



Fanwood's Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) for Historic Preservation

Making Strides

In a series of community "visioning" meetings Fanwood residents and property owners had an opportunity to help create a vision for the future revitalization of the South Avenue commercial corridor.

"With the successful outcome of our visioning sessions, we have reached an important milestone in our TDR initiative," said Mayor Colleen Mahr. "I want to thank everyone who participated in our community meetings. They brought energy and contributed great ideas that will help guide our planners as they prepare a revitalization plan for the South Avenue corridor."

The revitalization of this area will be undertaken as part of the borough's innovative TDR for Historic Preservation Initiative, which is supported by \$160,000 in grants from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. The grants will help pay for a planning study and development of

a strategic revitalization plan, as well as other work being done to implement the TDR program.

TDR is a "smart growth" planning approach that redirects growth from areas with important natural or community resources ("sending districts") to places where growth and development are more appropriate ("receiving districts"). Fanwood will use TDR to preserve its Historic Preservation District and other historic properties (i.e., the "sending district"), while at the same time revitalizing the South Avenue commercial corridor (i.e., the "receiving district"). While many communities have used TDR to preserve farmland and other natural resources, Fanwood is the first on record in New Jersey to apply TDR to preserve historic homes.

Last year, a series of meetings was held with property owners in the



A Message From Mayor Colleen

Greetings from Borough Hall! I trust that we all are ready to say good-bye to the Winter of 2006 and usher in all the promises that spring brings. I will certainly remember this winter for the significant snowstorm in February and how wonderfully our Department of Public Works employees tackled all the snow. Fanwood is really fortunate to have nine such dedicated men who worked around the clock to keep our streets open and access to our local business readily available.

As this year progresses your Mayor and Council are working hard at keeping the downtown development momentum going. Although not visible to the naked eye, we have completed several major steps toward the eventual redevelopment of our downtown. Two properties along South Avenue have received Planning Board approval and our major redevelopment property, the former Dean Oil Site, should complete their presentation before the Planning Board in the next couple of weeks. "Station Square at Fanwood" is the cornerstone of this project featuring luxury town homes.

In addition to these pending projects, completion of a revitalized Dunkin' Donuts and ground-breaking for a new mixed used building across from the Chelsea are just the beginning of the many changes that will be ongoing for the next several years.

Historically, it can take anywhere from one to ten years to move a project from concept to reality. Much of the effort of a well-executed project is focused on planning; so we continue the work on a revitalized Fanwood by inviting residents to share their ideas in

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visioning sessions on the Transfer Development Rights (TDR) project. Additional details of this exciting work can be found elsewhere in this Fanwoodian, and you can remain current by checking updates on the Borough website at www.visitfanwood.com.

I am so pleased to have officially welcomed the Fanwood Senior Club into their new Community Center at Forest Road Park, now complete with a state-of-the-art full-service kitchen! It is a wonderful addition for all of Fanwood and I encourage you to visit the Center for yourself. The building will be opened for a tour during our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 15, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Finally, if you have not visited the fantastic Fanwood Library recently, you might want to check out the upgrades and renovations recently completed thanks to a \$50,000 Livable Communities Grant. Make a point to stop in and see for yourself how bright and refreshing the area looks!

Now entering my third year as your Mayor, I consistently marvel at what a special and unique place our hometown is to live in and raise a family. I love speaking with all of our residents, hearing your concerns and getting feedback on our successes. I've come to celebrate all the hard work you all do by honoring one of Fanwood's grand volunteers at each council meeting. Our first honoree, Dolores "Dee" O'Brien, is a shining example on how one person can make a difference. Please watch TV35 regularly to learn more about future honorees.

MEET.....Council President, Donna M. Dolce

I am pleased and humbled that the citizens of Fanwood have given me the privilege and honor of serving the community as their Councilwoman. In just two short years, I am amazed and pleased by the many accomplishments that have occurred to benefit the citizens of Fanwood during this time period.

I have long known that giving back to the community is a good thing for society, what I most recently learned is that volunteering has expanded my world, provided me with an incredible sense of accomplishment and has brought me in contact with some of the most fascinating and talented individuals one could hope to meet.

