



Fanwood's Cable TV Channel 35 To Be Seen On Verizon System in 2008!

A number of local residents who have recently become subscribers of Verizon Cable have asked, "When will our local cable station be available on the Verizon system?" Currently, Fanwood's station is only viewed on Comcast.

Programming is telecast from the studio located in the Fanwood Community House. Live programming such as the monthly Mayor and Council meetings and the annual political debate originate in the Municipal Council Chambers.



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

Greetings from Borough Hall! As we prepare to shed the grey winter days and usher in spring there are many exciting developments waiting to greet us downtown! Projects that have been many years in the making are now opening their doors and the New Year brings more news about downtown redevelopment that I would like to share with you.

Fonte Plaza at 300 South Avenue has already welcomed tenants from Chelsea Senior Living. On March 2nd, I had the pleasure of participating in the ribbon cutting at the Goddard School right next door! The Goddard School is in operation and enjoying a tremendous success here in Fanwood. Their neighbor, the newly built The Town Bank, anticipates a late spring opening.

Moving down South Avenue to 23 South you'll see that Station Mews is ready to open its doors with its neighbor at 222 South, aptly named The Cornerstone, shortly to follow. For a virtual tour, you can "Google" their building names to find pictures and building information. I am hoping that the owners will soon be hosting open houses so all the community can take a look at Fanwood's beautiful new downtown buildings up close.

The latest news is the approval of a beautiful three-story mixed use building to anchor the Fanwood Downtown Redevelopment project. Situated at the corner of South and Martine, this Victorian-themed building will be a terrific complement to the interesting architecture that is springing up in our downtown.

I'd also like to welcome our newest business, "The Sports Place," which has recently moved into 274 South Avenue,

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However, this will change, most likely in the fall of 2008, when the hookup to the Verizon system will take place. The Bulletin Board as well as all locally produced evening programming will be seen by both Comcast and Verizon subscribers.

Verizon customers already have access to Westfield and Cranford as well as other local stations, some from as far away as Ocean County. Westfield's Channel 36 is connected directly to Verizon's switching station, which is located in Westfield.

Plans call for Fanwood's station to be routed through an existing switching facility in the west end of Plainfield. The special fiber-optic cable that will connect TV 35 and the Plainfield hub has not yet been installed.

Recently, Verizon did conduct a technical survey of TV 35's studio to determine what type of equipment will be needed for the connection. For further information about cable or any other data about Fanwood's Municipal Access Television Station, call 908-322-2373.

Meet the Newest Member of Fanwood's Council

Anthony Parenti



Anthony Parenti was born and raised in Plainfield, New Jersey. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War in the Strategic Air Command's Eighth Air Force.

He joined the Plainfield Police Department in 1956 and in the same year met his wife, the former Sarah Poole of South Plainfield. They were married in 1957, and have two sons and a daughter. Both of his sons became police officers.

Mr. Parenti left the Plainfield Police Department in 1957 and joined the Fanwood Police Department. He worked his way up the ranks and became police chief in 1975, a position he held for 22 years. He retired in 1997, became the Director of the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Union County and stayed until June 2007.

Mr. Parenti is the recipient of the Fanwood Police Department Medal of Honor and several valor and life

saving awards. He attended night classes and earned a Police Science degree at Rutgers University. He is nationally recognized as a Traffic Safety and Accident Reconstruction Expert and serves on the Governor's Highway Safety Policy Advisory Council. Mr. Parenti also is the recipient of the prestigious J. Stannard Baker Award for his Outstanding Achievements in Highway Safety.

He has been published internationally and writes a weekly column on traffic safety in the Courier News. He personally authored 37 legislative bills that were signed into law and was a driving force behind increasing the drinking age to 21 in New Jersey and nationally.

In 1974 he founded the New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association and served as President for 31 consecutive years. He also is a past President of the Union County Police Chiefs Association and New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. Mr. Parenti has been elected to serve a three year term on the Fanwood Council.

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a sports memorabilia retailer that offers child-friendly, sports-themed parties to boot! The first operation of its kind in Fanwood, I'm sure we all wish them the best of luck.

