



The Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad Launches Urgent Recruitment Drive

After 9-11, there was a great groundswell of admiration for EMT's and firefighters, the heroes who died in such great numbers at the World Trade Center. Donations to volunteer funds were up. All kinds of people who might not otherwise have considered it became interested in joining rescue squads and fire departments. More than two years later, rescue squads and fire departments are still doing what they've always done-answering 911 calls in local communities, not for terrorist attacks but for chimney fires,

A Message From Mayor Jung



I want to first remind all Fanwoodians of the annual Holiday Celebration event on Sunday, December 7th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the North Side Train Station. Details are provided elsewhere in this issue of the Fanwoodian. Please come out and have a good time of fellowship with friends and neighbors to kick off the Holiday Season.

The latest example of our priority of completing capital land infrastructure projects is the addition to the Forest Road Park building.

Financed through a combination of grants and capital money, the 40' x 40' room addition will be available to Seniors for daytime use September-June, and to all other groups on a reservation basis for all other times.

I want to wish all the best to Mayor-elect Colleen Mahr, and Council members-elect Jack Molenaar and Donna Dolce. If they do well, then Fanwood does well - and that is what is really important for all of us. I hope Colleen, Jack, and Donna serve with the same dedication and energy that Council President Joel Whitaker and Councilman David Trumm have. I also want to thank Joel for serving six years on the Council, and David for nearly two years. Their commitment to do what is best for Fanwood was evident in every decision they made or idea or vision they put forward. It was a great pleasure to serve with them.

This obviously is the last time I'll be able to address you in the Fanwoodian as Mayor of Fanwood. I would like to mention a few items we've accomplished during the last few years: the purchase and installation of unique, Victorian street lamps for downtown including lifetime maintenance; an enlarged and upgraded South Avenue Train Station Parking Lot including a new agreement with NJ Transit; complete upgrade of ball fields and drainage system of Forest Road Park; formalized shared services effort with Scotch Plains and the Board of Education; refinancing our bond obligations to take advantage of 2003 low interest rates; initiated a program of repairing or replacing sidewalks damaged by Borough trees; obtained \$400,000 federal grant for storm water sewer improvements; and putting forward for debate and discussion a comprehensive downtown plan.

However, most of all I will remember all the people I've met, helped, or worked with the last 10 years - six as Councilman and then four as Mayor. People and memories are what it's all about, and I have hundreds of them!

It has been an extraordinary privilege and honor to serve Fanwood as Mayor these four years.

Mayor Louis C. Jung

chest pains and bumped heads. And when the spotlight dimmed and the flurry of 9-11 tributes subsided, we remained where we always were — at the other end of your emergency calls.

There is no greater mission for us than to answer YOUR 911 call. But lately, we need help. We need new volunteers to move our squad forward and ensure the town continues to be protected all day, every day.

Who are we looking for? Our current members include retirees, college students, sales people, computer whizzes, men and women from all walks of life who have discovered the rewards of helping people. The first prerequisite is that they care.

Volunteer rescue squads save lives and help the sick and injured every day. They also save New Jersey taxpayers an estimated \$162-million a year. Wouldn't it be great to be part of such an essential community service?

Consider this: if you are at least 17 years old, like helping people in the most immediate way possible and are willing to spend a little time learning, you're halfway there. No previous medical training or experience is necessary. We will help you along and encourage those with sincere interest.

Visit us on the Internet at www.visitfanwood.com/rescue where you can get the answers to frequently asked questions and see all the things we do in our town. For additional information email us at fanwoodrescue@comcast.net or call 908-322-9000.

Meet Your Borough Council: Councilman Joel Whitaker Thanks for The Memories

To get right to the point, thank you.

Six years ago, the people of Fanwood did me the great honor of electing me to Council. I hope I've given good and faithful service. I'm sure Fanwood is a better place today – and will be in the future – because of the work I was able to do, with the help of two very talented mayors, some wonderful council colleagues and the support of my wife and two daughters.

Those of us who serve in public office get at least two rewards. The first, and most important, is the opportunity to make our community a better place in which to live, work and raise a family.

As I drive around Fanwood in the future, I'll smile. From the Chelsea and Children's Specialized Hospital, which were approved when I was Planning Board chairman, to reinvestment and expansion of individual homes as a result of a new zoning code, to a new building at Forest Road Park, to improved ball fields, to the repair of sidewalks damaged by Borough trees, to the Fanwood Award for Valor plaques in Borough Hall, I'll see the results of my service.

None of this was done by me alone. Work on council is a team sport. Bill Populus, my predecessor as Council President, liked to say "you only need to be able to count to four" -- the number of votes needed to pass something good – or to keep something bad from becoming law.

The second benefit of being on council is personal growth, and I am a far more confident person today than six years ago. Bruce Walsh, who is as liberal as I am conservative, became a strong ally. Karen Schurtz showed how to make reasoned arguments. Lou Jung, goal-setting, discipline and focus. Stu Kline, financial analysis.

I leave council with just one regret – downtown revitalization was not completed during my term. I hope it moves forward, because it's essential for Fanwood's future.

Many communities with railroad stations have gone downhill. Some -- Red Bank comes to mind -- have recovered, but only after revitalizing their downtown. Others, such as East Orange, Newark and Jersey City are revitalizing today.

