



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fanny Wood Day Scheduled for Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Fanny Wood Day will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2006, from Noon until 5:00 p.m. at the corner of Martine and South Avenues in downtown Fanwood.

The festivities include plenty of food and craft vendors, as well as great activities for the kids. The special children's area will feature an obstacle course, bounce-and-slide funhouse, trackless train, moonwalk, kiddie maze, and a nine-hole mini golf course. Clowns, balloons, a magician, music and other entertainment will be also part of the fun.



### A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

Greetings from Borough Hall!

I trust that everyone has had an enjoyable summer filled with pleasant memories spent with family and friends. The employees and volunteers of Fanwood have been busy this summer continuing our work on improving all aspects of our lovely town.

If you have not had the opportunity to see all of the recent improvements please take note next time you are out and about:

- The North Side of the Train Station received the lovely addition of brick pavers and new concrete walkways as well as the Fanwood Lamp that should be installed by late September.
- Trenton Avenue received new sidewalks as part of the first phase of a project that will include sidewalk improvements on Martine Avenue, from Trenton Avenue to the Borough Boundary. This project was made possible through a NJDOT Safe Streets to Schools Program and was one of 61 projects funded out of a total of 255 applications received!
- Sections of Watson and Russell Roads saw a reconstructed roadway, Belgium block curb and new sidewalks. These sidewalks will help our residents safely walk to and from the train station.
- La Grande Park is under major reconstruction to its Softball fields. The entire field will be re-graded and new fencing, backstops, irrigation, topsoil and sod will be part of the

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This year, there will be five contests: pie baking, pie eating, Mr. & Mrs. Fanny Wood (representing the spirit of the borough), Fanwood trivia, and a "Decorated Wheels on Parade" contest (bikes, wagons, etc.) The Cougar Car Club will host an exhibition of classic automobiles in the train station parking lot along South Avenue.

"We encourage everyone to mark September 17<sup>th</sup> on their calendars and join us downtown to honor Fanwood's legendary first lady and to celebrate the borough's 111<sup>th</sup> Birthday," said Mayor Colleen Mahr.

The Fanny Wood Day Committee is chaired by Jennifer Ricci, executive director of The Chelsea, with support from Fanwood Council members Joe Higgins and Joan Wheeler and representatives from Public Works, and the Police Department. Anyone interested in being a Fanny Wood Day volunteer on September 17<sup>th</sup> should call (908) 654-5200.

The rain date for Fanny Wood Day is Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Nature Center Needs Help

Recent heavy rains have washed away wood chips along many of the Fanwood Nature Center trails.

Groups are needed to place wood chips on the trails. If interested, please contact Dean Talcott, Nature Center Caretaker at 908-322-6577. The work can be scheduled on any day during the summer or fall.

## Trick or Treat Safety Tips



Halloween is on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Fanwood residents and their children can celebrate with the annual parade gathering at the Memorial Library at 6:00pm. The parade starts there at 6:30pm and goes to La Grande Park.

The Fanwood Community Policing Alliance would like to offer the following trick-or-treat safety tips:

- Children of all ages should be accompanied by an adult and should wear something reflective on their clothing or carry a flashlight. Travel in groups. Cross only at crosswalks and marked intersections. It is very dangerous to cross in the middle of the street, especially between parked cars, wearing dark costumes.

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## Meet Your Borough Council Councilman Bruce Walsh

I began as a volunteer on the Fanwood Planning Board in 1987, and since then I have been elected four times as a Councilman. The most recent term began in January 2006.

Through the years my appreciation for Fanwood and its people has continued to grow, and the opportunity to serve means a lot to me.

One of the reasons I decided to run again for the Fanwood Council was the excitement I felt about the improvements which were about to take place, especially to the former Dean Oil property and the downtown business area. I wanted to be a part of the changes, while helping to preserve the small town character that I love.

I am a father of three and a grandfather of six. One of my daughters and her husband and three grandchildren are also Fanwoodians, as are my sister, brother-in-law and three nieces and a nephew. Personally, I enjoy poetry, theater, boating, playing poker and riding my motorcycle. I am also a licensed private pilot.

