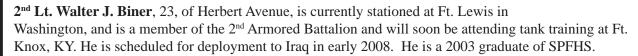
Blue Star Families

Fanwoodians (and former Fanwoodians) are currently serving our country in many branches of the U.S. military. Many of these soldiers move away from Fanwood when they enlist, but their hearts and families

are still here. The Borough of Fanwood would like to honor and recognize their service to our country. In alphabetical order they are:



Lt. Col. Timothy Callahan, 43, formerly of Portland Avenue, is currently serving in the U.S. Marines in Oahu, HI. He participated in Operation Desert Storm in 1991, and in Operation Iraqi Freedom in both 2004

& 2006. He grew up in Fanwood where he attended School One, Park Middle and SPFHS.



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

I find it hard to believe that the summer of 2007 has come to a close. I hope everyone enjoyed the time by being outdoors and visiting with family and friends. Over the summer there has been a lot of activity in and around the Borough

that I would like to share with you.

First, for the third time in four years, Fanwood has been the recipient of Extraordinary Aid tax relief in the amount of \$325,000, a program to offset the tax burden on our residents. In a time with an ever shrinking state budget, we once again proved our case for this financial grant.

Meanwhile, construction continues at a nice pace all along South Avenue. Once completed, these new additions to our community will provide a significant amount of tax revenue to continue to provide relief to the residential homeowner. Our newly formed trash collection district behind the stores on Martine Avenue will soon be in effect. The goal of the trash district is to remove the unsightly dumpsters and install new consolidated "trash castles" away from public view.

You may have noticed a major sidewalk replacement program along Martine Avenue. The work was partially funded by the very competitive NJ Department of Transportation "Safe Routes to Schools" program. Now commuters, students and residents can enjoy a safer and more aesthetically pleasing walk through town.

Our Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program for children was a huge success after undergoing a major upgrading. A huge "thank you" to all the counselors and supervisors and special thanks to Assistant Director Mary Pembridge and Director Bob

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Sgt. Sean R. Lennon, 23, formerly of Willoughby Road, is a proud member of the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army and is currently stationed in Iraq. He has also served our country in Afghanistan.

Jeff Peterson, is currently serving in the Reserves on his second deployment overseas. Jeff is also a member of our Department of Public Works.

Have you ever wondered what the "Blue Star" part of the Blue Star Mall represents? A Blue Star family is someone who has a member of their family serving in the military. If you know of any other Blue Star families, please contact Mike Prasad via e-mail at mprasad@aol.com, so we can recognize their service in *The Fanwoodian*.

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Martine Ave. Sidewalks

Walking along Martine Avenue just got a whole lot easier.
Thanks to a "Safe Routes to Schools" grant, the entire length of Martine Avenue, from King Street to Portland Avenue is now lined with a continuous stretch of sidewalk.

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Meet Councilwoman Joan Wheeler

Since beginning my term as Councilwoman in January, 2006 I have been blessed with the many gifts of knowing the great residents of Fanwood and serving you to create the best community for everyone. I have focused a majority of my energy on our Senior Citizen population, as I can best relate to you as a proud member of that generation.

The creation of the Office of the Senior Citizen Coordinator by the Mayor and Council provides further evidence that I am in the right position at the right time. I will be working very closely with the Coordinator to improve senior life in Fanwood. I'm especially pleased with the immediate collaboration between the Senior Coordinator, the Recreation Commission and the Senior Club to ensure a broad spectrum of programs to suit the needs of all of our senior population.

When I first moved to Fanwood, one of the best decisions I immediately made was to become a member of the Fanwood Board of Health. This first taste of giving back to the community is what led me to seek public office as a member of the Borough Council. Since my election, I am thrilled to be giving my time and gaining such great enjoyment to make our community a "great place to put down roots."

As a Registered Professional Nurse and a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, providing services and caring for others is what I do best and being a member of the Borough Council in Fanwood has given me the opportunity to do both. I look forward to continuing to serve your needs and to focus my attention on improvements to our community in the areas of affordable housing, senior transportation, sidewalk improvements and the most important, keeping Fanwood an affordable place to live.

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Budiansky. Expect more wide ranging programs over the next year as the Recreation Commission, Mayor and Council continue to focus on ways of improving the recreation services offered to you.

In July, the Fanwood Memorial Library Children's Department held their annual summer theatre workshop. I wish to convey my heartfelt congratulations to Mary Everson, Ann Minski, all the children, staff, and parents that made this year's production a success.

