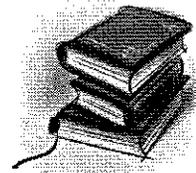


Fanwood & Scotch Plains Libraries Examine Possibility of Merger



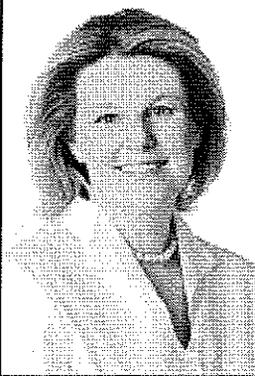
The Fanwood and Scotch Plains Libraries are investigating an interesting proposal – merging the two libraries into one state of the art facility to serve both communities. Facing increasingly limited space and adequate room for the growing number of programs and patrons, the respective Boards of Directors have applied for a

grant to conduct a feasibility study to determine the best course of action, including the possibility of a merger.

The grant application, made through the state's SHARE (Sharing Available Resources Efficiently) program, is for \$90,000, with the two libraries contributing a combined \$10,000 to launch a full scale feasibility study to determine the most cost effective and beneficial solution to current challenges facing each library.

Fanwood Memorial Library Director Dan Weiss noted that both libraries face a variety of needs related to building upgrades – among the issues facing the Fanwood Library is the need for an elevator and the need for more space.

The libraries are already involved in a number of shared services including a partnership that allows residents to reserve and check out books from either library via a combined catalog and earlier this year they launched a digital archive containing high-school yearbooks, various historic books and about three decades' worth of back issues of *The Times*.



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

Greetings from Borough Hall! I trust that we are all ready to say good-bye to the winter and usher in all the promises that spring brings. With the New Year have come new projects that the Borough will begin and those projects we will be completing now that the weather will be turning warmer.

In 2007 look for a new and improved roadway along Marion Avenue and McDermott Place once the finishing touches are put on the LaGrande Park field renovations. The road construction along Pleasant Avenue that began in the fall will soon resume, and I want to thank those residents for their patience during this time. Grant money from the NJ Safe Streets to School program will be used to improve our sidewalks along Martine Avenue between Trenton Avenue and Montrose Avenue. In addition to these capital improvements look for action on expanding our wonderful cultural heritage with the opening of the Fanwood Museum in May and renovations to the Pat Kuran Cultural Arts Center.

It's an exciting time for Fanwood with all these various projects plus the continued momentum we all see with the construction along South Avenue. Work is continuing all along our downtown area and the future holds great promise. It's been through a lot of hard work and diligence that Fanwood's downtown is undergoing the re-birth it deserves.

If you have not been to our Library recently I encourage you to do so. Under Director Dan Weiss we now have a large travel section filled with the latest books and CD's that you can borrow obtained through yet another grant received in 2006. The recreation commission has also been busy expanding recreational opportunities for all of our residents. In January, I spoke about focusing on our seniors who live in town, and how we need to keep them engaged in our community. To that end, for the first

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Meet Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell

It is an honor and privilege to have served the residents of Fanwood on the Borough Council for the past eight years. I am often asked, "Why do you do it?" and the answer is simple, "I love Fanwood." At the present time, it is very exciting to be part of the great things that are going on in our community. It's great to see progress towards the redevelopment of our downtown, implementation of our new Senior Citizen center at Forest Road Park, the establishment of our own Historic Preservation Museum and the anticipated arrival of a Historic Caboose at the train station to name just a few.

Twenty year ago I said yes to Mayor Pat Kuran when she asked me to serve on the Environmental Commission and from there as a representative to the newly forming Recycling Association. As a charter member, I served as President, Vice President and Secretary for 10 years. My civic commitment compelled me into elected office where I have been happily serving on nearly every committee and commission within the borough over the past eight years. I am proud of our town and am the first one to extol its accomplishments. I feel very strongly that one should not complain unless you are willing to be part of a solution.

I am a nurse and if I had to do it over again, I would still be a nurse. I moved to Fanwood with my family as a child from Plainfield, but have chosen to live in Fanwood, as has my sister Janice who also is a resident, with my Scotty and Westie dogs because I like the small town atmosphere, the convenience of walking to most places and because of the great people who live here.