It was with mixed feelings that the Mayor and Council recently presented a resolution and plaque to veteran volunteer Joe Nagy. Joe is stepping away from his 15-year involvement with Channel 35, where he spent countless hours behind the camera taping hundreds of Council meetings as well as many hours more in production. His contributions to local programming are immeasurable, and I would like to again thank him for all his work for Fanwood. Although Joe has left Channel 35, he continues to work at volunteer activities throughout the community. Thank you Joe, you are a model for us all!

On a personal note, I am proud to announce that I have been elected President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, the oldest organization representing mayors in the state. There are 500 members who I will serve as spokesperson on the state and federal levels. Hopefully, the exposure and experience I gain in the position will bring good things to the borough.

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Contributions, comments and volunteers are always welcome!
75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood

WHO IS THIS FANWOODIAN?

Our Fanwoodian this month is a true lover of the town. At 61 years of age he's been a Fanwoodian since 1977 even though he moved away during the years 1987-2003 (a period he now says "was a terrible mistake.")

From 1982 to 2005 he was:



- One of the original Trustees of the Fanwood Community Foundation
- President of the Fanwood/Scotch Plains JAYCEES in 1982 and 1983
- Member of the Recreation

Commission in 1982

- Chairman of the Assessment Committee in 1996-1998
- Chairman of the Fanwood Centennial Committee in 1994-1995
- Member of the Fanwood Communications Volunteer Committee 1999-2004/Chairman in 2005
- Chairman of the Holiday Celebration Committee in 2004 after being on the Committee for several years
- He served on the Borough Council in 1984-85 and 86. When asked what his best achievement was in his time on the Council, he's quick to reply that it is his efforts to get a Recycling Center grant. He's still marveling at how successful the Recycling Center has become.

Presently, he is on the Cultural Arts Committee and is an active member of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). He is also learning how to program TV Channel 35 so he can be of assistance there.

A true believer in volunteers and volunteering, he is surely one who gets satisfaction in giving his time and effort to so many projects.

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Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Center

The majority of renovations have been completed on the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Center on Watson Road. The work included new carpentry and electric, an interior paint job, and sanding and refinishing the

floor. According to Borough Administrator Eleanor McGovern, "All of the contractors did a great job. They really seemed to enjoy having the opportunity to work on an historic building."

Still to come is new seating. The old bleacher type benches have been removed and the Cultural Affairs Committee is mulling over what would best serve the space.

Formerly known as the Carriage House, the Center was renamed in January 1999 to honor late Fanwood mayor Patricia Kuran who helped preserve the historic building. The recent renovations were made possible through a \$50,000 state grant that was secured by Assemblywoman Linda Stender, herself a former mayor of Fanwood.

Environmental Resources Inventory Complete



With the help of a matching grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions, the Fanwood Environmental Commission has recently completed a Fanwood Environmental Resource Inventory. This is a compendium of our community's environmental features — water bodies, soils, geology, open space, woodlands and vegetation, water supply and wastewater, noise, and related infrastructure and cultural features. It is produced by the Fanwood Environmental Commission and can be viewed at their newly-developed website at

www.fanwoodec.org

Fanwood Recreation Spring Programs

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:

- Video Game Creation Workshop Club (begins 4/3; Grades 3–8)
- Amazing Architects Workshop Club (begins 4/3; Grades 5–8)
- Science Exploration Workshops (begins 4/1; ages 3 1/2–5, Grades K–2 and Grades 3–5)
- Mommy & Me Art (begins 4/1; ages 3–5 + adult)
- Art Club for Kids (begins 3/31; ages 6–10)
- Fashion Illustration (begins 3/31, ages 11–18)
- Junior Tennis Lessons (begins 5/27; ages 3–4, 5–7, 8+ and 12+)
- Sports Squirts (begins 4/7; ages 3–5)
- Junior Jazzercise (begins 4/20; ages 6–12)
- Fundance (begins 4/2; ages 5–7)
- High School Musical Theme Dance Class (begins 4/3; ages 5–7 and 8–11)