It was also my pleasure this summer to meet several local families that have loved ones serving in the military. I was honored to present them with a blue star flag as a small token of appreciation for their sacrifice.

The expansion of our Senior Citizen outreach program continues to grow. "Senior Sidelights" has become a regular feature in our quarterly issues of the Fanwoodian and special recreational health and fitness programs have been added to meet their needs. I am now proud to announce that Paulette Drogan will further expand support to our seniors as the newly appointed Senior Citizens Coordinator. This new part-time position is being funded through a grant from Union County. One of Paulette's first projects is to establish a database of all seniors and individuals with special needs living in the Borough. I strongly urge everyone to complete and return the survey that has arrived in your home.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at Fanny Wood Day on September 30th. I will be available to meet with you and discuss your concerns. As always feel free to e-mail me at mayor@visitfanwood.com or phone 908 322-8236 ext 124 with your suggestions or comments.



Fanwood Community Foundation Annual Awards

The Fanwood Community Foundation distributed four grants at their annual distribution meeting held in June.
Organizations receiving funds included:

- Fanwood Fire Department \$1,000 to purchase a K-saw for the new ladder truck
- Fanwood Food Bank \$250
- Heart for Humanity \$250
- Fanwood Youth Organization \$100

The foundation will be holding their annual (50-50) raffle in the fall, with winners drawn at their Annual Meeting in November/December. The Fanwood Community Foundation was established to allow local Fanwood residents and friends of Fanwood a vehicle to establish a permanent endowment for perpetual giving to Fanwood nonprofit organizations. Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact Karen Schurtz at kmsteach53@aol.

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Ladder 1 Unveiled

A "wetdown" and celebration of Fanwood Fire Department's first ladder fire truck, Ladder 1, was held on Saturday, August 4th in front of an enthusiastic crowd. Ladder 1 is a 75

foot aerial truck that pumps and stores over 500 gallons of water. Built by Smeal, the truck was delivered earlier this year and was put into immediate service.

The Fire Department and borough officials thought the time was right to add a ladder truck to the fleet, when it was determined that our 25 year old Engine #7 needed replacement. The addition of a ladder truck was needed as a result of recent expansions to the Chelsea and the new multi-story construction in the downtown. Previously,

Fanwood relied on neighboring fire departments to respond with ladder trucks.

The Fanwood Fire Department fleet now consists of Ladder 1, Engine 6, Engine 8 and our antique Engine 3

which is wheeled out for the Memorial Day parade.



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Contributions, comments and volunteers are always welcome!

75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood

Blue Star Family Photos

The Blue Star Banners were donated by York Drive, LLC, a local business in Fanwood



Pictured along with Mayor Mahr are Margaret & Stanley Biner and their two other children, Adam and Chana. The Biner's oldest son is 2nd Lt. Walter J. Biner



Pictured along with Mayor Mahr are Kathy Porter, her two children Kiley and Keenan and their neighbor Elyte. Kathy's brother-in-law is Lt. Col. Timothy Callahan.

Thanks to Bob Kruthers and Bill Crosby for 50 great years!

In 1957, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation had just been introduced, Cadillacs were state-of-the-art in a.mbulances and Bill Crosby and Bob Kruthers joined the Fanwood Rescue Squad.



On June 3, 2007, the squad honored Mr. Crosby and Mr. Kruthers for five decades of service with a brunch and speeches at the squad

Bob Kruthers

headquarters they helped build.

"When I first started," recalled
Mr. Kruthers, "I thought gee,
look at me. Look at what I'm doing. But as the years
went by, I came to realize I was doing God's work."

Mr. Kruthers has been the squad's chaplain and treasurer since 1967. Mr. Crosby was the squad's president and captain at various points through three decades, and he trained and mentored dozens of new members. In 1977, he was one of the ground-breakers

for the squad's current headquarters building at 123 Watson Road. Both men are part of a unique club of volunteer rescue squad members, having made over 5,000 calls in their lifetime!

"The rescue squad was like my dad's second child," said his daughter, Carol Baker. "Between the squad and the fire department, he was constantly in and out."

On July 5th Bill Crosby made his final call as he succumbed to a four year battle with Parkinson's disease. Meanwhile, Bob keeps answering calls having responded to 116 calls so far – up 50 calls over last year.

