



Santa Claus Schedules 28th Annual Visit To Fanwood's Children on December 21st

For the 28th consecutive year, the Fanwood Police Benevolent Association, Local No. 123 in cooperation with the Fanwood Fire Department and the Fanwood Rescue Squad will again be assisting Santa in delivering gifts to the home of Fanwood children on Saturday, December 21, 2002.



In order to facilitate the deliver of gifts, the following guidelines must be followed.

- The delivery of gifts is limited to children only.
- The size of the gifts is limited to 12" x 12" x 12." Due to space limitations on Santa's sleigh, larger size gifts will be rejected, and parents will be asked to replace the gift with one of a smaller size.
- Print plainly and securely affix a label with the first and last name and address of the child on the gift.
- If there is more than one gift for the same address, be sure to bundle them together securely.

Gifts will be accepted at the Fanwood Police Department Headquarters beginning Thursday, December 12th through 9:00 pm on Thursday, December 19th. Gifts arriving after that date will not be accepted.

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A Message from Mayor Louis C. Jung

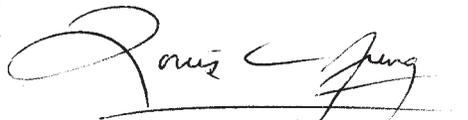


Please mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon December 8th, 2:00-5:00 p.m. when Fanwood will be holding its annual Holiday Celebration event. Highlights include trimming and decorating 30 small trees downtown on Martine and South Avenues, store window poster painting contest, and activities at the Community House, Santa Claus arrives by train at 3:00 p.m., followed by pictures with Santa, carolers and caroling, "reindeer" rides, ice sculpturing, refreshments, and lighting of the Community Christmas Tree at dusk. Please attend and be part of a fun filled Fanwood annual tradition.

On Monday, December 16th at 8:00 p.m. everyone is invited to be present at, or to watch on Channel 35, a very important meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Borough Council Chambers. At this meeting our Borough Planner will be presenting the decision of the Downtown Developer RFQ (Request for Qualifications) Review Committee as to its recommendation for Fanwood's Downtown Developer. The Mayor and Council sent out the RFQ in June. Four developer proposals were received on August 30. The Review Committee has spent 2-1/2 months studying the proposals and interviewing the firms. The proposals were based on the Downtown Redevelopment Plan adopted by the Mayor and Council in March, 2002. Time will be allotted at the meeting for public comments.

I want to congratulate Stu Kline and David Trumpp on being re-elected, and Andy Calamaras for being elected to the Borough Council on November 5. And a much appreciated "thank you" to Tom Plante, Jack Molenaar and Donna Dolce for running for Council. Everyone in Fanwood wins with the high caliber of candidates we had to choose from in this election. All six candidates had a history of volunteering in Fanwood. If anyone has a desire to serve on any Board, Commission or Committee, please call me at Borough Hall or e-mail me at Mayor@VisitFanwood.com. New people are always needed as the New Year begins and the Mayor and Council reorganize for 2003.

I sincerely hope you are, or will be, having a wonderful Holiday Season with family, friends, and all others important to you. May the New Year be all you want it to be.


Mayor Louis C. Jung

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Volunteers organize more than 700 gifts into the route Santa will follow. He will start his six-hour journey through the Borough at noon making about 300 stops. He will follow the same route as in previous years. Santa should arrive on each street at about the same time as last year. Listen for the sound and watch for the lights on the patrol car that heralds the arrival of Santa in your area. This is intended to allow enough time for the children to meet Santa at the curb. For more information, call the Fanwood Police Department at (908) 322-5000.

All the members of the participating organizations wish all Fanwoodians a joyful Holiday Season and a safe and Happy New Year.



Nancy D'Ambrosio, Fanwood Volunteer, New Rescue Squad Captain for 2003

Nancy D'Ambrosio doesn't stay in any one spot for very long. Between her full time job as a respiratory therapist, her weekend job on the ski patrol in the Poconos and her volunteer service to the Fanwood Rescue Squad, she's always on the move. And it's all about helping people.

Nancy is one of the squad's top responders. Her vast experience with patients and her caring ways made her a natural to become Captain, effective January 1, 2003.

"I really like moving around, seeing patients," she says.

In her job as director of respiratory therapy for a home care company, Nancy makes a lot of house calls. She'll do less of that once more therapists are hired.

"It'll be with mixed feelings that I make fewer home visits because I really enjoy it," she says.

An experienced emergency medical technician, Nancy has seen a lot in her 29 years on the squad, from the birth of a baby in the rear of an ambulance to the carnage of teenagers killed in an automobile accident. She was in the very first

EMT class ever given in New Jersey in the early 70's. Before there were EMT's, there were rescue squads of caring volunteers with little more than first aid training.

"There was a lot of resistance to the first EMT's from some of the veterans. They didn't like the idea of carrying stethoscopes and taking blood pressures. They were afraid we'd be going around, acting like doctors," she remembers.

Today, EMT's are the first line of defense in the system of emergency medical care that begins when someone dials 911. While not doctors, EMT's are specifically trained to stabilize patients who may be in life-threatening situations and get them safely to the hospital.