Any achievements I may have accomplished have been because of the hard work of all the volunteers who have served with me along the way. I look forward to seeing you all again at our upcoming volunteer events such as Earth Day and Arbor Day. Make a commitment to get involved – you'll be glad you did!

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time we now have a wide variety of senior recreational programs that are being offered that range from Chair Yoga, to Line Dancing and more. I encourage our senior community to reach out to our Director Bob Budiansky at 908-370-7092 with their ideas and preferences.

As Mayor I had the wonderful opportunity earlier this year to be invited to an anniversary luncheon celebrating several residents who have lived on LaGrande Ave for 50 years. They were part of the original development and got together to reminisce about their friendship, the events that they shared in, and how they really have enjoyed living as neighbors for half a century! After leaving them I walked away knowing that Fanwood is indeed a special place filled with special people.

Finally, on a personal note I would like to thank all those residents who have sent well wishes to me and my husband Geordy, on the birth of our 3rd son, Colin Charles. I count myself very lucky to have met so many great individuals who I now consider friends as well as Fanwoodians.



Earth Day 2007

Join Fanwood's 18th annual Clean Community Day celebrating Earth Day on Saturday April 21, 2007, starting at 8:30am on the South side of the train station parking lot – come rain or shine. Everyone is welcome

to help clean the litter around Fanwood's parks and public lands. Volunteers will be provided with special t-shirts, gloves and garbage bags; and will be organized into work groups to cover different areas of Fanwood to clean up. For more information, please contact Clint Dickson, Fanwood's Director of Public Works at (908) 322-7404.

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Fanwood Arts Council News

Following the wonderful Holiday Concert in December featuring the Somertones barbershop singers, the Fanwood Arts Council will host the following free events in the coming months at the Kuran Arts Center on Watson Road, next to Fanwood Borough Hall:

April - "National Poetry Month" - to be announced. Event will be publicized on Channel 35 and in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times.

May 8, at 8:00 pm - Carriage House Poetry Series presents a poetry reading featuring Jack Wiler. An open mic will follow the featured reader.

For more information about Fanwood Arts Council activities, call 908-889-7223 or 908-889-5298.

Renovation Grant for the Former Carriage House

The Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center on Watson Road will soon be undergoing a major renovation. Using a \$50,000 state grant secured by Assemblywoman Linda Stender, items to be addressed range from removing the permanent bleacher type seating and installing collapsible, removable risers, the painting of the interior, making improvements to the lighting and creating additional storage.



"Along with Pat Kuran, I was part of the original group that fought to preserve and protect the carriage house from being destroyed," said Assemblywoman Stender. "As an elected representative of Fanwood, it's gratifying to see it still standing and being used for cultural events. Preserving buildings like this helps to keep our history alive and adds to Fanwood's small-town charm."

Formerly known as the Carriage House, the Center was renamed in January 1999 to honor former Mayor Patricia Kuran who died in 1996. Mayor Kuran spearheaded the campaign to preserve the historic building that was once part of the Homestead, a Victorian era resort. It has undergone many renovations over the years, but the building maintains its unique architectural character.

"The Kuran Center is one of Fanwood's hidden gems," Mayor Colleen Mahr notes. "By opening up the floor plan, it will allow for better use of the space for photography and art exhibits in addition to the poetry readings, musical performances and other events that have been staged there over the years. I look forward to working with both the Cultural Arts Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission on this worthwhile community project."

Sing-A-Long!

Members of Girl Scout Troop 256, in order to earn their Bronze Star Award will be hosting a community Sing-Along to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA and the 50th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council.

The Sing-Along will be held on Friday, April 20th from 4-5:30 pm at the Village Green in Scotch Plains. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rescue Squad Seeks Members

The Fanwood Rescue Squad, headquartered at 123 Watson Road, is seeking new members to join the organization. Currently 37 members strong, the organization offers opportunities for Fanwood residents to provide important services to our Fanwood residents. The squad operates on an "as available" basis, where members respond to calls for the squad's services based upon their availability. Currently additional members who could provide services during normal workdays are being sought, but we welcome everyone. The squad provides all volunteers Basic First Aid and CPR/AED (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillation) training through the American Red Cross, followed by the required EMT-B (Emergency Medical Technology-Basic) training.