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Senior Sidelights

What an exciting time to be a Fanwood Senior Citizen! With our ever rapidly growing Senior Citizen population, the Mayor and Council took a bold step by creating the Office of Senior Citizen Coordinator effective August 1, 2007. Paulette Drogan, who holds several similar positions throughout the county, will be here in Fanwood to lend a helping hand in support of this special population. You can reach Paulette at 908 322-5244 or by email at pdrogan@mycomcast.net

The Fanwood Senior Club will begin its regular meeting schedule in September. Under the extraordinary leadership of Jim Peeney and his officers, they have created a calendar of

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Fanwood is very fortunate to have among its population people

who can combine professional expertise with their volunteer work. This issue's Fanwoodian is one of those people. A Licensed Professional Engineer he retired from the Union County Division of Engineering in 2002. Despite still working part time as a Civil Engineer, this Fanwoodian has used some of his valuable time to design all the structures in the Fanwood Nature Center which include a bridge, the decking on the old footbridge, a boardwalk, an observation blind and wooden sitting benches. He is employed part time as the Nature Center grounds keeper. His duties included picking up garbage, removing fallen trees from the trails, and arranging various enhancement projects with local scouting and other groups.

Our Fanwoodian moved to Fanwood in 1975. He includes these memberships in his list of accomplishments:

- Fanwood
 Environmental
 Commission from 1994 2006. Chairman for
 nine years.
- Clean Communities Committee (various years).
- Holiday Decorating Committee in 1996.
- St. Bartholomew Men's Softball League in Scotch Plains. Captain and Publicity Chairman since 1996.
- Union County "Master Tree Steward" since 2004. Fourth graders are taught tree appreciation.
- Devoted Rutgers football fan, traveling to bowl games in Houston and Phoenix.

In his spare time, he also enjoys wine making, hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing and canoeing.

Who is this Fanwoodian? His picture is in this issue.

events for the Club that is ambitious and full of fun times. Club meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Forest Road Park facility.

Special Note: With more and more companies offering a Medicare Advantage Program (Medicare C) there comes a need for careful review of this program prior to changing from the original Medicare plan to a Medicare Advantage plan. It is recommended that you seek advice from an unbiased source, such as the State Health Insurance and Assistance Program (SHIP). This program provides one-on-one counseling and can be reached at 800 792-8820.

Recreation Survey Coming this Fall

In cooperation with the students of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), Fanwood Recreation will be creating a recreational survey and distributing it to the residents of Fanwood this fall. The goal of the survey is to gather information on what sort of recreational activities and services you, the residents of Fanwood, would like Fanwood to offer. So if you want Fanwood to provide more recreational opportunities for you and your family, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey when you get it, and then return it. Make sure your voice is heard!

Fanwood Halloween Parade and Costume Contest



It's never too early to start thinking about what you're going to wear at Fanwood Recreation's annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest! Mark it down on your calendar. This year's parade will

assemble on Wednesday, October 31st at 6 p.m. in front of the Fanwood Memorial Library. At 6:15 p.m. the parade will depart for LaGrande Park where, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Costume Contest will be held for children of all ages, from infants to adults. Also, don't forget to enter your favorite pumpkin in the Jack-o-Lantern Contest outside the LaGrande Park building. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the best jack-o-lanterns. Free cider, donuts and coffee will be available, and a fun evening in the park is promised to all who come!

There will be free reflective trick-or-treat bags available at the Fanwood Police Department starting in October, while supplies last.

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Fanwood Recreation Fall Schedule

Fanwood Recreation has something for everyone as it announces its schedule of Fall programs. For more information about all these classes and to register, go to

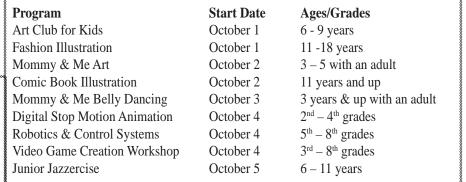
www.visitfanwood.com/recreation or call Fanwood Recreation, 908 370-7092.

For Adults Only



Program	Start Date		
Belly Dancing	October 3		
Ceramics	October 23		

For Children and Adults



For Senior Citizens Only

All classes beginning the week of October 1st are scheduled for 11 sessions, and will be held at the Forest Road Park building.

