



A Message from Mayor Louis C. Jung



Another significant milestone was reached for the further development of Fanwood's downtown when four comprehensive proposals were received on August 30th from developers in response to Fanwood's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Downtown Developers. The RFQ was sent to all developers who expressed interest in our downtown, or had seen our advertisements for downtown developers. An eleven-person committee composed of three Mayor and Council members, six Borough professionals and two Planning Board members will screen the RFQ's to a smaller number for Mayor and Council final review. The Mayor and Council will then select the developer from these finalists.

A redevelopment area statute provides municipalities with proactive means of redeveloping their downtowns in collaboration with landowners, merchants, and developers. In the fall of 2001 and winter of 2002, the Planning Board and Mayor and Council held meetings and hearings to review, discuss and modify a redevelopment plan prepared by the Borough planner. The Redevelopment Plan was adopted via Ordinance by the Mayor and Council on March 12, 2002. The RFQ was made available to developers in June. The Redevelopment Plan covers the core commercial area bounded by Martine, LaGrande and South Avenues and Second Street.

Mark your calendars for our 7th Annual Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, September 29, noon to 5:00 PM. Fanny Wood Day has become a local tradition with truly something for everyone to enjoy, whether you're 9 months or 90! This year's event will be highlighted by five hours of continuous live entertainment, a butterfly exhibit, and a special appearance by the real Fanny Wood. In addition, there will be vendors, exhibitors, food, and games and rides for children. Come and enjoy the fun in downtown Fanwood.

In order to keep up on all the current "happenings and doings" in Fanwood, I again encourage everyone to take advantage of cable TV Channel 35 and the Borough Web site, VisitFanwood.com.

I hope that you, your family and friends, and all others important to you had a wonderful summer.

Mayor Louis C. Jung

THE FANWOOD RESCUE SQUAD has purchased a brand new 2002 Road Rescue/Ford ambulance. The purchase was made possible through generous contributions from the community and the Borough Council. Over the next two weeks lettering will be applied, radios and other gear will be installed, and then the new rig will be given a final shakedown by the squad before being put into service. The rig will be on hand for viewing on Fanny Wood Day. For more information, to make donations or to volunteer please call (908) 322-9000.



EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN... You may have noticed that the Fanwood Police Department patrol cars are now sporting the colors of traditional 'Black & Whites.' If you look carefully at the new patrol cars you will also notice the Web address of the FPD - www.FanwoodPolice.com - where you will find all kinds of useful tips and information including an on-line Crime Tips form. Fanwoodians are encouraged to add this site to their favorites and check back often.

Fanwood's Tricia Nering: Helping Families With a Heart

Tricia Nering has one of the most well known front porches in Fanwood—not because of its historic value and not because it's the largest. Tricia's front porch is the centerpiece of *Heart for Humanity*, a place where caring members of the community can drop off food and clothing for those in need.

When Tricia and her husband, Raymond, moved to Fanwood in 1988, she already had a strong sense of giving to the community. "We didn't have much, but my father often took all four of us kids to an orphanage in Pennington, New Jersey and encouraged us to give what few toys we had to the children. We'd spend the day with them and play." It was during those visits that Tricia decided she would always give to others, no matter how much or how little she had.

In 1994, with 2 young children in tow, she founded *Heart for Humanity*, originally an offshoot of her service with the Fanwood Junior Women's Club. She approached local agencies such as the *Interfaith Council for the Homeless* and the *Salvation Army* to see what their needs were.

She went to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Welfare Department and offered to help. Before long her phone was ringing non-stop with cries for help—a young family lost everything in an apartment fire; a grandmother left with a premature baby sleeping in a shoebox; an older couple who fell through the cracks and weren't able to get food stamps; the working single mom who could barely make ends meet. Tricia has helped hundreds of families over the past eight years.

The key here is that she gets to know these people. She meets them. She sees for herself what they need. It is important to her to keep *Heart for Humanity* a grassroots, non-profit organization determined to help deserving, needy families and formerly homeless people who are motivated toward self-sufficiency. She won't tolerate people who won't make an effort to help themselves.

And that is what motivates citizens to help. When donations come to *Heart for Humanity*, you can be assured that someone who truly needs help will receive it. Tricia has inspired many people who have worked with her to start up community service groups in the Scotch-Plains Fanwood schools. She works closely with DECA and Students Concerned for the Needy. She is the service coordinator for the 75 Girl Scout troops in the district. She has ideas for projects for various groups who want to help.

A few years ago the Nering's added an addition to their home so they could stay in Fanwood. "In a small town, where neighbors know neighbors, grassroots values can blossom," Tricia says.

Besides her involvement with the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts (she also is a den mom), Tricia has served on the Fanwood Recreation Commission and the Board of Health. She has also served as the unofficial town photographer.

If you're interested in donating to *Heart for Humanity*, Tricia has this important condition: "Please don't give us anything you wouldn't give to your own family. Nobody wants a filthy car seat or clothing with stains. You're not helping anyone if you don't help them with dignity." Also, she doesn't have much room for storage, so hang onto your summer things until the spring, and pull out the winter stuff now.



THE FOOD DRIVE BUNNY... is pictured here with Tricia Nering, center, and her children Timothy and Emily. The Food Drive Bunny welcomes donors to the Nering's food drop off point a.k.a. their front porch at 93 Russell Road in Fanwood.

In November Tricia will be looking for individuals, families and groups to help with the Thanksgiving drive. She needs non-perishable food and turkeys, which can be left on her porch in one of her many coolers between November 20th and November 27th.