I look forward to continuing to do whatever I can to help Fanwood thrive and to represent the best interests of our residents especially in the area of property tax relief and quality of life concerns.

## Mayor's Message

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project. Investing in our fields and the recreational activities of our residents continues to be a top priority.

- Demolition was completed along South Avenue, as the next step towards the redevelopment of our downtown. Construction should begin shortly on both sites, resulting in beautiful mixed-use buildings

The Borough also received word in late July that we received \$350,000 in the New Jersey Extraordinary Municipal Aid Program – a property tax relief program. This aid will help address some of the unexpected and extraordinary budget issues that currently face our community.

We continue to strive to minimize tax increases on our residents. It is extremely important to seek out any and all grant opportunities and capitalize on them. Securing these grants is a team effort and we could not benefit without the support of our legislators who represent Fanwood in Trenton – Senator Scutari, Assemblywoman Stender and Assemblyman Green.

Throughout this issue you will find interesting news, including a new section for the “Senior” community members, and information about the many Fall events in our community, Fanwoodstock III on September 10<sup>th</sup>, Fannywood Day on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and our ever-popular Halloween Parade on October 31<sup>st</sup>!

As always please reach out to me with your suggestions or comments by calling 908-322-8236 or write me at [mayor@visitfanwood.com](mailto:mayor@visitfanwood.com)

## FANWOOD KIDS KORNER

The Fanwood Recreation Department has a new website

<http://www.visitfanwood.com/recreation/> listing information about activities happening in town.

The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces the annual Fanwood Halloween Parade and Costume Contest on Tuesday, October 31st, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Memorial Library.



The parade will go from the Library to La Grande Park, where there will be free doughnuts, apple cider, coffee - and tons of prizes for best costumes (judged by age category - from infants through adults).



There is also a Jack O'Lantern contest - submit your entries (with name and age) at La Grande Park by 6:30 p.m.

There is no rain date for this event. Call (908) 889-2080 if you have questions or need more details or visit the Recreation Commission's new website.

### Who Is This Fanwoodian?



Our subject this time is a person who is known to literally hundreds of Fanwood residents, young and old. She is 72 years of age and has lived in Fanwood for 49 years. She has three children, two sons and a daughter, all graduates of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains school system. She has served as a:

- President of the LaGrande school PTA
- Den Mother
- A member of the Recreation Commission
- Volunteer with the Union County Probation Department for two years
- Volunteer with The Fanwood Board of Health for six years
- Chairman of a Red Cross Drive
- Volunteer for Cancer door-to-door drive
- Founder of the Girls Athletic League in 1966

Some of her favorite hobbies and activities over the years have been to:

- Refinish furniture and cane chairs
- Play the part of Miss Fanny Wood at our Fanny Wood Day celebration in 2005
- Act the part of the Halloween Witch in La Grande Park for the past 10-12 years
- Play the part of Fanwood's Easter Bunny for over 40 years.

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## Fall Pick-Up Programs

### BRUSH



The Fall Brush pick-up program will begin on September 5<sup>th</sup> in the North Quadrants and September 11<sup>th</sup> in the South Quadrants.

Brush can be placed curbside by 7:00 am on the above dates to ensure prompt pickup.

**ONCE THE BRUSH PROGRAM HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE BOROUGH ASKS THAT YOU STORE ANY ADDITIONAL ACCUMULATED BRUSH ON YOUR PROPERTY UNTIL THE NEXT PICKUP IN JANUARY.**



### BULK WASTE HINTS

The annual Fall Bulk Waste Cleanup Program will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> in the Northwest Quadrant and will end the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> in the Southeast Quadrant. Remember: Materials that can be recycled or are hazardous may NOT be placed for bulk waste pickup and they will be left at the curb.

The cost of the bulk waste pick-up program is provided through your tax dollars. Last year we are proud that the amount of waste collected dropped by more than 80 tons, while rising costs for solid waste disposal resulted in an increase expense to the borough. The continuation of this program is in your hands. Please recycle all that you can, dispose of as much waste as possible with your weekly trash, and do not accept contributions from individuals outside of the

borough in order to make this program affordable and beneficial to all of our residents.