During my short two-year tenure, I have also had the pleasure of utilizing a number of skills and abilities developed over a lifetime in the nonprofit sector. My degree in Human Resource Management facilitated the recruitment and hiring of our new Director of Public Works and was beneficial in our quest to lower the cost of employee compensation and benefits.

My experience as a fund development director proved valuable as we focused on retaining quality services while holding the line on taxes. Through revenue generating strategies such as grants and other funding sources we have been able to accomplish many community improvements at virtually no additional cost to the taxpayer.

Communication to our citizens has dramatically improved through a series of town hall type meetings, engaging residents in planning and visioning sessions, expansion of the Fanwoodian and eventually updating the Fanwood website.

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News from the Fanwood Shade Tree Commission

The Fanwood Shade Tree Commission will sponsor an Arbor Day observance on Friday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. in Carriage House Park, across Watson Road from the Patricia Kuran Cultural Arts Center. The public is welcome to participate.

Members of the Fanwood Shade Tree Commission and students from the Park Middle School Environmental Club will talk about the importance of trees and celebrate the 134 anniversary of the first Arbor Day. There will be a free tree giveaway for those in attendance.

Fanwood has been designated a Tree City USA for the past 13 years. The Borough is understandably proud of this designation. The Fanwood Shade Tree Commission works to maintain and protect shade trees along Borough roadways and in our parks in an effort to improve and beautify our community.

The Fanwood Shade Tree Commission planted 21 trees in the Borough in 2005. Nine of the trees were obtained through a partnership with the County of Union. The Shade Tree Commission plans to plant 12 more trees in Fanwood this spring and 10 more in the fall.

For information about having a street tree planted or trimmed, write to the Fanwood Shade Tree Commission, 75 N. Martine Ave., Fanwood NJ 07023.





Assemblywoman Stender Testifies in Trenton

Assemblywoman Linda Stender, D-Fanwood, recently testified at an Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee hearing on the need to secure our ports from dangerous outside influences.

“The areas in and around New York City and New Jersey’s industrial ports are undoubtedly the most dangerous in the nation,” said Stender. “Here in Fanwood, we are less than 30 miles away from our nation’s import and export centers. Security at our ports is vital to Fanwood. We must do everything in our power to improve its safety.”

Assemblywoman Stender has proposed legislation which would give the Port Authority the option to terminate contracts with foreign companies seeking to take over management of New York and New Jersey ports. The bill would also require express Port Authority sign-off before financial deals between port contractors take place, and would require the Authority to conduct its own security investigation into companies looking to get involved in the bi-State port operation. The measure is in response to security concerns over a proposed takeover deal for Dubai Ports World, a company based in the United Arab Emirates, a Middle Eastern country with ties to terrorist activity in its recent past.



Come join in being part of one of Fanwood's signature events by assisting in our 16th Annual Clean Community Day!

Scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2006, volunteers of all ages gather at the South Side train station starting at 8:30 a.m. (rain or shine) to receive supplies and assignments. Participants will become "pick up partners" by gathering trash in our parks and public lands.

All volunteers receive "Earth Day" t-shirts, gloves, garbage bags and support from our fine Public Works Department.

This is a great activity for families to help our environment.

If you've wanted to get involved in your community....this is a great way to start by giving one day of your time. See you there!

The Fanwood Business Professional Association Hosts

5th Annual Fanwood Street Fair

Sunday, June 25th, 2006

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

At South and Martine Avenues

Streets will be closed to traffic and feature a colorful marketplace of craft vendors, tasty festival foods and all day musical entertainment.

Live entertainment features the return of the "Uncle Floyd Show".

Children's activities feature adorable Squeeno the Clown making balloon animals, face painting, moon bounce, pony rides and a petting zoo.

There's something for everyone at the Fanwood Street Fair. Admission and parking are free. For more information contact the event promoter, the Advertising Alliance, Inc. at 908-996-3866 or logon to the website www.advertisingalliance.net

Donna Dolce

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Finally, my extensive event planning skills have been put to great use as the co-chair of the past two Fanny Wood Days that has resulted in larger crowds, the addition of a Saturday Concert and increased recognition of our small town spirit.

Perhaps the greatest achievement during this time frame was bringing the vision of the Strategic Plan, a committee I chaired nearly a decade ago, and our community residents together to make significant progress in the redevelopment of our downtown. With a viable and receptive vision of our future in place, I am confident that implementation will move forward

effortlessly and rapidly toward our new beginning.

