



Fanwood Library Director Dan Weiss Thanks Community for Support and Caring

On August 1, 2005 my life took a sudden and unpredictable turn for the worse. I find now that as I'm recovering and beginning to feel my way through the aftermath with all of its complexity, there are and will continue to be many encouraging and positive things to balance the shock and sadness.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and humble appreciation for the unbelievable outpouring of love and support that I, along with my wife, Mary Olive Smith, my son Jesse, my mom Lucille, and all the rest of my family have received of late. Good wishes and healing energy have been pouring our way from friends, family, acquaintances old and new, library colleagues and patrons, the residents of Fanwood and so many more, which has given us hope and strengthened us during this ordeal.

The list of those who need thanking for coming to my aid during this most difficult time has become quite extensive. First, the entire staff at the Fanwood Memorial Library deserves special recognition for the incredible job they have done in both dealing with this tragedy and its aftermath, which were played out there, as well as in keeping the library functioning and serving all the residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains .

I would specifically like to pay tribute and express my heartfelt thanks to all of the members of the Fanwood Police Department and the Fanwood Rescue Squad who without a doubt, saved my life that day, along with the wonderful care I received at the University Hospital Trauma Center in Newark.

All of their calm, competent professionalism colored with caring continues to be inspirational. The help and support and feeling of trust I've received from the Mayor and Council of Fanwood, the Library Board of Trustees, everyone who works for the Borough, our counterparts at the Scotch Plains Public Library and its Director Meg Kolaya, and so many of the local people we serve at the library have reminded me of what I've always known, that Fanwood is a most wonderful town and place to work.

As most of you may know, after the library my other love is music. I can often be found



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

Welcome Back from the Summer of 2005! I hope that whether you spent the summer traveling or enjoying all of the great programs here in Fanwood or throughout New Jersey, you and your family had a memorable time.

Your elected officials have been busy moving forward with the plans for the redevelopment of our Downtown and several pictures depicting the changes are inside. Also, big plans are underway in which I hope you will join us in celebrating Fanwood's 110th Birthday. On October 1st there will be a free "Concert in the Park" featuring *The Fabulous Greaseband*. This concert, which will be held on the north side of the train station, is made possible in part, through the generosity of the Union County Arts Council and Unity Bank.

The concert will also serve as the kickoff for the 10th Annual Fanny Wood Day, scheduled for October 2nd. We hope that you will join thousands of others at this annual Street fair that will feature a Classic Car Show, Children's entertainment, contests and much more.

Construction work has been under way this summer in our parks with the reconstruction of the LaGrande Park Tennis Courts nearing completion. These new courts will serve as the home court for our Fanwood-Scotch Plains High School Girls Tennis team's fall season.

I am especially proud of the valiant response of our first responders and the calm reaction by our Library staff to the stabbing of our beloved Librarian, Dan Weiss. Their quick action prevented this event from doing irreparable damage and Dan is expected to make a full and speedy recovery. The outpouring of concern by our community to Dan's blight truly makes Fanwood a "Great Place to Live and Work!"

Finally, Election Day is around the corner – please be sure and get out and vote on November 8th.

Downtown Development Steadily Moving Forward

The Redevelopment of Fanwood’s Downtown took several significant steps forward over the summer months. Developer designations were extended to **222 South Avenue** located at



ARTIST RENDERINGS of 222 South Avenue (above) and a remodeled Dunkin’ Donuts (below) are just two of the many improvements slated to occur in Downtown Fanwood.



the corner of Second and Martine Avenues. This three-story structure will provide commercial space on the lower level and 10 luxury apartments on the second and third floors.

Landmark/Mukherji is the designated developer for the former “Dean Oil” property located at the corner of LaGrande and Second Avenue. 24 luxury condominiums are proposed for this part of the site.

Enchantments owner Helen and Ken Ling are the designated developers for the property they currently occupy at 230 South Avenue and adjacent to 222 South Avenue. They are proposing a mixed use building with commercial space on the lower level and 8 residential condominiums above.

In addition to these projects, discussions with property owners on the remainder of the South Avenue block and parts of Martine Avenue continue to generate discussion and prospects for additional improvements and property enhancements.

