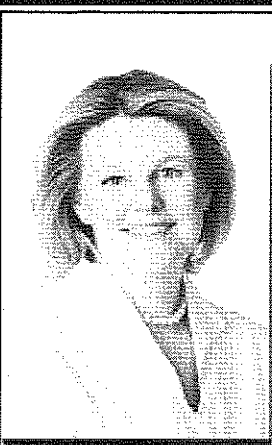


LaGrande Park Softball Field Dedicated to Dorris Terry



On May 5th, the newly revitalized softball field at LaGrande Park was dedicated to Dorris Terry, a 50 year resident of Fanwood who passed away recently. Under a beautiful sunny sky, Mayor Colleen Mahr, Union County Freeholder Al Mirabella and other dignitaries gathered, along with Dorris Terry's son Doug and his daughter Shannon.



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

Summer greetings from Borough Hall! I am sure that we all are quite ready to embrace the warm weather and to spend time outdoors after what seemed like the wettest and coldest spring in a long, long time.

There is certainly a lot of good news to report in our lovely community. And as Mayor I am proud to share some of the highlights with you:

On May 20th I was on hand to officially open the Fanwood Museum, which is now located on the first floor of the Historic Train Station. Being able to offer a real "home" for the Historic Preservation Commission's wonderful artifacts has been a personal highlight of mine, and I hope that it will be a favorite destination for you and your family. The museum will be a great way to step back in time and learn about our rich colorful past. For more information on the museum, please go to the borough's website at www.visitfanwood.com.

While we treasure our heritage we also value our recreational opportunities. On May 5th a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially reopened the LaGrande Park Ball fields after being closed for major reconstruction. The fields look and play great, along with new bleachers and batting cages - our local teams now have a much better home-field advantage!

On the economic development front, I am pleased to report that construction is humming all along South Avenue. Projects are really starting to take shape, and one can see how wonderful the buildings will fit into our downtown commercial district. The Town Bank of Westfield and the Goddard School are working hard to meet their early fall of 2007 opening dates. Their neighbor, Ponte Plaza, is almost complete and expects to have a ribbon cutting ceremony this summer. At the corner of Second and South Avenue, The Cornerstone and Fanwood Mews projects are moving

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"LaGrande Park was like a second home," said Doug Terry, who now lives in Ohio. "My dad played and managed the Sun Valley team in the Old Men's Softball League so I remember it well. This would be a dream come true for my mom to have this recognition. I'm very proud of all the time she dedicated to the Recreation Committee and to Fanwood."

In addition to the Recreation Committee, Mrs. Terry spent countless hours on other volunteer projects for the borough. She was also well known for playing the part of the Easter Bunny at the annual egg hunt for over 40 years and, more recently, the Halloween Witch at the LaGrande Park festivities.

Beginning last August, the fields at LaGrande underwent a major renovation. To correct the problem of balls flying over the fence into the adjacent playground, the field has been shifted to increase the distance from home plate to the outfield fence to 265 feet. Other changes include new fencing, grading and adjustments to the existing

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Meet Councilman David Valian

My wife, Michele, and I moved here 10 years ago with a baby and another on the way. Like most young families we searched for a home based on the reputation of its school, access to our work, quality of life, and of course price. It was by chance that we found our home here in Fanwood.

Eleven years later we have four children, two dogs, and like many in Fanwood, we are putting an addition on our home for our growing family. The schools have been excellent for our children and we've rooted ourselves in Fanwood so deeply that my sister and brother-in-law have also moved here.

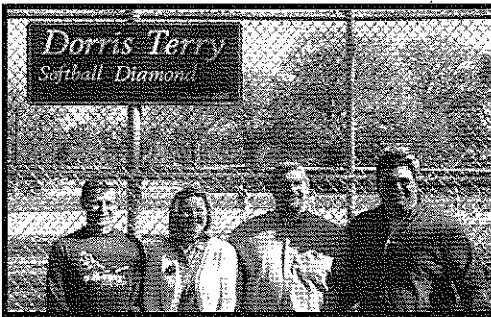
As my children entered youth sports I became involved with coaching and management of youth basketball, baseball and football. I've met some great people, Al Mirabella among them. It was his encouragement that led me to seek a seat on the Fanwood Council.