However, none of this would have been possible if it were not for the many, many dedicated volunteers who have worked with me throughout this process. Having spent a lifetime in the nonprofit sector and in my current position as the CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Washington Rock Council, I know all too well the value and importance of volunteers. I am confident that with your help WE will continue the progress of creating a future that will benefit **all of the** citizens of Fanwood.

Who Is This Fanwoodian?

This person has lived in Fanwood for 50 years. He's 75 years of age, married and has two boys. For 33 years, he worked for New Jersey Bell. During the Korean War, he spent four years on a mine layer with the U.S. Navy Mine Force. In 1988, at the age of 58, he was able to retire.

Some retirement! Among other things he has been:

- Co-Chair of the United Way
- A Director with the Junior Chamber of Commerce (JAYCEES)
- President of the Lions Club twice in addition to holding many other offices
- Administrator of Hospitality at St. Bartholomew's Church
- Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 111 from 1970 to 1975
- Elected to the Borough Council from 1971 to 1978
- Council President in 1978
- A member of the Fanny Wood Day Committee; the Earth Day Committee and the Christmas Decoration Committee



He was also a leading figure who arranged and paid the railroad for purchase of the railroad station. It was sold to the Borough for \$1.00 and is now the Fanwood Community House.

Temporarily living in Scotch Plains while his Fanwood home is being rebuilt, he says, "We may be housed in Scotch Plains, but our home definitely is in Fanwood."

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 15

10 AM at Forest Rd. Park

Chocolate Bunnies & Lots of Eggs to Find

Check Out Community Policing!

www.FanwoodCPA.org

for information on local safety issues and upcoming events

www.FanwoodCERT.org

for local storm and other emergency alerts

10 Resolutions for Better Safety

1. **Install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** on each floor of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least twice a year or as often as recommended by the manufacturer.
2. **Wear reflective clothing items** when you walk or jog outside, especially when it is dark. If you walk your dog at night, get them something reflective to wear, too.
3. **Wear a helmet** when you ride a bike, skate, ski, snowboard, etc. It sets a good example for your kids, especially those under the age of 14, who are required by law to wear helmets.
4. **Put "ICE" in your cell phone contact list.** ICE stands for "In Case of Emergency" – it's a universal indicator for rescue personnel to reach your emergency contact listed in your cell phone.
5. **Have at least one "ABC" type fire extinguisher in your home.** The kitchen near a doorway is a good location to start. You should have fire extinguishers in places where a fire might start – but you need the option to get out if the fire becomes too big to fight yourself.
6. **Make sure your house number is visible from the street for emergency responders.** EMTs can find it quicker. Display numbers on or near your front door. House numbers on rocks or the curb can be covered with snow or leaves.
7. **Keep a list of your medications and allergies in an easy place for emergency responders to find.** This is very important in the event you become incapacitated in your home. Consider using our free VIAL FILE system which is available at the Police Department Headquarters or on the Fanwood Community Policing Alliance (CPA) website.
8. **Maintain a "Go" bag and a "Stay" box.** The Go bag should contain the items you would need if you have to evacuate your home. The Stay box is for supplies if you have to "Shelter in Place" in your home for up to 3 days. Learn more at the Fanwood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) website.
9. **Learn to Save a Life.** Take CPR, First Aid or CERT Home Safety courses to learn more skills to protect yourself and your family. Check the local newspapers for course schedules or visit the CERT website
10. **Consider helping others.** There are lots of great volunteer opportunities with the Fanwood Fire Department, Rescue Squad and CERT.

BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS!

FREE HEALTH FAIR



Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
at the
Westfield Municipal Building Community Room
Call 789-4070 for complete information

A variety of free tests to be administered,
minimal fee for blood draws.
Pre-registration required!

WELL BABY CLINIC

The Fanwood Board of Health works with the Westfield Regional Health Department to provide our residents assistance with public health matters.

- ♥ The Westfield Health Department offers free immunizations and physicals to all Fanwood children from birth to age 18 through the Child Health Clinic.
- ♥ The Clinic is held twice a month, by appointment only.
- ♥ The Clinic only cares for children who are well. They DO NOT offer medical treatment to children who are suffering from any illness.
- ♥ This Clinic is for children who DO NOT have insurance or whose insurance does not cover well visits.