Program	Days of the Week	Time	
Aerobics	Tuesday	9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	
Chair Yoga	Wednesday	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	
Line Dancing	Thursday	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	
Water Exercise at the JCC	Friday (10/12 start – 9 sessions)	11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	

Registration forms are available at Borough Hall, at meetings of the Seniors Club and online at www.visitfanwood.com/recreation. For more information, call Fanwood Recreation, 908 370-7092.

Annual Friends of The Fanwood Memorial Library Book Sale

The annual Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library book sale will take place September $27 - 30^{th}$ at Forest Road Park. Books, CDs, and DVDs may be dropped off at the park building beginning Tuesday, September 18^{th} .

NEW THIS YEAR, some exciting changes:

Thursday, September 27: Members' Preview: 3 p.m.-7 p.m (Friends memberships sold at the door)

Friday, September 28: Open to the public: 9 a.m.-noon and 3 p.m.- 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 29: Open all day: 9 a.m- 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 30: BAG DAY (\$5 per bag): noon- 4 p.m.

DONATION Drop-off schedule:

We gratefully accept Books, CDs, and DVDs in good condition. Donations may be dropped off at Forest Road Park during the following dates and times.

Sept.18, 20, 22, 24, 25: 10 a.m-noon and 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Sept. 24: 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Sept. 26: 10 a.m. - noon

We cannot accept: Textbooks, Magazines, Old fiction, Videocassettes, Toys, Out-dated nonfiction Audiocassettes, Games/puzzles, Condensed books.

For further information or to volunteer, contact: Thena Rosahl: thena88@hotmail.com or Carol Campell: campell@verizon.net Visit the Friends link at: www.fanwoodlibrary.org or by phone at 908 322-6400

Annual Fall Pickup Programs



Brush

Brush pickup will begin on Sept. 4th for the NE & NW Quadrants and on Sept. 10th for the SE & SW Quadrants. This pickup is for branches only – no other material will be collected! Branches should be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on

the dates above.

Bulk Waste

The bulk waste cleanup commences on Sept. 17th for the NW Quadrant and continues for the weeks of Sept 24th (NE), Oct. 1st (SW) and Oct. 8th (SE). Please be reminded that materials not accepted for pickup include: any and all items that can be recycled, natural growth items, building/construction materials, motor vehicle components and hazardous waste items.

NOTE: Bulk items placed in cardboard boxes will be picked up. However, it is the residents' responsibility to recycle the emptied boxes left behind by Public Works.

Fall Leaves

The fall leaf pickup takes place from Oct. 22nd to Dec. 3rd



Leaves will be picked up loose curbside – do not bag the leaves. Leaf piles containing branches or other materials will not be picked up. Leaves may not be placed in the street prior to Oct. 15th for the fall pickup and should be kept at least 10 feet away from any drainage inlets.

Special Waste Disposal

Union County is once again sponsoring several special recycling days for the following items. Residents must drop off their items on the dates, times and locations indicated:

Computers and Electronic Equipment

Saturday, September 29th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Union County College Springfield Avenue Cranford



Saturday, November 3rd 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Schering Plough Corporation Galloping Hill Rd. Kenilworth

Household Special Waste Collection

Saturday, August 11th 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Union County VoTech Center 1776 Raritan Road Scotch Plains

For a complete list of items accepted, visit http://www.unioncountynj.org/recycle/hhwd.html

Recycling Center Makes Yearly Donations

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association has announced its donations for 2007. Grants this year go to:

- The Department of Public Works for a new trailer \$1200
- The Fanwood Rescue Squad for two new suction pumps \$1200
- Cable Channel 35 for a new monitor \$350
- The Fanwood Recreation Commission towards a new speaker system \$650

An additional award of \$500 was given to the Rotary Frazee House towards the costs of restoration.

Thanks are extended to the people of our town for showing such great cooperation in bringing their recyclable materials to the Center. As a result, sufficient funds were on hand to continue the tradition of making donations to local groups.

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Dean Talcott!

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Fanwood's Business News from the Fanwood Business & Professional Association

Fonte Plaza, a Messercola Brothers project located across from the Chelsea at 300 South Avenue in Fanwood, is almost complete. This is a mixed residential and retail business space with 12 upscale condos,



three retail spaces and two offices. Call 908 518-5485 for more details.

The Town Bank's Fanwood Branch is also in progress. Located at 328 South Ave, this branch will be the third in our area for this local bank, and will include an ATM and a drive up window. Call 908 301-0800 for more details.