On the Council, I serve on the Public Safety Committee, Recreation Committee and as Chairman of the Land Use Committee. I've recently participated in the Shared Services meetings, a very valuable opportunity.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve my community. In this short time I have found all with whom I am involved to be genuinely concerned about doing what is good for our residents.

Dorris Terry Field Dedication

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*Doug Terry Mayor Colleen Mahr,
Councilman David Valian and
Freeholder All Mirabella*

drainage system. The alterations to the actual fields were made possible through a grant obtained by Assemblywoman Linda Stender. Funding from Union County was used for the field sign, batting cages and benches.

"With the dedication of the Doris Terry softball diamond, we acknowledge a great Fanwoodian who gave so much to our town," said Mayor Colleen Mahr. "The field is a wonderful example of the excellent working partnership we have with the county and state to get funding. We're very fortunate to have such a good partnership."

Freeholder Mirabella added, "As a resident of Fanwood, I'm always happy to help the kids. To be able to direct some funding their way is a special joy for me. It's nice to honor a dedicated volunteer like Doris Terry."

Fanny Wood Day

Sunday, September 30, 2007
12 – 5:00 P.M.

The twelfth annual Fanny Wood Day will be held on Sunday, September 30th, from noon to 5:00 p.m. in downtown Fanwood. This annual event showcases the many fine businesses and services available to all Fanwood residents in a "street fair"- like atmosphere.



CONTESTS, CONTESTS, CONTESTS

Fanny Wood Day strives to bring a difference to this annual event, by including activities that provide a reflection to earlier times. This year our event will include our Second Annual "Parade on Wheels," our long standing and traditional Pie Baking Contest and a new feature – an Ice Cream Eating contest. Plan now to make Fanny Wood Day part of your fall calendar.

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Assemblywoman Linda Stender Encourages Support for Global Warming Response Act

Assemblywoman Linda Stender made a presentation at a recent meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council seeking their support for the Global Warming Response Act which calls on all municipalities to promote "environmentally sustainable communities" in New Jersey.

Mayor Colleen Mahr noted, "Fanwood has a long history of being pro-active by taking positive action through our Recycling Program, our Clean Communities Day, and the protection of our Nature Center. We will soon be looking for volunteers to develop 'green community' strategies for Fanwood that will protect our environment for future generations."

Top Ten Everyday Ways to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in New Jersey

10. Unplug your cell phone charger after use.
9. Stop junk mail.
8. Scrimp on printing.
7. Recycle.
6. Save weekend errands and yard work for late afternoons.
5. Turn off your engine when waiting for drive-through services or pickups.
4. Use canvas tote bags.
3. Replace the standard light bulbs in your home with compact fluorescent bulbs.
2. Tell your utility company to buy wind, solar and other clean energy.
1. Spread the word! Make a bigger difference by telling your friends, neighbors and family about your favorite everyday way to reduce greenhouse gases.

National Night Out in Fanwood Tuesday, August 7

On the evening of August 7th starting at 6:30pm in downtown Fanwood on the north side of the train station, there will be a community gathering for National Night Out. This is a great opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie.

This is the 24th annual National Night Out, and along with the traditional "lights on" to help fight crime, there are thousands of events around the country designed to:

- Heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This event is sponsored nationally by Target and locally by the Fanwood Community Policing Alliance and will feature activities for all ages by the Fanwood Police Benevolent Association, the Fanwood Fire Department, and the Fanwood Rescue Squad.

The new Fanwood Museum will also be open that night. This event will also include a classic car show and the "Movie in the Park", which will make a wonderful evening for your family to spend in downtown Fanwood.

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nicely along to meet their late fall openings. Such great progress for a great town!