For additional detailed information and to learn more about the property development occurring in Fanwood, contact Mayor Colleen Mahr or visit the Borough booth at Fanny Wood Day on October 2nd.

Answer To Who Is This Man?

Who is this man? It is Alan Ebersole, the site manager at the Fanwood Recycling Center. He makes sure everything at the Center runs smoothly on working days. He arranges for vendors to pick up the recycled material and to bring new containers. He monitors dealer’s payments. He also has a major task coordinating with local courts and probation groups as well as County authorities as he cooperates with their Community Services programs. His success in getting Community Service help at the Center has been a major factor in the success of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association.

Annual Bulk Waste Pickup Starts in September

The Fanwood Bulk Waste Cleanup Program will begin on September 19th in the NW quadrant, September 26th in the NE quadrant, October 3rd in the SW quadrant, and on October 10th in the SE quadrant.

In the last issue of the Fanwoodian we pointed out some ways you can help in keeping our costs reasonable in the bulk waste program. Three primary recommendations are:

- Be vigilant in notifying police if you see non-residents placing trash on our streets at bulk waste time. Extra waste means extra costs to Fanwood taxpayers
- Recycle, Recycle, Recycle! Every year at Bulk Waste time we see great loads of recyclable material put out with the bulk trash. This includes such things as old newspapers, aluminum screen doors and windows, aluminum chairs, books and magazines, corrugated boxes, old grills, etc. All of these can be recycled at the Fanwood Recycling Center – saving money and making money for the Borough!
- Get rid of your trash now. Much of your bulk waste can be put out with your regular weekly trash pick up. Why wait?

A Fanwoodian reader, Lisa Engel advised us that there is an on-line group called FreeCycle.com that sends and receives emails about items they are looking to dispose of for free.

Contributions, suggestions and comments are welcome and may be sent to:

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TENNIS ANYONE?... Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and Assemblywoman Linda Stender pictured by the newly resurfaced tennis courts at LaGrande Park. Funding was made available through the NJ State Department of Community Affairs, Livable Communities Program.

Historic District Signage to be Unveiled Sunday

There will be an official unveiling of the Fanwood Park Historic District sign. Light refreshment will be served at the Carriage House immediately following the dedication.

Borough Hall Front Lawn Sunday, September 25th 3:00 p.m.

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performing and playing the guitar and singing bluegrass, honky-tonk, country and American roots music, often with my wife, Mary Olive. The real stories that country music tells and its true and honest voice are what make it so compelling to me, and so timeless. As life deals each of us our sometimes unexpected hand, I'll hold on to the belief that it is love, friends and music that will see us through.

Please stop in to the library when you get a chance to say hello, and thank the staff there for providing you with world class library service in the small, friendly environment we've all come to love and expect – and come listen to me sing and play sometime.

It's hard to find all of the words that can truly and fully express the depth of the impact of this experience on me, both positive and negative, so I'll just close by saying one more big thank you to everyone... and it's Great to be back!

Dan Weiss

DEP Proposes Changes To Recycling Programs

The State of New Jersey and Department of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing a proposed revision to the Solid Waste Program in the state. The emphasis behind the change is to reach people not recycling properly. One of the proposals currently in practice in Linden, is for trash haulers to periodically check household trash for recyclable items, such as magazines, newspapers, cans, bottles, etc. If such items are found in the trash, haulers are instructed to leave the entire bag of trash with a note.

The Fanwood Recycling Center is available to accept all of the above recyclable items and more. If you have any questions, you can contact the Department of Public Works at (908) 322-7404 or Recycling Center President, Bob Sommerich at (908) 889-1891 or Alan Ebersole, Recycling Center Manager at (908) 889-8347

Listed below are some reminders for the annual Fall brush and leaf pickups.

Fall Brush Pickup - Starting September 6th on the North side of Fanwood the fall brush pickup will begin. The Southside pickup will begin on September 12th. All brush should be placed curbside by 7:00 am on the above dates to ensure prompt pickup.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Regulations prohibit residents from depositing Brush at the Recycling Center. Once the brush program has been completed, the Borough requests that accumulated brush be stored on your property until the next pickup in January.