Anyone interested in joining the squad, or for further information contact either the squad office at 908-322-9000 or send an email to fanwoodrescue@comcast.net.



Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water



Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergent, pet waste, grass clipping: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinance or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit Your Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides

Do a soil test to see if you need fertilizer.
Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
Look into alternatives for pesticides.
Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it. **Make sure you properly store and discard any unused portion**

Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products

Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local bodies of water and the water is not treated.
If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
Recycle used motor oil at the recycling center.
Other hazardous materials can be taken to the Union County hazardous waste sites advertised.

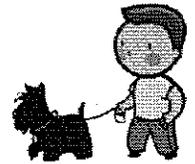
Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains

Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean Up After Your Pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
 - o Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
 - o Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
 - o Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.



Don't Feed Wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Don't Litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles
- Recycle, recycle, recycle
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of Yard Waste Properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Recreation News

Spring Classes for Seniors

This month, Fanwood Recreation introduces a full slate of new classes specially tailored for Fanwood seniors. Classes began the week of March 5th and are running for eight weeks total:

- Chair Yoga (Wednesdays, 2–3 pm)
- Line Dancing (Thursdays, 1–2 pm)
- Tai Chi (Fridays, 10–11 am)
- Water Exercise (Fridays, 11–11:45 am)

Friday, March 30th, 1:30 pm, seniors can create their own beautiful flower arrangements just in time for the Spring holiday season in a two-hour Floral Design class. The fee for this class is \$25, which includes the cost of the flowers and other materials.

An eight-week Senior Aerobics class will begin on Tuesday, April 17th from 10–10:50 am.

All classes are held in the recreation building at Forest Road Park, except for Water Exercise, which is held at the JCC of Central NJ Wilf Jewish Community Campus indoor pool in Scotch Plains.

Although some classes have started, it's not too late to register. For more information about fees and registration, call the Fanwood Recreation Dept. at 908-889-2080. Space is limited.

Fanwood Easter Egg Hunt

Fanwood's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 7th, starting at 10:00 AM in Forest Road Park. All children 10 and under are invited to meet the Easter Bunny and join the fun! Hundreds of eggs to find and prizes for all! Plus, even more prizes will be given out for these contests:

- Guess the number of jellybeans!
- Guess the number of chocolate eggs!
- Egg-decorating contest—
bring your own decorated egg to enter!
- Bunny-drawing contest—
bring your own bunny drawing to enter!

For more information, go to
www.visitfanwood.com/recreation
or call Fanwood Recreation,
370-7092.

Fanwood Recreation Spring Schedule

Fanwood Recreation has something for everyone as it announces its schedule of Spring programs. For more information about all these classes and to register, go to www.visitfanwood.com/recreation or call Fanwood Recreation, 908-370-7092.



For Kids Only:

Travelin' Tumblers (begins 4/11, ages 4-5)
Space Day (4/3, Grades K-2)
Art Club for Kids (begins 4/30, ages 5-8)
Weebots: Adventures in Literacy
(begins 3/23, Kindergarten)

Engineering for Kids (begins 3/21, Grades 1-2)
Digital Animation (begins 3/21, Grades 2-4)
Crazy Chemistry (4/3, Grades 3-5)
Junior Jazzercise (begins 4/20, ages 6-12)
Taekwondo (begins 4/17, Grades K-8)

For Tweens, Teens & Adults:

Luv 2 Scrapbook (begins 4/12, ages 11-18)
Video Game Creation Workshop (begins 3/21,
Grades 5-8)
Fashion Illustration (begins 4/30, ages 11-18)
Comic Book Illustration (begins 4/10, ages 11-Adult)

For Adults Only:

Ready, Set, Sort! Organizing Your Photos (5/1)
Tai Chi (begins 4/9)
Yoga (Section 1 begins 4/17, Section 2 begins 4/18)
Scrapbook Craze (begins 4/9)
Floral Design Class (begins 4/17)

Fanwood Recreation Open House

Fanwood Recreation will hold its first ever Open House on Saturday, April 7, 10:30 am–2 pm at the Forest Road Park building, immediately after the Easter Egg Hunt. Many instructors and coaches will be there, and there will be free Taekwondo (for grades K-8, 11 am–12 noon) and Tai Chi (for adults, 1-2 pm) classes. For more information, email bob@visitfanwood.com or call 908-370-7092.