Finally on the environmental front, the Council and I recently heard from Assemblywoman Linda Stender on the importance of protecting our environment and being an environmentally conscious community. To that end look for information later this year on how Fanwood is going to develop a program to educate, challenge and

inspire our citizens into action against the growing crisis of global warming. We all can have an impact on the quality of the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land we call home.

Have a safe and fun summer and remember to watch out for our children as school comes to a close! And remember to email me at mayor@visitfanwood.com or phone (908) 322-8236 ext 124 with your suggestions or comments.

Senior Sidelights

Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to Mr. James Peeney for all of the accomplishments during his first year as the President of the Fanwood Senior Citizen Club. You and your team have provided a truly exciting and enjoyable year for the seniors. The most recent trip to Washington, DC, enjoyed by 34 Fanwood Seniors was the highlight of the year.

The Fanwood Senior Citizen Club meets at the Forest Road Park building on the second and fourth Monday at 10:00AM to conduct business. The first and third Monday are reserved for games and activities. Please plan to join in the fall to take advantage of the camaraderie and good times.



Health Hints:

The National Osteoporosis Foundation recently published evidence that calcium and vitamin D deficiency are widespread in the United States most specifically in adults

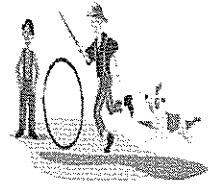
50 years and older and can contribute to the risk of osteoporosis and osteoporosis-related fractures. As we move into the summer season and increased activity it is advisable to check with your doctor to order a vitamin D level to determine if you have a deficiency which can be easily treated with sunlight and vitamin D supplement.

- Please remember to check your medications regarding sun exposure warnings and use sun block or decrease sun exposure to prevent side effects from your meds. Also, hydration is very important during the summer months to prevent heat stroke etc.
- The Medicare D Prescription Program continues to baffle some and has been a great benefit to others. If you have questions or concerns please contact the Union County Medicare S.H.I.P. hotline at (908) 273-6999. In addition, if you or someone you know needs extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs, Social Security has an online application to complete at www.socialsecurity.gov. To apply by phone call (800) 772-1213 and ask for the 'Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020).

Feel free to contact Joan Wheeler at joanw@visitfanwood.com for information related to life as a senior in Fanwood.

Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program

The Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program will have a BRAND NEW LOOK in 2007! The program will run at LaGrande Park on weekdays from June 25th–August 3rd (closed July 4th), from 9 AM–12



noon. Structured, fun-filled activities for children ages 5–11 will be led by certified teachers and experienced counselors. Activities will include arts & crafts, sports, games, contests, water fun and a whole lot more. Each week will also feature special events.

Children will be grouped according to age—children entering kindergarten and first grade in September; entering second and third grades; and entering fourth, fifth and sixth grades—and activities will be tailored to each age group.

For children entering kindergarten through 3rd grades, weekly themes will also be featured: Every Day is a Holiday Week; All Sports Week; Pirate Adventure Week (with an actual treasure hunt); Camping Adventures with Little Critters Week; Beach Ball Blast Week (with a focus on water activities); and, for the last week, Hawaiian Adventure Week—complete with a luau!

The program is \$20 per week, and you may register your child for as many weeks as you want. Space is limited. Registration forms may be picked up at the Fanwood Memorial Library or the Fanwood Municipal Building, or you can go to www.visitfanwood.com/recreation. For more information, email Mary@visitfanwood.com or call Fanwood Recreation at (908) 370-7092.

Fanny Wood Day

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ENTERTAINERS and VENDORS WANTED

Fanny Wood Day is dedicated to celebrating all that Fanwood has to offer our local community. If you are interested in being a part of this great day as a sponsor, advertiser or vendor please contact us via our website at visitfanwood.com. We strongly encourage nonprofits to participate at a nominal \$25 space fee.