Fall Leaf Pickup - The Fall leaf pickup program will begin on October 24th and end on December 4th. Residents are reminded that the program is designated for the pickup of leaves only. Any leaf piles containing branches, brush, rocks or any other foreign debris will not be picked up. It is also helpful to remove your cars from the street during leaf pickup. Your cooperation will help the Department of Public Works crews work more efficiently resulting in your leaves being picked up in a more timely fashion.

NEW JERSEY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT LEAVES BE PLACED 10 FEET FROM A DRAINAGE INLET (CATCH BASIN).

For additional information please contact the Department of Public Works at (908)322-7404.

10th ANNUAL FANNY WOOD DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd NOON – 5:00P.M.

All Fanwood citizens are invited to join us for the tenth annual Fanny Wood Day to be held on Sunday, October 2nd starting at Noon. Fanny Wood Day will take place along Martine and South Avenues and will feature a classic car show, children's amusements, street vendors, entertainment, and a variety of contests. Watch your mail for a special "ad brochure" sponsored by our many local merchants.

CONTESTS, CONTESTS, CONTESTS

Fanny Wood Day celebrates our Victorian roots and to that end, the day will feature several events that reflect our heritage. There are contests for men and women, young and old alike. Check out the Fanwood website at www.VisitFanwood.com/fannywoodday for details and registration forms.

Highlights of the various contests are:

Mr. & Mrs. Fanwood – seeking a male and female who best represents the spirit of Fanwood. Whether you are a longtime resident or a newcomer, an employee who lives somewhere else or a longtime volunteer, we want you! Reign over Fanwood for the day, judge various contests and much more. Victorian Dress is optional.

Pie Eating Contest – How fast can you eat a pie? Compete against others your age while enjoying a great pie...

Best Beard Contest – Men, throw down your razors and take on that Victorian look by participating in our second annual Best Beard Contest. Whether it's new growth or seasoned, we want to see how your "whiskers" will hold up.

All contestants will receive consolation prizes just for entering and local merchants have generously donated specialty prizes for our winners.

Third Annual Fanny Wood Poetry Awards - Three winners and honorable mentions will be selected from hundreds of poems submitted to the Fanwood Arts Council.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND CHILDREN'S RIDES

Children will have the opportunity to enjoy traditional activities such as Moonwalks, Bounce 'n Slide, and Pony Rides, as well as several carnival-type games such as ring toss and milk can bean bag toss.

Two 50/50 raffles will be held during the day, sending a few residents home with more than they came with!

A special "thanks" to Independence Bank and all of the merchants and businesses who help to support this event.

FANWOOD CELEBRATES 110TH BIRTHDAY WITH A "CONCERT IN THE PARK"

The Fanwood Arts Council invites you to start off the Fanny Wood Day Celebration with a first time "Concert in the Park" Funding for this event has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, though a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and Unity Bank.

Scheduled for Saturday, October 1st from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m., "The Fabulous Greaseband" will entertain young and old alike with your favorite tunes through the decades. The concert will be held in the North Side Train Station "park." Residents should bring their own chairs, blankets and snacks – although vendors will be on hand for those who may wish to take advantage of their fare. Everyone will be invited to join in song as we wish Fanwood a very happy 110th birthday and to share in Fanwood's "Birthday Cake."

Help Emergency Services: Put ICE in Your Cell Phone

Like most people you probably do not carry a wallet-card containing phone numbers of emergency contacts but you probably do carry a cell phone.

If you were to get into an accident and become unable to communicate, your cell phone could be the fastest way for a rescue worker to contact a trusted person to get the right medical information about you quickly.

Fanwood Emergency Services are recommending that residents add at least one more name to their cell phone contact list - "ICE". ICE is a three-letter acronym that stands for "In Case of Emergency", a new shorthand designed to help emergency responders contact family or friends of patients through the patient's own cell phone.

Learn more about ICE at the Fanwood Rescue Squad's website www.visitfanwood.com/rescue or the Fanwood CERT's website www.FanwoodCERT.org

Dial 2-1-1 Helpline Links People to Array of Services

Every hour of every day, available 24/7/365 and calls someone in our community from landlines and cell phones are free and confidential. Multi-lingual, certified Call Specialists make appropriate referrals and provide ongoing monitoring to ensure caring service is provided. 2-1-1 is available in Union County thanks to a strong partnership between the United Way of Greater Union County and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

In fact, more than 2,000 people of Union County have already successfully dialed 2-1-1 to get connected to community resources and government programs that provide solutions to their everyday needs.