Fanwood Recreation Summer Camps and Programs Schedule

Listed below are camps and programs that Fanwood Recreation is sponsoring starting in May. For more information and to register, use the contact information in the right column.

Fanwood Junior Tennis Lessons	ages 4-14	5/22-8/9 (weekly)	bmaloney197@comcast.net
Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program	ages 5-11	6/25-8/3 (weekly)	mary@visitfanwood.com
Raider Basketball Camp	grades 1-7	6/25-6/29, 7/16-7/20	kewing@spfk12.org
Fanwood Baseball Camp	grades 1-9	7/2-7/6, 7/23-7/27	tbaylock@spfk12.org
Fanwood Soccer Camp	ages 5-10	7/9-13, 8/6-8/10	fanwoodsoccercamp@yahoo.com
Street Hockey Clinic	ages 9-11	7/10, 17, 24, 31	danielzucker@comcast.net
Sports Squirts (intro to sports)	ages 3-5	7/16-7/20, 8/20-8/24	www.ussportsinstitute.com
icamp (robotics, video game design, animation & digital video production, digital art)	grades 2-8	7/30-8/3, 8/6-8/10	www.ctworkshop.com/mnj
Multi-Sports Camp (over 15 different sports)	ages 5-14	8/20-8/24	www.ussportsinstitute.com

50 Years As Neighbors!



Mr. & Mrs. Ritter, Mr. & Mr. Hopley, Ms. Marian Dosch, Mr. & Mrs. Sommerich and Ms. Anita Welkner enjoy a dinner recently celebrating their golden anniversary as neighbors.

Recreation Buildings—for Rent!

Are you looking for a place in town to throw a birthday party, stage a dance, or hold a club meeting? Buildings in Forest Road Park and LaGrande Park are available to individuals and organizations for reservation. Each building features a large, modern room for hosting your event, and has heat (during the colder months) and restroom facilities. The Forest Road Park building also has air conditioning and kitchen facilities. Tables and chairs are available at both park buildings. Each park also has athletic fields that can be reserved for baseball, softball, t-ball, soccer and other games.

Most reservations require a rental fee. All require a security deposit. To find out about fees and how to reserve a facility, and to download the forms you'll need, go to visitfanwood.com/recreation and click on the "Facilities Rental" button; or call 908-370-7092 for more information.

An Ongoing Opportunity for Fanwoodians to Make a Lasting Difference

The Fanwood Community Foundation is a non-profit organization that was started in 1998 to help "provide public spirited donors with a vehicle for using their gifts in the best possible way now and in the future". The foundation gives members of the community a philanthropic opportunity to perpetuate their love of Fanwood. The foundation's main function is to maintain and grow an endowment fund, which it hopes to continue to build.

The interest/dividends on this fund are used to support local groups and projects such as the Fanwood Memorial Library, TV-35, the Friends of the Fanwood Pocket Park Committee and the Resolve Community Counseling Center. Funds are distributed to Fanwood

groups and organizations through a grant process.

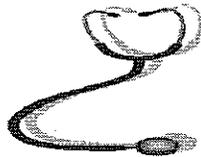
There is an eight-member board of trustees made up of local business and community leaders that currently includes two past Mayors of Fanwood, who make the decisions on how the foundation operates. The foundation has public meetings that are held at least once a year in Fanwood.

Donations to the Fanwood Community Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and can be mailed to the Fanwood Community Foundation, P.O. Box 100, Fanwood, NJ 07023. For further information about the foundation, please contact their president, Chris Rosin at 908 232-2670 or by e-mail at CDRosin@cs.com.