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Film Features Fanwood's Past, Present and Future

A one hour and sixteen minute video titled, "The Changing Face of Our Community," can be seen nightly at 9 pm by Comcast subscribers in Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield on Municipal Access Channel 35. Providing an in-depth look at the six new construction projects encompassing the renovation of downtown Fanwood, viewers will also be provided a look at Fanwood's past construction history and the history of the land itself where the Leni Lenape tribe of the Watchung Indians hunted and fished. Mentioned is the building of the Elizabethtown & Somerville railroad in 1837 through the area known as the "West Fields of Elizabethtown." After the arrival of the first train on New Year's Day of 1839, new villages were established along the line.

Photographed, edited and produced by George Weiss, copies will be made available at the Fanwood Memorial Library, in addition, a copy will be given to Fanwood's new museum.

Bigger Book Sale for 2007

Building on last year's success, the FRIENDS is planning a 4-day book sale in 2007. Thursday, September 27, will be FRIENDS' Night (nonmembers

may join at the door); Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (September 28, 29, 30) will be open to the public.

Sunday has been designated Bag Day, when shoppers may fill a grocery bag full of books for a mere \$5! The location will again be Forest Road Park.

The sale funds children's programs, collection development, and digitizing high school yearbooks and other historical documents (see Direct from Director). In combination with a generous bequest from Ethelwynne L. Leonard, the FRIENDS has also sponsored several popular programs for the community (see Programs).

Book donations may be brought to the Forest Road Park building beginning Tuesday, Sept. 18. A detailed drop-off schedule will be available in early September. Space limitations prevent us from accepting toys or games. Sorting books and setting up the sale were lots of fun last year. Won't you join us? Even a few hours can make a big difference. For information, contact Nancy (908)322-6559 or (bruiser50@comcast.net) or Thena (thena88@hotmail.com).

FREE Summer Movies at LaGrande Park

LaGrande Park becomes a theater under the stars as Fanwood Recreation's free summer movie series begins on Tuesday, June 26th, and continues every Tuesday evening for eight consecutive weeks. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8 pm). Be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair, and maybe some bug spray!



SCHEDULE

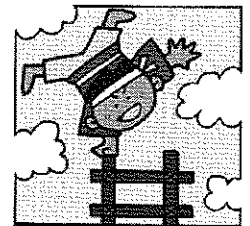
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| Tuesday June 26th | Cars |
| Tuesday July 3rd | High School Musical |
| Tuesday July 10th | Over the Hedge |
| Tuesday July 17th | Charlotte's Web |
| Tuesday July 24th | Happy Feet |
| Tuesday July 31st | Night at the Museum |
| Tuesday Aug 7th | Flushed Away |
| Tuesday Aug 14th | School of Rock |

*In case of rain, raindate is the following evening, except for July 3rd, which has a raindate of July 5th. For more information, go to www.visitfanwood.com/recreation or call 370-7092.

Last Chance to Register for Fanwood Recreation Summer Camps and Programs

Summer is fast approaching, so don't miss out on the chance to register your child for these great summer programs sponsored by Fanwood Recreation.

For more information about dates, prices, ages, etc., and to register, please use the contact information after each program name: Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program (mary@visitfanwood.com), Fanwood Junior Tennis Lessons (bmaloney197@comcast.net), Raider Basketball Camp (kewing@spfk12.org), Fanwood Baseball Camp (tbaylock@spfk12.org), Fanwood Soccer Camp (fanwoodsoccercamp@yahoo.com), Sports Squirts (www.ussportsinstitute.com), icamp (www.ctworkshop.com/mni), Multi-Sports Camp (www.ussportsinstitute.com), Street Hockey Clinic (danielzucker@comcast.net). You can also email bob@visitfanwood.com or call Fanwood Recreation at (908) 370-7092 for more information.

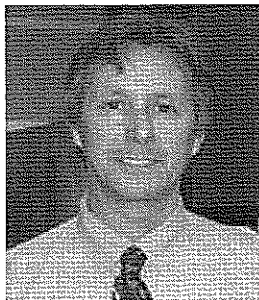


Library News

From Director Dan Weiss

The Fanwood Memorial Library (FML) enters the blogosphere at www.fanwoodlibrary.blogspot.com. Come visit for news, ideas, reading and viewing suggestions, musings, program updates, and more.