For Adults:

- Ceramics (begins 4/1)
- Belly Dancing for Dummies (begins 4/3)
- How to Navigate the System When You Have a Child With Special Needs (begins 4/8)
- Aromatherapy (begins 4/24)

Fanwood's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

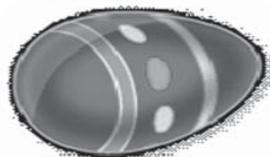


It's time to bunny hop down to Forest Road Park for Fanwood's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22nd, starting at 10:00 AM sharp. All children 10 and

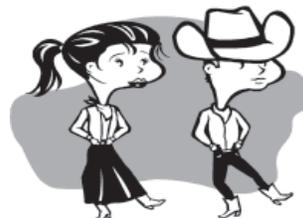
under are invited to meet the Easter Bunny and join the fun! Over a thousand eggs filled with all sorts of goodies—including hundreds of prize tickets—will be hidden around the park for eggs-pert hunters to find! Plus, even more prizes will be given out for these contests:

- 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, 908-370-7092.



Spring Classes for Seniors



Fanwood Recreation announces its spring schedule of classes for Fanwood seniors, beginning the week of March 31st. Each class will run for approximately 12 weeks and end the week of June 16th:

- Aerobics (Tuesdays, 9:15–10 AM),
- Tai Chi (Tuesdays, 10:15–11:15 AM)
- Line Dancing (Thursdays, 1–2 PM)
- Water Exercise (Fridays, 11–11:45 AM)

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

Registration forms are available at Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 N. Martine Avenue. For more information about fees, schedule and how to register, please visit www.visitfanwood.com/recreation on the web or call Fanwood Recreation at 908-370-7092.

Fanwood Recreation

Summer Camp Programs

Listed below are the summer camps and programs that Fanwood Recreation is sponsoring or partnering with for Summer 2008. For more information and to register, use the contact information in the right column.

Fanwood Recreation			
Summer Park Program	ages 5–11	6/23–8/15 (weekly)	www.fanwoodrecreation.org
Girls Softball Camp	entering grades 4–10	6/23–6/27	gktfj@hotmail.com
Raider Basketball Camp	grades 1–7	6/23–6/27, 7/14–7/18	kewing@spfk12.org
High School Musical			
Theme Dance Camp	ages 5–8	6/23–6/27, 7/28–8/1	908-322-8058
Fanwood Baseball Camp	grades 1–9	6/30–7/3, 7/21–7/25	tbaylock@spfk12.org
Fanwood Junior Tennis Lessons	ages 4–14	7/7–8/7 (weekly)	bmaloney197@comcast.net
Fanwood Soccer Camp	ages 5–10	7/7–7/11, 8/4–8/8	fanwoodsoccercamp@yahoo.com
Sports Squirts (intro to sports)	ages 3–5	7/14–7/18, 8/11–8/15	www.ussportsinstitute.com
Beginner Golf Clinic	ages 5–11	7/21–7/25	www.ussportsinstitute.com
Hannah Montana			
Theme Dance Camp	ages 5–8	7/21–7/25	908-322-8058
icamp (robotics, video game design, animation & digital video production, digital art, digital music composition)	grades 2–8	7/28–8/15 (weekly)	www.ctworkshopnj.com
PonyShare			
(pony grooming & riding program)	ages 3–11	7/28–8/1	908-439-3901
Field Hockey Clinic	ages 7–14	8/11–8/15	www.ussportsinstitute.com
Multi-Sports Camp			
over 15 different sports	ages 5–14	8/18–8/22	www.ussportsinstitute.com

Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program Sign-Up

The 2008 edition of the Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program is ready to roll! If you're looking for information and the earliest opportunity to register, make sure to come by the LaGrande Park building on Monday, March 31st, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Led by certified teachers and experienced counselors, the Program offers structured, fun-filled activities tailored for specific age groups in a safe neighborhood environment for children ages 5–11. For more information about the Program, go to www.fanwoodrecreation.org

The Program begins the week of June 23rd, 9 a.m.–12 noon, Monday–Friday (except July 4th)

and continues for eight consecutive weeks. Cost is \$35 per week. Checks or money orders should be made out to Borough of Fanwood/ Recreation; no cash please. The Program sold out last summer, so don't delay!

