



Traditional Fanwood Holiday Events To Begin With Tree Lighting on Dec. 4th

The great holiday traditions of the winter season are just some of the many things that make Fanwood a Great Place to live! Plan now to celebrate the holiday season by participating in all or even some of these great events. Every event is made possible through the hard work of volunteers and much of what you purchase goes on to support other community activities throughout the year.

Starting on Sunday, December 4th, at 3:00 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive in town to greet children and adults alike and kick off the holiday season. The Community House (located on the Northside of the Train Station) will be filled with holiday excitement. Refreshments, arts & crafts, ice carvings and other activities will be provided as youngsters await the opportunity to visit with Santa. A free Polaroid picture will be provided to everyone that participates.

At dusk the Mayor will officially launch the holiday season with the lighting of the Fanwood Christmas Tree. Come and join us in celebration!

Beginning on December 3rd the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Lions Club will again be selling Christmas Trees in LaGrande Park. Volunteers from the Lions

Club will be on hand weekday evenings after 6 o'clock and all day on Saturday and Sunday through Christmas Eve (or all trees are sold). Choose from a variety of trees at a price everyone can afford. Support this great local community organization and know that monies raised support several local programs and individuals.

The annual Luminary Sale will again be provided, with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary assuming responsibility for this great event. Candles, bags and sand will be available weekends beginning on December 10th through Christmas Eve from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Fanwood DPW building. The cost is 40¢ per candle or 10 for \$4.00 and proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Betty Frazee House.

This uniquely Fanwood tradition of lighting candles and placing them along curbs and sidewalks on Christmas Eve is an admired and cherished event. Why not organize your neighborhood



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

Greetings from Borough Hall. I hope that this last Fanwoodian of 2005 finds all of you doing well and getting ready for the upcoming Holiday Season.

The end of the year marks both sad endings and new beginnings for the Borough. First, we bid a fond farewell to two dedicated community servants. Councilman Stuart Kline, who served for three impressive terms and Councilman Andrew Calamaris. It has been my pleasure to work along side them and thank them for their dedication and commitment to the community. I wish them well and continued success as they pursue their future endeavors.

Fanwood welcomes our two new council members - Joan Wheeler and Bruce Walsh who will be sworn in January 1st at the annual reorganization meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you as we kickoff this holiday season at the annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting Ceremony at the North Side of the Train Station on December 4th. This is sure to be an afternoon of family fun and an opportunity for the kids to get their picture taken with Santa. I would also like to thank our public safety personnel – members of the Fanwood Police, Fire and Rescue Squads who will also be assisting Santa as he makes his rounds through Fanwood on December 17th. Read further in this issue or visit our Web site at www.VisitFanwood.com to learn more about all of the other ways you can celebrate this season, without ever leaving Fanwood!

This holiday season Fanwood will also start a new tradition by partnering with the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Welfare Office to host a wishing tree at Borough Hall. The wishing tree will hold the requests of some of the needy children in our community who might

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A Fanwood “Thank You” To Kline and Calamaris

On December 31st Fanwood will be bidding a fond farewell to two of its most dedicated volunteers as Councilmen Stuart Kline and Andy Calamaris conclude their tenure on the Borough Council.

Stuart completed an impressive three terms on the council, being elected for the first time in 1996. Frequently serving as chair for the Administration and Finance Committee, Stuart kept a mindful eye on the Fanwood budget and took every opportunity to scrutinize spending. He also was a strong advocate for the Fanwood Memorial Library and served as the council liaison through most of the recent technology upgrades.

A private practice attorney, Stuart lives on Shady Lane with his wife and three children. Stuart looks forward to the opportunity to spend more time with his family and continue his involvement with his son's Boy Scout troop.

Andy is retiring from the council after completing a single three-year term. Frequently assigned as the liaison to the Senior Citizen Group, he was actively involved in the expansion of the Forest Road Park and expansion to include a complete commercial kitchen in it's design. He was also involved with the Recycling Association and worked with the group to distribute funds to causes throughout Fanwood.