The FML and the Scotch Plains Public Library (SPPL) have recently digitized historical materials about our two towns and uploaded them onto www.thejointlibrary.org/archives. This rich resource includes access to several decades of the Scotch Plains--Fanwood Times and the SPF High School Culmen yearbooks, with plans to complete the collections soon. Also available online are books about our two towns and current code and



land-use ordinances. The project received support from the boards of directors of both libraries and was funded by both FRIENDS groups and a SHARE grant. For more info or to add to these valuable archives please contact us at (library@fanwoodlibrary.org).

In the thick of summer vacation planning? Check out one of our new travel guides from Fodor, Frommer, Lonely Planet, Moon, Rough Guides, and more. Or view exotic locations from home with one of over 200 new DVDs. Available from FML or the SPPL, courtesy of another SHARE grant. Don't forget to browse our virtual combined catalogue at www.fanwoodlibrary.org or www.scotlib.org.

Teens at the Library

Calling all young novelists! The teen group is conducting a *Make Your Own Graphic Novel* contest, ending August 5. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to submit a graphic, anime, and/or manga novel of up to 6 pages.

◀ Attention girls in grades 7-8! Bring your mom along for the new mother/ daughter reading club that starts this summer.

◀ AND ... visit the website (www.fanwoodlibrary.org) to blog or check dates for jewelry and greeting-card making, as well as high school book beats, DDR, and video gaming.

Or ... stop in for the latest from your favorite author and check out the new books and magazines in the Teen Corner. While you're at it, why not join us? We are looking for more 6th- to 8th-graders. Contact Nancy K. for more information (908-322-6400).



Children's Department

The FRIENDS will once again sponsor *Monday Nights Are Special @yourlibrary*, part of the Summer Reading Club Get a Clue @yourlibrary, each week in July, 7 pm. Programs include ◀ the Traveling Lantern Theatre's presentation of *Sherlock Holmes Takes the Case*; ◀ *The Magic Mystery Show* by Full-Effect Productions, a magic & puppetry spectacle; ◀ a performance by the library's own Summer Drama Workshop; and ◀ a *character meet-and-greet* with detective Geronimo Stilton.

Programs with Pzazz—All Are Free!

The FRIENDS of the Fanwood Library program calendar is hopping. Join us in June for Blueberries: New Jersey's Wonder Fruit by food historian Judith Krall-Russo. She returns (remember the Tea Lady?) to give us its history, recipes, and samples. Information will be on hand about the annual blueberry festival in Whitesbog, NJ.

◀ Come fall, the FRIENDS looks forward to hosting Barrie Scardino, director of the Houston Architectural Institute of America, who will present a history of libraries, from ancient to modern.

◀ On September 16, 2-4 pm, we host a klezmer blue-grass concert, with Appalachian and southern fiddle tunes. Call 908-322-6400 to reserve a seat.

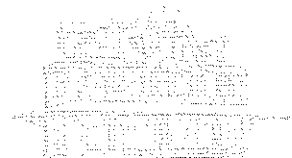
◀ On October 25, 7.30 pm, join us for *The Night That Shocked America*, a presentation about the infamous Orson Welles radio production. Call 908-322-6400 to reserve a seat.

◀ Also this fall, look for updates on a night of Broadway musicals.

Contributions, suggestions and comments are welcome

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Rotary Volunteer of the Year



Fanwood resident Bob Kraus was honored as the Rotary Volunteer of the Year. Pictured with Bob is Rotary President Pat Plante.

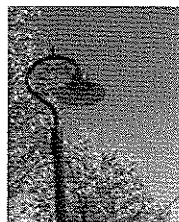
Friends of the Fanwood Library

By joining the FRIENDS, booklovers like you help improve the library's offerings. Look at all the enhancements the FRIENDS have funded over the past 20 years: the beginnings of the DVD collection, popular programs for adults and children, furniture for the adult and children's departments, a projector, and a digital camera. Join us and help this library remain a vital part of our community. A \$25 membership qualifies you to receive a T-shirt or book bag. To join, stop by the library or visit www.fanwoodlibrary.org.