As Captain of the Fanwood Rescue Squad, Nancy will be the top line-officer in charge of the 30 or so volunteers who respond 24 hours a day to ambulance calls in the borough. She will work closely with the police chief and fire department on safety issues and training. She is currently the squad's training officer, responsible for members being up to date in their certifications and their ongoing training as EMT's. In addition to being one of New Jersey's first EMT's, she is a certified CPR instructor and an outdoor emergency care instructor. This explains her weekend duty on the ski patrols at Jack Frost Mountain in the Poconos.

"Phil and I go to Tobyhanna every weekend during the winter," she says, speaking of her husband who is also a squad member. "It's a lot of fun."

She is a big believer in volunteerism and that remains one of her primary missions as the incoming Captain.

"Recruiting new volunteers will be one of our priorities," she says.

Anyone interested in joining the Fanwood Rescue Squad may call (908) 322-9000 or log on to <http://www.VisitFanwood.com/rescue>.



Special Meeting To Discuss Downtown Redevelopment

On Monday, December 16th at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers the Mayor and Council will hear a presentation by the Review Committee For the Selection of the Downtown Developer.

The Committee will explain the reasons for their choice from among four candidates. The meeting will provide time for comments from the public and will be televised live on TV-35.

**Monday, December 16th
8:00 p.m. - Borough Hall**

Meet Your Borough Council: Councilman Stuart S. Kline

This is the time of the year when most of our residents start thinking about holiday celebrations and shopping for gifts. As Chairman of the Administration and Finance Committee, however, this is the time of the year when I start thinking about next year's budget.

Soon, we will start the process of constructing the 2003 municipal budget. Sometime in December the department heads will submit their budget projections to our Borough Administrator, Eleanor McGovern. From January through March the Borough Council will hold seven or eight special meetings to review the proposed spending plans.

The current Fanwood budget amounts to about \$6.1 million.

Fanwood's 2003 Borough Council

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In November the citizens of Fanwood selected three people to serve as their representatives to the Fanwood Borough Council. The council members will be sworn in at Borough Hall on New Year's Day, 2003.

Below is the listing of the 2003 Fanwood Borough Council:

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Councilman Stuart S. Kline

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Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell

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Councilman David Trumpp

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Revenues from parking lots and permits, construction fees, municipal court fines, interest on our investments, and state aid cover about \$2.5 million. The other \$3.6 million must be raised through taxes. This past year the Borough Council worked hard to keep taxes as low as possible and maintain the quality of services while increasing municipal taxes 4% over 2001. The tax increase was primarily attributable to a rise in health care insurance (+17%) and a drop in local revenues (-3%).

Nevertheless, most of your property taxes, 62%, actually go to the school district and an additional 17% go to the county. In fact, Fanwood uses only 21% of your taxes.

In the next few months our Council will put together a new spending plan. We are looking into new ways to reduce our health care costs, and we are investigating membership in a joint insurance fund to stabilize general liability insurance rates that have skyrocketed since September 11, 2001. We will continue to pursue shared services as a means of reducing costs.

I cannot promise that we will lower taxes. But I do pledge to work toward spending your money as efficiently as possible and maintaining the quality of life we hold so dearly.

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December 31st, 2002. To enter the contest simply send your name, address, phone number and answers to the following three questions to:

Fantastic Fanwood Factoids
c/o Fanwood Borough Hall
75 North Martine Avenue
Fanwood, NJ 07023

or via email to

Factoids@VisitFanwood.com

Contest is open to all Fanwood residents, except Joe Nagy because he knows *everything* about Fanwood!

Questions

1. What is the name of the very first Mayor of Fanwood?
2. What is the name of a future President of the United States who campaigned for that office at the intersection of Midway Ave. and Martine Ave. in 1960?
3. What was previously located on the site now occupied by the A & P on South Ave.?

One lucky winner will be chosen at random from all correct entries by members of the Vol/Comm Committee. Winner will be notified and prize may be picked up at Borough Hall.

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Annual Community Holiday Celebration December 8th in Downtown Fanwood



Even before the official Community Holiday Celebration begins at 2:00 pm at the Railroad Station on Sunday, December 8th, there will have been some community participation underway. Children from grades 2-12 in the school district will have been expressing their artistic abilities painting posters showing their impressions of the Holiday Spirit. These posters will be brought to the Double Dipper Ice Cream Store between 12:00 - 1:00 pm on Sunday December 8th. Committee members will take them to be placed on store windows throughout the downtown area for review by the Judging Committee. Various groups and individuals as well as local businesses will put their tree trimming talents on display on trees located throughout the downtown.

At 2:00 pm the Junior Women's Club of Fanwood will be ready to entertain children with arts and crafts and refreshments at the Railroad Station in anticipation of Santa who will arrive by train at 3:00 pm. Santa will stay until 5:00 pm to take pictures with the children and to hear what the children want for Christmas. Also, at the Railroad Station there will be "reindeer" rides and an ice sculpturing exhibition and caroling by local groups. There will be an opportunity to record a guess of the number of lights on the Community Christmas Tree. Complimentary hot chocolate and donuts will be served.

Prior to the lighting of the official Fanwood Community Christmas Tree at dusk, prizes will be awarded for the window posters, for tree-trimming, and for guessing the number of lights on the tree.

Fantastic Fanwood Factoids

Enter the fun *Fantastic Fanwood Factoid Contest* for your chance to win a limited edition print of Fanwood's historic train station by renowned artist Harry Devlin.

This is your chance to increase your knowledge about your community's history while having a little fun and maybe even win an original, limited edition Harry Devlin print.

A winner will be randomly chosen from all the correct entries received by

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