### FALL LEAF PICK UP

The fall leaf pickup program will begin on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and end on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Residents are reminded that the program is designated for the pickup of leaves only. Any leaf piles which contain branches, brush, rocks or any other foreign debris will not be picked up. Please try to remove your cars from the street during leaf pickup. Your cooperation will help the Department of Public Works crew work more efficiently result in your leaves being picked up in a more timely fashion.



**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGULATIONS AND BOROUGH ORDINANCE #05-24-R PROHIBITS THE PLACEMENT OF BRUSH OR LEAVES IN THE STREET NO MORE THAN 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED PICK-UP AND MUST BE PLACED A MINIMUM OF 10 FEET AWAY FROM A DRAINAGE INLET (CATCH BASIN). ENFORCEMENT IS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

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

## Trick or Treat Safety Tips

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- **Parents:** tell your kids to save the candy until they get home. It gives you a chance to make sure it is okay for them to eat. Lookout for unwrapped candy and watch out for potential food allergies your child may have. Waiting until they get home also reduces the chance of litter in our neighborhoods. If you have any concerns about any items your child receives, you can bring those items to the Fanwood Police Department for further review.
- **Parents:** Tell your children to never go inside a stranger's home. There's no reason to do this on Halloween (or any other night).
- **Homeowners:** Don't invite any children into your home. Have the candy/treats ready at the door. If you are giving out candy, make sure it is individually wrapped/sealed. We recommend against making any homemade treats. Turn your porch light on to indicate kids can come to your house for trick-or-treating.
- **Homeowners:** If you are done giving out treats for the night (or do not want to participate in trick-or-treat), leave your porch/outside lights **off** and take in any outdoor Halloween decorations.
- **Parents:** Tell your kids not to go to any houses with their lights off.

For more general safety tips, please visit the CPA's website at [www.fanwoodcpa.org](http://www.fanwoodcpa.org).

## Senior Sidelights

The Fanwood Senior Citizen Club is an active group of Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents that gather twice a month from September to June for camaraderie and good times. Guest speakers, day trips and interesting activities all highlight the group's purpose.



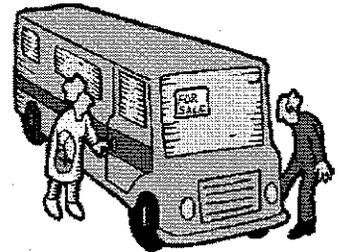
Mark your calendars now for the first meeting of the year scheduled for Monday, September 11th, at 10:00 a.m. at the newly renovated Forest Road Park building. The Club meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month to conduct business and the first and third Mondays are reserved for games and other activities. All are welcome, come out and join the fun!

Upcoming events include a trip to West Falmouth, MA, for a five day, four night trip from September 18th through the 22nd. The trip was arranged under the direction of Jim Peeney, Club President and other members of the club. Other stops include a visit to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. If you cannot make this trip, there will be other opportunities throughout the year. All are welcome.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Senior bus service is also available to all Senior members of our community and provides free transportation on the following schedule:

- Wednesdays and Fridays to the Blue Star Shopping Center
- Third Monday of each month to various other shopping malls. On September 18<sup>th</sup> a trip to the Woodbridge Mall is planned.

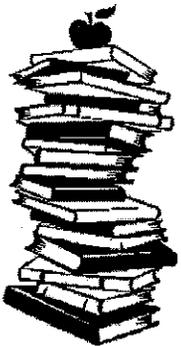
Seniors wishing to use this service must call (908) 322-5151 to request a registration form from Ronald Heller or stop by Scotch Plains Town Hall to pick up a registration form. Sign up and join other seniors for these excursions.



It has been nine months since the inception of the Medicare D Prescription Program and many Seniors are receiving the benefits of this program while others are still confused. For assistance or to answer your questions about which plan might be best for you, you can call the Medicare hotline at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-877-486-2048) or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). Local assistance is available by calling (908) 522-4687, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, Medicare Coordinator at Overlook Hospital to make a personal appointment.