Her goal this year is to collect 200 turkeys with the trimmings and to distribute them to qualified families through Union County Social Services.

The *Heart for Humanity* porch is located at 93 Russell Road in Fanwood. If you can help, call Tricia at (908) 322-5206 or e-mail her at HeartFH99@aol.com.

Thank you for your continuing efforts in keeping the food pantry filled.

Many Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents rely on this food to supplement their food stamp allocations. In particular, the Food Pantry is always in need of personal hygiene products, as well as paper and cleaning supplies.

Many of our recipients do not have or cannot prepare different types of foods that require any culinary skills, therefore, just simple food products such as pasta, prepared tomato sauce, canned vegetables and soups, tuna, peanut butter and canned stews and chilies would benefit them most.

Feel free to drop off items - at any time - to the Scotch Plains Municipal Building Tax Assessor's Office.

There also is a private fund that assists needy residents with needs such as prescriptions, utility payments and transportation. Donations are always needed and appreciated since many of these needs are expensive.

Property Owners Are Invited to Attend Sept. 24 Public Meeting

Property owners in Fanwood are invited by the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission to attend a public meeting on the proposed Fanwood Park Historic District. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 pm in Council chambers at Fanwood Borough Hall. There will be a slide presentation conducted by an independent historic preservation consultant followed by a question and answer session.

After extensive research, the proposed Fanwood Park Historic District has been found to be historically significant under the National Register criteria as a representative late nineteenth century picturesque railroad community and is being proposed for designation on the State and National Registers.

Fanwood is located along the main line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, a precursor to New Jersey Transit. Of all the towns on the Central Railroad of New Jersey line, Fanwood has one of the strongest ties with the railroad as the Fanwood Park Historic District was laid out by the Central New Jersey Land Improvement Company, the development company created by the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

The district consists of 79 homes in an area near the Fanwood train station with 58 of the homes considered contributing to the history of the district. The homes within the district are located on North Martine Avenue, North Avenue, Tillotson Road, Forest Road and Midway Avenue. Designation of the Fanwood Park Historic District will be a source of pride to all Fanwood residents and will not place any restrictions on private property.

ELECTION 2002

WHAT: You will have to opportunity to cast your vote for US Senator, US Congressman, County Freeholders and Borough Council Seats.

WHERE: Check the sample ballot you will receive in the mail; see the district map on-line at VisitFanwood.com/elections or call Borough Hall at (908) 322-8236 for your polling place.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 5 - 6:00am until 8:00pm

NOTE: If you will be 18 years old or older on November 5th, you must register to vote before October 7th in order to eligible to vote on November 5th. Voter registration forms are available on VisitFanwood.com and from Borough Hall.

Vote on November 5th!

It is not just your right, it is your duty!

Meet Your Borough Council: Councilman Dave Trumpp

On May 7th of this year I was sworn in as Councilman after the unexpected and untimely passing of Councilwoman Carol Wood. As the Chairman of the Public Works Committee I have the distinct honor and privilege to serve our residents and work with the dedicated professionals within our Department of Public Works (DPW)

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about our Department of Public Works and its responsibilities. First, our Department of Public Works is comprised of a small, dedicated and professional workforce that has the responsibility of maintaining the Borough's three primary infrastructure systems (roads, storm sewers and sanitary sewers).

To illustrate how the DPW serves our residents and ensures their public safety, let's use roads as an example. Maintaining our streets requires the use of various heavy equipment and routine surface inspections, street sweeping operations, snow and ice removal, traffic control device and signage maintenance, any and all surface repairs including the rehabilitation of selected streets either through repaving or slurry-seal projects on an annual basis. Speaking about streets or roads, did you know that our 1.3 square mile town has close to 30 miles of roadway to maintain?

In addition to maintaining these primary infrastructure systems, the Department of Public Works maintains our Borough facilities such as our parks including the new Carriage House Park, the Community Center, the Borough Hall, Recycling Center and our municipal parking facilities. In efforts to stretch our taxpayer's money, it is not uncommon for the DPW to borrow a specific piece of equipment from a neighboring municipality to complete a task. In fact, you might say the foundation of "shared services" started with the Department of Public Works.

With respect to programs, our Department of Public Works offers the following programs throughout the year;

- Spring and Fall Leaf Pickup
- Three Seasonal Brush Pickups
- and the Fanwood Cleanup Program (Bulk Pickup).

Any resident interested in learning more about these programs, may do so by contacting the Department of Public Works at (908) 322-7404 or by requesting a 2002 Service Schedule brochure.

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HALLOWEEN

Festivities in Fanwood

Starting at 6:30pm on Halloween - October 31st - the Annual Halloween Parade begins at the Fanwood Memorial Library on the corner of North and Tillotson Road and marches into LaGrande Park where a costume judging will take place by age group.

Plenty of prizes and tons of fun! Children are "paraded" around a large circle with eerie Halloween music playing. The contest is open to all ages from newborn to adult.

The Recreation Department will be providing free apple cider, coffee and donuts for all.

There is also a Jack O' Lantern contest. Entries should be dropped off at LaGrande Park by 6:45pm in order to be eligible for prizes.

The day finishes with Fanwood's "Mystery Caller" contest. Enter your name, age and phone number (Fanwood residents only) and our "Mystery Caller" will call your home that night around 9:00 pm. And of course there are more prizes to be awarded then, too!!

All prizes are redeemed at Borough Hall the next day. For additional details call Linda at (908) 889-4935 or the Fanwood Recreation Department at (908) 889-2080.



Fanny Wood Day

**September 29th
Noon to 5:00pm**

See the Mayors Message for details

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