An active community volunteer, Andy is also involved as a member of the Fanwood/Scotch Plains YMCA and serves as a member of their Board of Directors. Andy is especially passionate about his work with the Fanwood/Scotch Plains Rotary and has served in a number of roles, including President. He is also completing a one-year term as the Rotary District Governor.

The owner and president of Dimarc Sales Associates, Andy plans to devote more time to expanding his business and traveling.

The Borough appreciates all of the time and hard work that both Stuart and Andy have devoted to the municipality during their tenure and we wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

Fanwood Council Reorganization

The Annual Reorganization of the Fanwood Council will take place on Sunday, January 1, 2006 starting at Noon in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall. New Council members Joan Wheeler and Bruce Walsh will be sworn in at that time. The Mayor's Annual “State of Fanwood” address will be delivered and annual appointments will be made. A reception will immediately follow the program at the Chelsea on South Avenue from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.



TO VICTORS GOES A VERY MESSY FACE! This Independence Bank employee was the first place winner in the Fanny Wood Pie Eating Contest. For his efforts he was awarded a gift certificate from Double Dipper Café.

Calling All Fanwoodians: Volunteers Wanted in 2006

Fanwood's greatest strength is its people! In fact, if it were not for the dedicated volunteers on many of our commissions, committees and squads – we would be forced to employ a larger and more expensive workforce. Help keep Fanwood this great place to live AND keep your taxes low by volunteering a few hours a month.

There are over 20 different committees or commissions, each with no fewer than 5 members. If you have a special skill or interest and

would like to be a part of what makes this great community so special, contact Mayor Mahr at Borough Hall 908-322-8236.

A few Committees and Commissions in particular need of volunteers are:

- Recreation
- Environmental
- Shade Tree
- Library Board
- Historic Preservation
- Cultural Arts
- Communications
- Community Events
- Board of Health

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Assemblywoman Linda Stender, as a member of the Transportation Committee in the New Jersey General Assembly, thoroughly understands the great impact our roads, bridges and transportation networks have on our daily lives. Good conditions on our roads and bridges and quality services from mass transportation networks are essential for commuting to work, delivering goods and services, and transporting our children to and from school safely. Maintaining good conditions is vital to our economy and quality of life.

Therefore, we are pleased to acknowledge her help and support to the Borough of Fanwood to secure two very important grants from the Department of Transportation.

First, Fanwood will receive **MANY THANKS...** to the people who donated blood at the Bloodmobile on Fanny Wood Day. Thirty two people volunteered, 4 were deferred for a total of twenty eight donations. As a result, one hundred and twelve lives will be saved.

a \$100,000 grant from the 2006 Safe Streets to School Program to improve crosswalks, bikeways and sidewalks to and from McGinn School. The Safe Streets to School Program also supports efforts to make motorists more aware of heavily trafficked and likely roadways children use to walk to school. Like many small town residents in New Jersey, our children walk to school everyday. This grant will help the Borough of Fanwood provide safe, secure bike and walkways to and from our schools.

Secondly, Fanwood will receive a combined \$400,000 for the reconstruction of Pleasant Avenue from the 2005 Municipal Aid Program and the Transportation Trust Fund. This funding will allow the Borough of Fanwood to complete this very important project without increasing local property taxes.

The Borough of Fanwood is working very hard to redevelop our downtown area and improve our transportation systems. These grants will provide tremendous support to their efforts.



FANWOOD'S NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS, Bruce Walsh and Joan Wheeler are joined by Assemblywoman Linda Stender as they celebrate their election victory early in November. Democrats Bruce Walsh (1416) and Joan Wheeler (1380) defeated Republican contenders Michael D'Antuono (1373) and Maureen Mawby (1336) and will assume their new roles on January 1st.

Pet Regulations

Statewide Stormwater management regulations have a vital and necessary impact on the proper disposal of animal waste. It is imperative that all Fanwood residents properly dispose of their pet waste properly. To that end,

- All pet waste deposited on any public property or private property NOT owned or possessed by the dogs owner, MUST be picked up, wrapped and disposed in either a private trash container or flushing down a toilet.
- Pet waste should not be placed in public trash containers, dumpsters or in storm sewers.
- Pet waste deposited along the PSEG right of way must also be picked up and disposed of appropriately.
- Pets are not permitted in Fanwood Public Parks at anytime.