Board of Health News

The Fanwood Board of Health provides a number of services to our residents. Coordinated by a committee of nine volunteers they provide oversight to ensuring that Fanwood provides appropriate Public Health programs and services. Because of Fanwood's size, many of these services are contracted out to the Westfield Board of Health. These services include (but not limited to):

- Pest control and monitoring
- Well Baby Clinic
- TB/STD screening services
- Food Inspections
- Landlord/Tenant heating complaints
- Rodent issues
- Flu and Pneumonia clinics
- Stroke screenings
- New Mom visits
- Rabies clinics



In addition to the above, the board of health keeps records of all births, deaths, marriages, civil unions, communicable disease outbreaks and monitors all food inspections in our local restaurants and at our annual street fairs. They also assist our community in staying abreast of the need to develop new town ordinances such as the recent Cat and Dog Licensing, Noise Control and Second Hand Smoke laws.

If you have any questions or believe that there is a public health issue that needs to be addressed, you can contact the Westfield Board of Health directly at 908-789-4070.

Creative Habitats New Headquarters



74 South Avenue

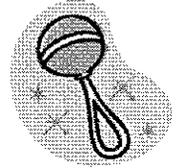
The Grand Opening for Creative Habitats was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting attended by Fanwood BPA President Peter Chemidlin, Councilman Joe Higgins, Mayor Colleen Mahr and owners Nese & Recep Captin

FREE STROKE SCREENING

A free stroke screening including blood pressure monitoring, carotid artery check, total cholesterol, HDL and risk ratio, glucose, and counseling by neuroscience professionals is available free to Fanwood residents on:

April 9, 2007
Forest Road Park
10:30 am and 1:30 pm

Pre-registration is required. For further information, locations, and appointments, please call 908-789-4070, ext. 4073.



WELL BABY CLINIC

Free immunizations and physicals to all Fanwood children from birth to age 18 are available through the Child Health Clinic.

For an appointment call Anne Travisano, Public Health Nurth at 908-780-4070 ext. 4073.

ANNUAL FREE RABIES CLINIC

May 10, 2007
Fanwood Public Works Garage
5:30 to 6:30 pm

All dogs and cats residing in Fanwood require up to date Rabies shots and should be licensed annually at Borough Hall.



Save the Date!

The Fanwood Business & Professional Association's 6th Annual Fanwood Street Fair will be held on Sunday, June 24 from 11 to 5 PM along South Ave. For more details, go to www.Fanwood.biz

Contributions, suggestions and comments are welcome

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The Great Fanwood Bird Count

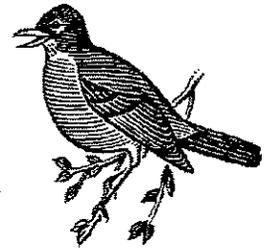
The Fanwood Environmental Commission conducted a Bird Count Workshop on Saturday, February 10th at the Fanwood Nature Center, to prepare for the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). The GBBC is a national event held each year over the President's Day weekend (February 16-19, 2007), and is sponsored by the National Audubon Society & Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Despite the cold weather, over 100 bird lovers - children and adults flocked to the Nature Center to learn more about birds in the area and how to identify and count birds for the GBBC. Children made a birdfeeder and

received a certificate of participation, as well as a bird patch.

Participants at the workshop took a guided tour of the Fanwood Nature Center and observed many species of birds at the Nature Center's

four birding stations, including the Purple Finch & Goldfinch, Red bellied Woodpecker & Downy Woodpecker, Dark-eyed, Junco, Tufted Titmouse, White-throated Sparrow and the House Sparrow. There are photos of the workshop on the www.VisitFanwood.com website.



The Commission also wishes to thank Wild Birds Unlimited on Route 22 and Parker Gardens on Terrill Road for their generous donations of birdseed, suet cakes & informative literature. To explore results of bird counts for the GBBC, visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc/. It's good news to know that from 2006 to 2007 the number of birds sighted, as well as the number of sites reporting birds more than doubled. For more information about Fanwood bird counting efforts, please contact Kalpana Krishna Kumar at fanwoodgbbc@gmail.com.



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