If you have any questions about the clinic, or would like to make an appointment, please call Anne Travisano, our Public Health Nurse at 908-789-4070 Ext. 4073.

FREE RABIES CLINIC



Tuesday, May 9
5:30pm to 6:30pm at
The Fanwood Public Works Garage
across from Fanwood Library



INTRODUCING.....Clint Dickson



Welcome our new Public Works Director Clint Dickson. Clint was hired by the Borough in July, 2005 to replace retiring Public Works Director, Ray Manfra.

Clint has more than a decade of experience in the public works sector. He served Princeton Township as a Project Manager and

part time Engineering Inspector for six years, before accepting the position of Superintendent of Public Works for the Borough of Garwood for two years and just prior to accepting a similar position in the Borough of Fanwood.

Clint earned his Certified Director of Public Works Certificate in 2002 from Rutgers University Center for Governmental Services. He is a graduate of Raritan Valley Community College with an Associates Degree in Applied Science in Construction Technology and the Somerset County Technical Institute.

Clint resides in Changewater, NJ with his wife Denise and infant daughter Sara.



TDR PROGRAM MAKING STRIDES

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proposed sending district and with the Fanwood Historic Commission to discuss the TDR program. Borough officials and members of the consultant team answered questions about how the proposed TDR program will work and how it would affect property owners in the sending district.

As a next step, officials and the consultants will reach out to commercial and industrial property owners along the South Avenue corridor to explain the potential benefits they can reap as participants in the TDR program. Stay tuned for continued updates.

Who is this Fanwoodian? His name is Bob McCarthy.

Fanwood Recreation Announces its Spring Line-up!

Currently, Fanwood Recreation is hosting an array of wonderful new programs! These programs are underway, but in many cases walk-ins are welcome! Just call to find out

- o Videography for the Amateur
- o Yoga for Beginners,
- o Knitting for children and Adults
- o Comic Book Illustration

Programs to begin shortly include:

- o Skin Care Workshop
- o Scrapbooking
- o Adult Ceramics



And back by popular demand: ***The Mad Science Workshop*** for ages 3-10!

Also coming this summer will be Borough-sponsored athletic camps, including Tennis, Basketball, Baseball and Soccer!

Be on the lookout for more information soon on Channel 35, on the Community Calendar at www.visitfanwood.com, in the local papers and via school flyer!

Call 889-2080 for information and registration.

FANWOOD KIDS KORNER

Check Borough Website, visitfanwood.com for details!



EASTER EGG HUNT

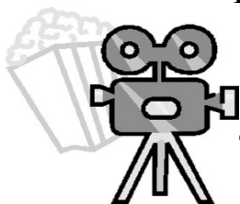
Saturday, April 8
Forest Road Park

POETRY OUT LOUD!

Tuesday, April 18
Fanwood Library

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Tuesday, May 2
Park Middle School



Library Completes Renovations

The Fanwood Memorial Library has recently completed some long overdue renovations and improvements. Details of a formal celebration of the project will be announced soon, but in the meantime everyone is invited to stop by any time for a preview of all the exciting changes. The project has been completed in record time with support of the Mayor, the Borough Council and the Library Board of Trustees. An amazing effort by the library staff, along with assistance from two local residents, Jeff Banks of Spacemaster Interiors and interior designer Bonnie Canevari, has given the entire lower level of the building and other key areas of the Library a much needed facelift. Highlights of the project include:

- New paint and carpeting
- New flooring for the stairwell
- New Reference stacks, and additional storage
- New work surfaces and shelving
- Upgraded Floor plans upstairs and down
- New paint, curtains and signage in the Young Adult area
- New tables, chairs, book stacks and display units
- A new home for Smokey and Fireball our resident guinea pigs

The popular and heavily used lower level of the Fanwood Memorial Library will continue providing the world-class service residents have come to expect in a much nicer environment. As a result of our ongoing Shared Services arrangement with the Scotch Plains Public Library, Fanwood residents were able to enjoy uninterrupted library services. Best of all, the entire project was accomplished at no cost to local residents by using funds from a Department of Community Affairs Livable Communities Grant.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 29

FANWOOD LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB

JUMP START PRE-K PROGRAM

Open to Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents
The Jump Start Pre-K Program is accepting applications for the 2006-07 school year.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Tuesdays at Dusk in La Grande Park, beginning June 27.