Please feel free to contact Joan Wheeler at [joanw@visitfanwood.com](mailto:joanw@visitfanwood.com) for any further information or concerns related to your life as a Senior living in Fanwood.

## Friends of the Fanwood Library Book Sale



The annual Friends of the Fanwood Library book sale has some new additions this year. Instead of the usual one day, the sale will take place over three days:

Thursday, September 28th,  
3 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Friday, September 29th  
9 a.m.- Noon and 3 p.m - 8 p.m.  
Saturday, September 30th,  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Thursday evening sale is a preview for members of the Friends, and memberships may be purchased at the door for immediate entry. Individual memberships are \$15 and families \$20. The sale is open to all members of the public on Friday and Saturday.

The Friends will begin collecting donations for the sale on Tuesday, September 19 at Forest Road Park Building. Acceptable items include books, like-new toys and commercially produced videos, DVDs and CDs. Textbooks, encyclopedias and condensed books will not be accepted. All donations must be in clean, saleable condition.

Please note: The sale will not take place at the library, but at the Forest Road Park Building (on Forest Road between Woodland and Pleasant Avenues.)

For further information, contact Chairperson Nancy Eisenbarth at (908) 322-6559.

# Did You Know ???

The following ordinances are part of Fanwood's Borough code. Often individuals may be in violation because they are not aware that these ordinances exist. Please make every attempt to comply.

## Animals and Pets

A dog shall not be permitted on a public street or public place unless accompanied by a person **12 years of age** or older and by an adequate leash **not more than 6 feet in length**.

Dogs are not permitted to soil, defile or defecate on any private and/or public property. (Includes any utility rights-of-way, municipal parks and properties or neighborhood lawns and yards.) Owners shall remove all solid dog waste immediately and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. (Waste shall not be deposited in public trash receptacles or storm drains).



Dog and Cat licenses are due annually in the month of January.

## Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse

Every homeowner shall enter into a contract with a private trash hauler, authorized to service Fanwood, for regular solid waste collection services at least twice each week.

Garbage pick up on residential streets shall not begin before 6:00 a.m.

A public receptacle shall not be used for the disposal of personal garbage.



Empty garbage cans placed at the curb shall be removed from the curb before dusk on the day of the pickup.



Welcome to Fanwood's newest eatery, Café Zest located at 200 South Avenue (formerly the Molta Mocha Café). Café Zest will feature breakfast and lunch specials with outdoor seating available.

## Residential Parking

No person shall park any motor vehicle in any front yard (grassy area) with the exception of driveways and parking areas constructed and installed for that purpose.



No person shall park, leave or store (except in a garage) upon any private property any inoperable motor vehicle or components parts for a period of more than 30 days.

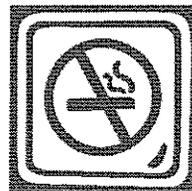
Recreational vehicles (RVs, boats, trailers, etc.) may be parked on any premises of any occupied dwelling, provided that such recreational vehicle is the only recreational vehicle on said premises and an application has been secured from the Chief of Police for a permit within 48 hours of arrival. The recreational vehicle will not be parked for more than six weeks from the time of application during a 12-month period.

## Streets and Sidewalks



Snow, hail or ice shall be removed within 24 hours after it has fallen from all sidewalks, abutting or bordering all properties, by owners or tenants of said property.

## New Rules on Smoking



The New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act, which took effect April 15<sup>th</sup>, prohibits smoking in all indoor public places and workplaces throughout New Jersey, including Fanwood.

Smoking is prohibited in offices, restaurants and retail stores. It is also banned inside public and nonpublic schools, as well as on school grounds. In addition, the Act prohibits employers from providing a smoking break room for employees.