MAYOR COLLEEN MAHR CONGRATULATES Dorris Terry and Jim Grover our own Mr. and Mrs. Fanwood so honored at the 10th annual Fanny Wood Day held on October 4th.

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

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and light up the whole block! If you plan to be away on Christmas Eve, ask a neighbor to light your candles for you - it's such a great sight!

Why not be a part of the giving season by giving the best gift you can - your time - by volunteering to work with any or all of these groups. Extra "Elfs" are needed to help sort the presents into routes and bundle them up for delivery day, sell trees or candles or just help out at the kickoff event. Contact Borough Hall to be directed to the appropriate coordinator.

Pet License Reminder

A reminder to pet owners that dog and cat licenses must be acquired each year between January 1 and January 31st. An unexpired rabies certificate is necessary. A mail in request will be processed if the certificate and the appropriate fee is sent with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The license fee is \$6.00/cat and \$7.00/dog for those animals neutered/spayed and \$9.00/cat and \$10.00/dog for those un-neutered. A late fee of \$2.00 per month will be assessed on all licenses issued after January 31st.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN with the help of Fanwood's Emergency Services, on Saturday, December 17th for his annual pre-Christmas visit to the Borough.

Elves Announce That Santa Claus Is Coming

Santa Claus is getting ready for his annual, door-to-door trek through Fanwood to deliver presents to our children.

With the help of the Fanwood Fire Department, Fanwood Rescue Squad and police officers of Fanwood PBA Local 123, the big guy will be escorted through the town on Saturday, December 17, starting at Noon. If you would like Santa to deliver a gift to your home, here's what you do:

- Take gifts to the police station at 75 Martine Avenue from December 4th thru 10th. **NO GIFTS ACCEPTED AFTER THE 10TH.**
- Each gift must have the child's name and address clearly legible and firmly attached. **IF HE CAN'T READ IT, HE CAN'T DELIVER IT.**
- Multiple gifts for the same address must be securely bundled together.
- Gifts may not exceed 12"x12"x12" in size. **OVERSIZED GIFTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Ladies Night Out

Mark your calendars now for the annual "Ladies Night Out" an invitation to an evening of healthy, pampering.

This annual "free" event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2006 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Terrill Middle School.

Jointly sponsored by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and the Scotch Plains Municipal Alliance this is a great way to beat the winter blahs.

Fanwood Arts Council: Events Past & Future

The Fanwood Arts Council and Carriage House Poetry Series are pleased to report that from their beginning in December of 1998 through December 2005 they have offered 44 events that have included dancers, musicians, singers, painters, and poets at the Kuran Center on Watson Road.

There have also been multi-cultural festivals, writing workshops, slide shows and lectures, and an annual "Summer at the Bandstand" concert. It has been, and remains, a goal of the Arts Council to put Fanwood on New Jersey's "cultural map."

The Council recently offered a preview exhibition of public art murals painted by artist Maria Mijares. The murals will be reproduced in enormous porcelain enamel panels for installation at the Union City Train Station in January 2006. Over 150 guests from the tri-state area attended.

The Art Council will conclude its 2005 calendar with a presentation of certificates and celebratory reading by this year's Fanny Wood Poetry Award Winners on December 1st, 8 PM, in the Kuran Center.

Also reading will be special guest poet D.M. Dutcher. As always, admission is free and all are invited to attend. For information, call co-directors Adele Kenny and Tom Plante at 908-889-7223 or 908-889-5298.

Santa and his helpers really need you to adhere to these guidelines. Thanks and see you soon!

Winter Reminders From Fanwood's DPW

With Winter just around the corner here are a few reminders that will help Fanwood's Department of Public Works crew clear our streets quickly and safely;

- Cars should be removed from the streets when snow is predicted.
- When shoveling your driveway, place the snow to the right so the Borough plows will carry the snow away from your driveway.
- Do not blow or shovel your snow into the center of the road as this will freeze and cause hazardous driving conditions.
- Residents are responsible for shoveling all sidewalks that border their property within 24 hours of a snow event to avoid receiving a fine.

