three times elected its Chairperson. He has also served on the Union County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse.

Joel owns a business located in Fanwood, a periodical publishing company. He and his wife, Donna, are members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. They have two girls, Anne and Melissa.

Carol Wood and her husband, Lou, have lived in Fanwood for 28 years. Carol's involvement

in the community is just too long to list in its entirety.

She served as a member of the Planning Board and then the Board of Adjustment for 14 years. Her colleagues on the Board of Adjustment twice selected her to be the Chairperson. She currently volunteers for three Fanwood committees including the Board of Health.

One of her most enthusiastic commitments is to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA where she has served on its Board of Directors since 1980 and as its President from 1987 to 1993. She is deeply committed to the YMCA because it gives every member of our community, from the youngest to the oldest, a great opportunity to develop mind, body and spirit.

Carol is a Realtor and is Vice President of Century 21 Taylor & Love in Westfield. Her professional life involves her with a number of countywide realty organizations and she was elected Westfield Board of Realtors *Realtor of the Year* in 1987, 1993 and 1995.

Both candidates are accomplished people recognized by their peers for their good judgment and dedication to their communities. They look forward to serving the People of Fanwood as Council members for the next three years.

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Fanwood's 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.

**VOTE**  
**On Tuesday  
November 7**

## Fanwood Fire Department Adds New Rig To Its Arsenal

The latest addition to Fanwood's fire fighting equipment is a brand new pumper designated Number 8.

This is the eighth motorized vehicle to serve in the one hundred and five year history of the Fanwood Fire Department.

With the retirement of fire truck Number 5, which has been in service since 1965, fire trucks number 6 and number 7 complete the complement of three fire fighting vehicles.

Chief John Picola explained that two vehicles are needed for duty, and one is held in reserve if a neighboring community needs help or if one of the two other fire trucks is being repaired. Fire trucks, according to the chief, have a service life of about twenty years.

Number 8's primary fire

fighting task is to pump volumes of water, which it does at 1,500 gallons per minute. Its spacious cab provides seating for 8 firefighters.

The new rig will be ready for service by the end of August, and it will be officially dedicated during Fanny Wood Day on September 25.

The Smeal Company, located in Synder, Nebraska, built Number 8. After completion, Smeal personnel drove it to Fanwood. Upon arrival, Chief Picola discovered that Number 8 had a compact disc and a cassette player that he quickly made known were not ordered.

The Smeal employees smiled and said, "You received a bonus. Would you like to drive that distance without those companions?"

## Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC) is a grassroots organization working to prevent substance abuse and keep our communities safe and strong. Our members include community agencies and volunteer organizations who help bring meaningful prevention activities, such as Project Graduation, Senior Citizen Luncheons, leadership programs, and Think Purple Week to our towns.

Be sure to watch for these

*For information about the FFD or volunteering, the Fanwood Fire Dept. can be reached for non-emergencies at (908) 322-7100*

new programs which will be coming soon:

•On October 18, 7:30 PM  
"What Should I Tell My Child About Drinking?"

Together with the PTA Council, the MAC is developing a comprehensive series of parenting sessions dealing with the difficulties of raising children to be safe and strong. Also, the MAC is the proud recipient of the proceeds of the annual Mayor's Gala.

This year we will use these funds to bring Ladies Night Out to our communities. This will be an evening of stress-reducing activities and fun, such as massage, manicures and exercise, scheduled for 7:30 PM, March 7, 2001.

Please call (908) 654-3119 for more information on these and all of our programs.

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