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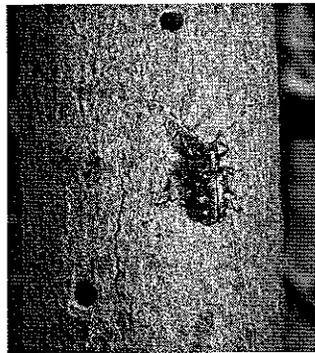
# Something To Think About



The Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) has appeared in New York and now seems to be threatening several New Jersey

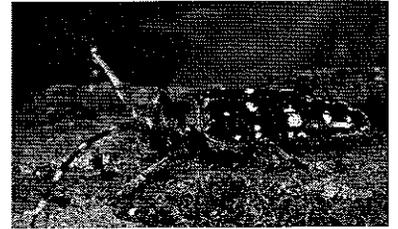
communities right near us in Union county. Since 2002, Department of Agriculture officials have already removed and destroyed over 16,000 infested or high-risk exposed trees in New Jersey. Quarantine areas have been established around the Carteret/Linden/Rahway and Hoboken/Jersey City areas. On April 16, 2006, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it will start treating or removing over 27,000 trees in Linden,

Woodbridge, Carteret, Rahway, and Roselle. This is getting pretty close to home! The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is running this program.



APHIS and cooperating groups try to treat trees in quarantine areas with a special insecticide, imidaclopid, either with capsules at the base of the trunk or by treating the soil surrounding trees with a hand-held injector that uses compressed air. In some areas, infected trees or high-risk trees may have to be removed. To

avoid more contamination it is important that removal be handled by a professional.



The Asian Longhorned Beetle is large ranging from 0.75 to 1.25 inches long with very long black and white antennae. Its body is glossy black with irregular white spots. It feeds on many species of hardwood trees and it is commonly found in these trees: Maple, Box Elder, Willow, Mulberry, Cherry, Oak and Elm It's also less commonly found in, Sycamore, Hackberry, Poplar, Rose-of Sharon, Apple and Crab Apple Trees. If you are planting trees it is best to avoid the types that the beetle very commonly enjoys.

The larvae of the ALB bore into healthy hardwood trees, feeding on living tree tissue and hardwood. Later, in the summer, adult beetles come out through exit holes and feed on the leaves and twigs of host trees.

If you think you have found an insect resembling the ALB, **DONT CUT THE TREE DOWN!** Report it to the Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Inspection Service (APHIS), which will take proper action. Call 1-866-BEETLE1 for advice.

Check the trees on your property for ALB and report to APHIS if you find something looking suspicious.

Let's help keep this pest out of our area! You can help.

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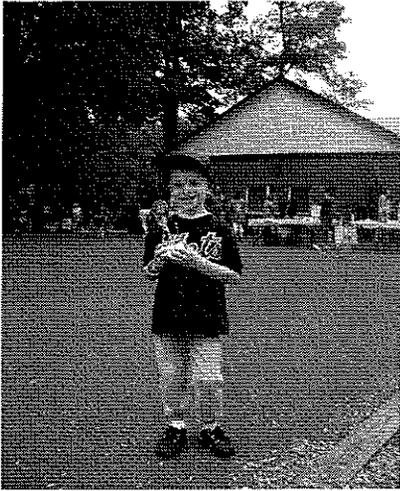
Dorris Terry!

Contributions, suggestions and comments are welcome

The Fanwoodian

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Fanwood Little League Trophy Day  
was Saturday, June 17  
at Forest Road Park.

## Smoking Rules *continued*

There are a few notable exceptions to the new law including casinos and cigar bars. Hotel, motels and other lodging facilities may permit smoking in up to 20% of guest rooms. The law is enforced by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and local health departments. Fines for individuals or institutions found violating the smoke free law are \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.

For further information contact the Westfield Regional Health Department at 908-789-4070.

## FANWOODSTOCK III



Sunday, September 10th

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Five Hours of Peace, Love & Music  
on the lawn outside the Fanwood Library!

Bring a picnic and the family — the program starts with MR. RAY: Kid's Music that ROCKS, followed by the headline act, Pat DiNizo of the SMITHEREENS. Pat will play a set from his new CD, "This is Pat DiNizo" and another set of SMITHEREEN hits. The music will conclude with performances by local bands from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The Friends of Fanwood Memorial Library will be celebrating their 20th anniversary at 2 p.m.

Our Recycling Center accepts  
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and buckets  
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