TRASH CURTESY

The Borough of Fanwood, in an effort to address several "quality of life" issues has taken significant strides to work with our local trash haulers to curtail weekly trash pickups from occurring until after 7 a.m.

We now seek your assistance to respect your neighbors and community residents by placing your trash containers curb side no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the night before your scheduled pickup and to remove the containers by 7:00 p.m. the day of the pickup. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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

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not celebrate Christmas without your assistance. If you would like to provide a special present for a local child or family – stop by Borough Hall after Thanksgiving and make your selection from the tree. Return your unwrapped gift(s) to the Welfare Office, located at the Municipal Building in Scotch Plains, by December 18th. I hope you will join me in putting a smile on a child's face at this special time of year.

Finally, as I reach the mid-point of my term as your mayor, it is an honor to work with the many dedicated volunteers who give up their time to serve their community. We share in our accomplishments together. Knowing that there is no greater reward than to give back to your community, please contact me to volunteer for one of our many boards and commissions that will begin its work January 1st.

I look forward to a healthy and prosperous 2006 for Fanwood.

RECYCLING CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Recycling Center will be
CLOSED:

Christmas Eve, December 24th

The Center will be **OPEN** on:

Wednesday, December 21

Wednesday, December 28

New Year's Eve, December 31

Regularly scheduled Wednesdays and Saturdays will then resume in 2006.

Please remember that your Christmas wrapping paper is recyclable as are boxes and corrugated cartons.

Invitation To Instructors from Fanwood Recreation!

The Fanwood Recreation Commission is seeking qualified people to teach classes for our Spring Recreation Program! Do you have an idea for a class you think children or adults would love? Have a special talent or skill you would like to share? Looking to earn some extra money? Then read on!

Some of the classes we're interested in offering are:

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| • Karate | • Arts & Crafts |
| • Aerobics | • Dance |
| • Scrapbooking | • Fitness |
| • Pilates | • Chess |
| • Ceramics | • Cheerleading |
| • Yoga | • Photography |
| • Knitting | • Science Workshop |

Hours and frequency of classes are up to the instructor. If you (or someone you know) are interested in teaching any of the above classes, or if you have an idea of your own, then we need to hear from you! Please e-mail us at Lindacam4@aol.com or call us at (908) 889-2080 for more information.



THE MATTRESS FACTORY is Fanwood's latest business addition. Located on South Avenue their new location serves as a factory and showroom. Stop in soon when looking for a new mattress.

Correction and Apology

The Fanny Wood Day Committee would like to thank Double Dipper Café for their generous sponsorship of the Pie Eating Contest and apologize for the committee's failure to provide contest participants and winners with their prizes.

We apologize for the oversight and request that all Pie Eating Contest participants should contact Recreation Director, Linda Caminiti at 908-889-2080 to claim their prize.

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Tiny Tim Fund Carol Night

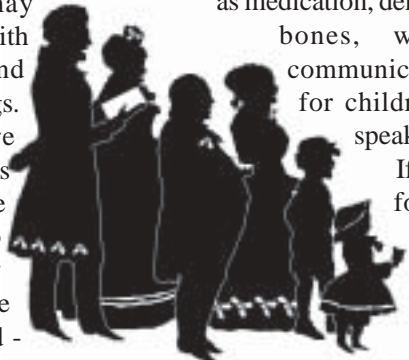
On December 15th your neighbors may regale you with Christmas and Hanukah songs. They are volunteers who are caroling to raise money for The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Tiny Tim Fund, Inc.

the fund has paid for such things as medication, dentistry, broken bones, walkers and communication devices for children unable to speak.

If you need help for your child, contact the fund at PO Box 181, Fanwood, NJ 07023. You will then be contacted by a caseworker.

This fund was incorporated in 1983 to pay medical bills for needy children in Fanwood and Scotch Plains. A board of volunteers runs the fund, donating their time and energy to help children. Over the years

Unfortunately, there are not enough carolers to cover the entire Borough. If you would like to carol this year, contact Barbara Anilo at (908) 322-4472 before December 1st.



Happy Holidays

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