Environmental Commission to Update Environmental Resource Inventory

The Fanwood Environmental Commission recently received a Smart Growth Planning Grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) to assist in the updating of their Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI), which was last updated in 1991.

An ERI provides a comprehensive look at a municipality's natural resources, environmental features and unique characteristics. They are used to increase public knowledge and understanding of the environment and are often used by planning boards, environmental commissions and other governmental bodies for municipal land use planning and site plan review. The update is particularly timely, given the re-development the borough is currently undergoing.

The ERI, expected to be completed in May 2006, will include narrative and maps covering Fanwood's vegetation and wildlife, climate, air quality, noise, geology, soils, water supply and water quality, historic features and re-development area.

The \$2,125 grant awarded by ANJEC will be matched with borough funds and in-kind services.

Borough residents are encouraged to contact the Environmental Commission with any information or suggestions they may have regarding the ERI. The Commission may be reached at Environ@visitFanwood.com or by leaving a message in their mailbox at Borough Hall.

On completion, the EIR will be submitted to the Planning Board for adoption as an appendix to the borough's Master Plan and will be available on the borough website and by hard copy so residents can learn about the natural resources of the borough.



UNION COUNTY HOUSEHOLD COLLECTIONS

The County of Union is pleased to provide residents with opportunities to dispose of special household waste, computers and electronics through a series of special collections held throughout the year. Collection events of 2006 are as follows:

Computers and Electronics

Saturday, April 8: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Lucent, 600 Mountain Ave, New Providence
Saturday, June 10: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
UC Vo Tec, 1775 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains

Special Household Waste

Items accepted include: oil based paint (No Latex), antifreeze, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, motor oil, solvents, household chemicals, tires (no rims) and more.

Saturday, May 20: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Lucent, 600 Mountain Ave, New Providence
Saturday, August 19: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
UC Vo Tech, 1776 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains

For directions and a complete list of acceptable products visit the Union County Website at www.ucnj.org/oem

IMPORTANT NEW RECYCLING INFORMATION

The State Department of Environmental Protection has recently contacted the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association to inform them that your garbage haulers are "not permitted to accept recyclables commingled with solid waste." If you currently include recyclables in your regular garbage, you **may be subject to fines** or may find your waste not picked up by the hauler. Recyclables must be handled separately!

In response, our Recycling Association has added new items to those already being accepted at the Center. You will find a list in the annual flyer.

All profits from the Recycling Association go to the volunteer groups working at the Center on Saturdays or to local groups such as the Rescue Squad, Fire Department, Police Department and other worthy organizations. Recent estimates indicate that Fanwood is saving between \$61,000 and \$81,000 annually by recycling.

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

The Fanwoodian
75 N. Martine Avenue
Fanwood, NJ 07023

Fanwoodian@VisitFanwood.com



The Fanwoodian

VOTING NEWS!

Upcoming Election Dates

April 11:

Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot for School Board

April 18:

Annual School Board Election

May 16:

Last Day to register to vote for June Primary

May 30:

Last day to mail for Absentee Ballot for June Primary

June 6:

Primary Election Day

Polls open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Information for Handicapped Fanwoodians

Borough Clerk, Eleanor McGovern has requested Fanwoodians that may need special assistance at the Voting Polls to contact her at 908-322-8236.

Senior Center Grand Opening

On February 27

Mayor Colleen Mahr and Freeholder Al Mirabella joined the Fanwood Seniors for lunch at the Grand Opening of the new Senior Center in Forest Road Park. The state-of-the-art kitchen was financed by a grant from Union County obtained by the Mayor and Freeholder Mirabella. Fanwood's Seniors hold their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. All are



welcome to attend and to join this very active group. Coming up is a trip to the Hunterdon Hills dinner theater to see *Born Yesterday*. Plans are underway to schedule new activities so that the Center can remain open during the day.

Raiders Athletics!

Spring is upon us! The high school students have been training for weeks. Now is the time to come out and support your teams! Baseball, golf, track, tennis and softball schedules as well as information about the entire Raiders athletics programs, please contact the high school at 908-889-8600 or visit www.spfk12.org.

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