A hearty welcome to our most recent board member—**Thena Rosahl**. The FRIENDS welcomes new board members and new faces at its five very friendly, very efficiently run meetings throughout the year. We are actively looking for a volunteer to fill the treasurer's slot. To volunteer, please call 908-322-9179.



Street Lamps Brighten Downtown



Fanwood's new street lamps, located on the north side of the train station, shine brightly at night illuminating our way to the platform to wait for a train or to guide us back to our cars when we return home.

During the day, they mirror the Victorian style of Fanwood's burgeoning redevelopment plan.



Union County Disposal Schedule

Hazardous Household Waste

Materials accepted: Aerosol cans, antifreeze, caustics, corrosives and cleaners, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), gasoline, mercury switches, oil based paints and varnishes, pesticides and herbicides, pool chemicals, solvents and thinners, thermostats.

Unknown or unidentified materials, explosives or radioactive materials will not be accepted.

August 11, 2007

8 AM – 2 PM

Union County Vo-Tech

1775 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains

October 20, 2007

Rahway Park, Rahway

Computer & Electronic Items

Materials accepted: Circuit boards, CPU's, fax machines, hard drives, keyboards, modems, monitors, phones, printers, scanners, speakers, TV's/VCR's.

June 9, 2007

9 AM-2 PM

Lucent Technologies

600 Mountain Avenue, New Providence

September 29, 2007

9 AM – 2 PM

Union County College

Springfield Avenue, Cranford

November 3, 2007

Schering Plough

Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth

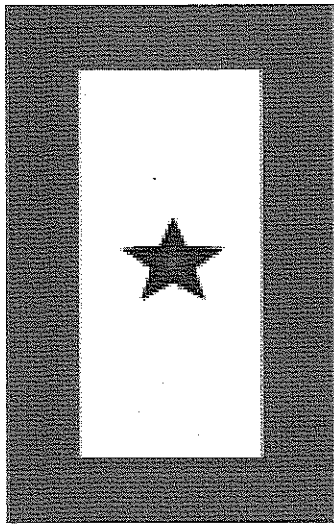
Fanny Wood Day

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Fanny Wood Day Committee is also seeking assistance on both the committee and on Fanny Wood Day. Individuals are needed to serve as judges, staff the kids' area or write and submit periodic press releases. If you would like to help, contact Councilwoman Donna Dolce through Fanwood Borough Hall.

We look forward to a truly exciting celebration!



Blue Star Families

We want to recognize your service to our country!

Fanwoodians: If you have a member of your family who is or was a resident of Fanwood, currently serving in any branch of the military or activated reserves, the borough would like to recognize and honor their service in our next issue of The Fanwoodian. If you would like your family member to be included, please contact Mike Prasad via e-mail at mprasad@aol.com and let him know the full name of the person

who is serving, their age, their branch of service, and where they are serving. Our publication deadline is August 1st. Thank you – and thanks to your family member for their service to our country!

Estimated Tax Bills

Final adoption of the Fanwood borough 2007 budget will be delayed this year as we await word from the State of New Jersey on our Extraordinary Aid Grant application. The borough expects to hear on the amount of property tax relief around the first week of July. As a result, homeowners will receive an estimated tax bill, just for the 3rd quarter, sometime in late June or early July.

Upon adoption of the budget, residents will then receive their final 2007 4th quarter tax bill in late fall. We thank you for your patience as we work hard to save you money. If you have any questions please contact the Tax Collector at (908) 322-8236

Important Election Dates

- Tuesday May 29th Last day to apply by mail for absentee ballot for June Primary Election
- Monday June 4th Last day to apply in person for absentee ballot in Elizabeth
- Tuesday June 5th Primary Election Day Polls open 6 am to 8 pm

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