The 2-1-1 helpline is If you're looking for:

- Quality childcare
- Help for an aging parent
- Assistance with a troubled child
- Where to find low cost prescriptions
- Assistance with heat and other utilities
- and many other services

Just dial 2-1-1 to get the answers to these and all of your other questions.

Fanwood Announces 3rd Kid's Safety Day Fair

Fanwood's Third Annual Kid's Safety Fair will be held on Saturday, September 11th from 1:00p.m. until 5:00p.m.

Sponsored by Fanwood's Rescue Squad, Fire Department, Community Policing Alliance and the PBA Local 123, the fair will be held behind Borough Hall. The parking lot and field will be converted into a midway of games, safety exhibits and a picnic area for Fanwood's kids and their parents. In the past, local businesses have generously donated all of the food and beverages. Many of the games and other activities are designed to raise safety awareness.

Typically, the Fire Department will demonstrate the Jaws of Life on a wrecked call. Hopefully the County K9 unit will demonstrate how a drug-sniffing dog does its work. Police and Fire vehicles will be available for kids to sit in, as well as an ambulance from the Rescue Squad. Free Blood Pressure checks and Fingerprint ID kits for the kids will be available, too. Please walk or park at the Fanwood Train Station if you plan to attend the fair.

Tips To Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

The Fanwood Community Policing Alliance (CPA) encourages residents to reduce their risk of identity theft by checking their credit reports at least once a year.

This is a free service available from all three major credit bureaus: Equifax: 1-800-525-6285, Experian: 1-888-397-3742, Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289.

One thing that thieves do when they obtain your personal information is to attempt to open new credit accounts under your good name and reputation. The sooner you can find these problems, the faster you can correct them.

It is also a good idea to clean up any old credit lines you no longer use (by closing them with the vendor) so that

they cannot be reactivated. For specifics on how to obtain your free credit report, please go to our website at FanwoodCPA.org and click on the Safety Tips button.

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starts 8 PM, Kuran Center.

December 1st

Carriage House Poetry Series featuring D.M. Dutcher and the 2005 Fanny Wood Poetry Award Winners, 8 PM, Pat Kuran Cultural Arts Center.

All events are open to the public, and admission is free. For info, call directors Adele Kenny (908-889-7223) or Tom Plante (908-889-5298).

FANWOOD FIGURES

Who Is This Man?

Who is this man?

Known, but unknown, he's often seen by hundreds of Fanwoodians. He's married, has one son and one granddaughter. He's lived in Fanwood for 53 years. He was a Boy Scout Scoutmaster for 30 years and was instrumental in helping 105 boys reach the rank of Eagle Scout and has been involved in scouting for over 33 years. Though now 82 years of age he's not through with Scouting but continues this activity as a member of the Flintlocks, a group of men all old Scouts and all over 70, who go to Boy Scout Camp

Winnebago every Thursday to keep the camp in good order, putting up new buildings or installing new equipment such as a dock or a raft for swimming, or performing myriad other tasks. In other town activities he has been a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, and has helped restore the Town Sled

from the Old Homestead, which we see at Borough Hall each Christmas Season.

In WWII he was in the Army Air Force, serving in an air defense crew. Aside from his Army time he worked for 39 years with one company, New Jersey Bell, ending as a manager in the Comptroller Department.

He has pursued several hobbies, among them carving beautiful models of birds. In his work these days he is often seen by many of our residents as he continues in the position he has held since his appointment by Mayor Pat Kuran in 1987.

**Who Is This
Person?**
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**Answer  
Inside**

## Fanwood Arts Council Schedule

### September 8th

Carriage House Poetry Series featuring Catherine Doty, 8 PM, Kuran Center.

### September 10th

Fifth Annual Summer Bandstand Concert featuring the Bantry Boys, 2-4 PM, Kuran Center Grounds (bring lawn chairs or blankets); inside if weather is inclement.

### October 3rd

Carriage House Poetry Series featuring Edwin Romond, 8 PM, Pat Kuran Cultural Arts Center.

### November 10th

Carriage House Poetry Series featuring Joe Weil & Deborah LaVeglia,

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