The Goddard School for Early Childhood Development is near completion. Located at 324 South Avenue, this school will feature year-round programs for children between six weeks and six years old, as well as summer and after-school programs for children up to age seven. Call 908 322-0008 for more details.

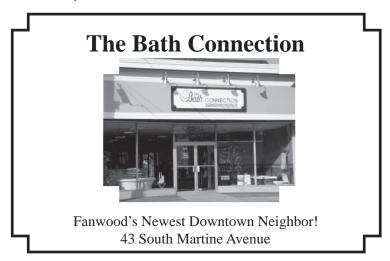
Kids Safety Day Saturday, September 29 1:00 – 5:00 p.m

The annual Kids Safety Day, a joint effort by the Police Benevolent Association, Fanwood Rescue Squad and Fanwood Fire Department will be held on Saturday, September 29th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Held behind Borough Hall and just off of Watson Road, this annual event is fun for all and provides kids and adults alike with important safety tips and resources. Totally FREE to everyone who attends, the day features food, games, rides, finderprint kits, entertainment and a wide array of police, fire and rescue equipment.

The Station Mews project has started construction work again. Located at 226-230 South Avenue, this Enchantments project is a mixed residential and retail business space with eight luxury condo units and four retail spaces. It is directly across from the Fanwood train station, on South Avenue. Enchantments will be the first business that will relocate there, once the building is completed. Call 908 229-6253 for more details.

Fanwood Cornerstone is on track for a mid-to-late fall opening. Located at 222 South Avenue, this Marcovecchio project will be a mixed residential and retail business space with ten residential units and three retail spaces. It is also across from the Fanwood train station, but on the corner of South and Second Streets. The Fanwood Clipper barbershop is the first business that will relocate there once the building is completed. Call 908 322-4434 for more details.

To learn more about activity in the Fanwood business community, visit Fanwood BPA's website, www.Fanwood.Biz.



Additional Recycling Center Information

At it's annual meeting, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association elected the following officers:

President: Bob SommerichVice President: Harold ClarkTreasurer: Joan Ayala

• Secretary: Susan Kempe

Recent additions to the list of recyclable materials are plastic bags such as those from supermarkets or the morning newspaper and solid plastic items such as pails or children's slides or patio furniture. Also accepted are metal objects as light as pots, pans or metal clothes hangars up to heavy refrigerators, barbeques, stoves and file cabinets, aluminum

windows (without glass), downspouts and gutters. There is no charge for taking these heavy items.

Not accepted are rugs, electronic items such as computers, TV sets, printers, etc. We can give people the name, address and phone number of a facility which accepts rugs. Call Bob Sommerich at 908 889-1891 for information. The County arranges for special sites and dates for electronic items and household hazardous waste materials. Call the Department of Public works at 908 322-7404 for up-to-date information. If in doubt about an item, please call Alan Ebersole, Site Manager at 908 889-8347 or Bob Sommerich, President at 908 889-1891.

12th Annual Fanny Wood Day Sunday, September 30th

The 12th annual Fanny Wood Day will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2007 starting at noon and ending at 5:00 p.m. Once again this annual Street Fair and Community event will be held along the length 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 array of fun things for kids to do at an all-day rate of \$10/person. Included are bounce-and-slides, trackless train, moonwalk, kiddie maze, and more. Clowns, balloons, a magician, music and other entertainment will also be part of the fun.

This year, there will plenty of events beginning with the 2nd Annual "Anything on Wheels" Parade. There will be a pie baking contest, an ice cream eating contest and more. 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 30th on their calendars and join us downtown to honor Fanwood's legendary first lady and to celebrate the borough's 112th Birthday," said Mayor Colleen Mahr.

Anyone interested in being a Fanny Wood Day volunteer or vendor should call Jennifer Ricci at (908) 654-5200.

...and Music Too!



The "Full Count Band" will be the featured musical entertainment at Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, September 30th, beginning at 2:15 p.m. This

contemporary big band boasts bold and rich harmonies of five saxes, four trombones, five trumpets, and the full dynamic play of a jazz rhythm ensemble of piano, bass, drums and guitar. You haven't heard this much energy in one performance in a long time.

The band is the professional division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts based in Westfield New Jersey. Their performance is sponsored by the Fanwood Arts Commission.



School Opens September 6th Drive Safely!