We need to avoid the experiences of such once thriving and beautiful communities as Plainfield and Irvington, where a few voices prevented and continue to prevent renewal.

With downtown rebirth, Fanwood's future is bright. I hope my successors on council have as much fun as I. And when they leave office, I hope they are as happy with what they accomplished as I am today.

I'll always treasure memories of my time serving the people of Fanwood, and the colleagues I worked with. Thank you for the opportunity.

Fanwood's 2004 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, 2004.

Below is the listing of the 2004 Fanwood Borough Council:

Mayor Colleen Mahr

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Councilman Andrew Calamaras

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Councilwoman Donna Dolce

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Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell

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Councilman Jack Molenaar

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New Garage Sale Rules Take Effect January 1

Fanwood residents should be aware that the Borough Ordinance on "Business, Trade, or Occupation Licensing" (Chapter 141-21 Garage and Yard Sales) was officially amended by the Fanwood Borough Council at its meeting on Tuesday, November 11th, 2003 as follows:

- A. Garage, yard or other sales conducted on a residential property are permitted only on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- B. No such sale shall be permitted more than four times on any residential property in any given calendar year. For the purposes of this section, a garage or yard sale occurring on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend shall be considered one such sale. Such sales shall not be permitted over more than two consecutive weekends.
- C. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, no permit shall be required to conduct a garage or yard sale.
- D. Violations of this section shall be subject to a fine of up to \$250.00

Fanwood's Children's Specialized Hospital: Providing Special Care to Area Children

In June of 1978 the doors of LaGrande elementary school closed due to declining enrollment. The building remained vacant until the early 1980's when the Scotch Plains Fanwood Board of Education sold it to Children's Specialized Hospital headquartered in Mountainside, NJ.

Children's Specialized Hospital is the largest comprehensive, pediatric rehabilitation facility in the United States. It provides a

wide array of medical, developmental, educational and rehabilitative services for infants, children, adolescents and young adults without regard to ability to pay. It was established in 1891 as the Children's County Home in Mountainside. It is currently an Affiliate Member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health Systems. They have seven locations throughout the state. Mountainside and Toms River are the only in patient facilities. The Fanwood location is an out patient facility and is comprised of a school and neuro-rehab and out patient services. Services provided in Fanwood include an early intervention program, nutritional services, occupational therapy, neuro-rehabilitation, psychological and neuropsychological services, speech therapy, and physical therapy.

The day begins as any other school day when busses begin to arrive and families begin to bring in their children. The children usually range in age from 2 to 7. The children have varying degrees of physical and/or neurological problems. They attend regular classes and whatever therapies they may need for their specific problem. All therapies are individualized to obtain the maximum benefit. Lunch is also served. It is well known that proper nutrition is essential for promoting health, growth and development in infants, children, and adolescents. Nutrition is an imperative for children who are faced with developmental or physical challenges. The early intervention program promotes social, cognitive, language and physical development through a variety of fun but educational and therapeutic activities.

Speech, physical and occupational therapies promote functional independence for the child who is dealing with the effects of disease, injury, birth abnormalities, disability or developmental problems. Along with all these services counseling is provided on an individual basis or group and family counseling.

As the name suggests, Children's Specialized Hospital is truly a "special place" providing important and necessary services for the most fragile of children and their families. A truly "special place" it is and an asset to our Borough of Fanwood.

Fantastic Fanwood Factoids Enter To Win A Devlin Print

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 December 31st, 2003. 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

Questions

- 1. What business occupied the corner of South Ave. and Martine Ave. in the mid 1930's where the Dunkin Donuts now stands?**
- 2. Who was the principal of the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School (now the Park Middle School) at its first graduating class in 1930?**
- 3. The historic home at 99 South Martine Ave. started as a farmhouse in the Revolutionary War period. What was the main crop of the farm?**

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.



Holiday Celebration: December 7, 2003 2:00 p.m. 'til Dark

This years Holiday Celebration will begin at 2:00 pm at the Fanwood Railroad Station on Sunday, December 7th. According to the committee, the event will be featuring some new activities.

There will be a clown / magician performing for the children as well as making those popular balloon hats. Live music will be provided by a local DJ and there will be free pony rides.

Students from grades 2 through 8 will be showing off their creative talents with their holiday posters that will be on display at the station.

The Judging Committee will select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner with all winners receiving nice gifts for their efforts.

While awaiting for the arrival of Santa Claus by train at approximately 3 pm, the Junior Women's Club of Fanwood will be entertaining children with arts and crafts and refreshments inside the station.

Pictures with Santa will be available inside while free hot chocolate and cookies will be available.

Prior to the lighting of the official Fanwood Christmas Tree at dusk, prizes will be awarded by the Fanwood Business & Professional Association for the best decorated trees downtown. Also the person who comes the closest to guessing the number of lights on the tree will also be awarded a prize.

SANTA TO VISIT FANWOOD HOMES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

Details To Be Posted on
www.VisitFanwood.com

FANWOOD RECYCLE CENTER

**Is your American Flag worn or ragged?
Bring your flag to us. We will use the officially
recommended method of disposal.**

**Don't include your flag with other
textile recyclables.**

THE FANWOOD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**is seeking old pictures for a book to be published
that will be part of the history of Fanwood.**

**If you have photos that you feel may be of interest
Call Carol Oakes at (908) 322-6238 or
Joe Nagy at (908) 889-7646**

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January 1, 2004

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