Information and registration materials for these other programs will be available as well:

Fanwood Baseball Camp, Fanwood Soccer Camp, Raider Basketball Camp, Junior Tennis Lessons, Multi-Sports Camp, Sports Squirts, Girls Softball Camp, icamp (technology camp), Dance Camp, Golf Clinic, Pony Camp and Field Hockey Clinic.

2nd Annual Fanwood Bird Count Workshop a Big Success

The Fanwood Environmental Commission wishes to thank all the participants and sponsors who came to the Bird Count Workshop on Saturday, February 9th at the Fanwood Nature Center.

Despite snow & rain, over 75 children and adults came to learn how to identify area birds and count for the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), which is sponsored by the National Audubon Society & Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Participants came not only from Fanwood & Scotch Plains, but also from neighboring towns such as Plainfield, Westfield, Clark, and Cranford. The Winter Bird Identification slideshows presented by Trailside Park Naturalist, Joe Filo, provided many new insights into winter birds in our area. Numerous queries from children & adult participants indicated the high level of interest the slideshow generated.

In the outdoor classroom, many types of homemade bird feeders from recyclables were on display. Instructions on how to make these were distributed as handouts along with other bird related literature, and GBBC 2008 count instructions & data form.



The children enjoyed making a biodegradable bird feeder from a pine cone, peanut butter/ Crisco & bird seed which they took home to hang in their backyards to attract birds. They also each received a participation certificate and a bird patch.

During the guided tour of the Fanwood Nature Center, participants observed many species of birds, including the Red bellied Woodpecker & Downy Woodpecker, Dark eyed Junco, Tufted Titmouse, Male & Female Cardinal, Whitebreasted Nuthatch, Blue Jay, White throated Sparrow and House Sparrow among many others.

An avid birder also pointed out an egret flying over the Nature Center. There were many interesting conversations over a cup of coffee or hot chocolate as birders discussed sightings in their neighborhood & other experiences.

We especially wish to thank our sponsors – Wild Birds Unlimited (Rte. 22), Parker Gardens (Terrill Rd), Dunkin' Donuts (Fanwood), and Double Dipper (Fanwood) for their generous contributions to this event. We also extend our sincere gratitude to the team at Fanwood Borough Hall who helped with workshop registration.

We invite you back to the Fanwood Nature Center, to explore the Nature Center independently and compare your bird count with the GBBC. In 2007, GBBC participants made history, breaking records for the number of birds reported and number of checklists submitted. Participants sent in more than 80,000 checklists tallying over 11 million birds of 613 species. Last year, as a result of counts, scientists & birders discovered that many bird species had already started their spring migrations in February—earlier than in decades past. Your counts helps to build a long-term record of where people are finding birds and how many birds there are. If you have any questions, please contact GBBC at citizenscience@audubon.org or cornellbirds.cornell.edu or locally, contact fanwoodgbbc@gmail.com

Who is this Fanwoodian?

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David Pickering!

Board of Health News

The Borough of Fanwood contracts for health services with the Town of Westfield. One of these services is a Well Baby Clinic. This clinic is open to all Fanwood residents who do not have health insurance. Please call our public health nurse at 908-789-4070, extension 4073 for qualifications and limitations.



The Board of Health will be sponsoring a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats in May. Look for the exact date on the town Bulletin Board at the Train Station.

Senior Sidelights - Handyman Program

The Borough of Fanwood is applying for a grant from Union County for a Senior Citizen Handyman Program.

This would provide low-income seniors with professional home repairs, maintenance and improvements. The program includes MINOR repairs: carpentry, plumbing, electrical or masonry.

The focus of this program is to subsidize health and safety type repairs. The program funds the repair person; the materials are supplied by the homeowner. To qualify for this program, you must be 65 years or older and qualify for the income limits as follows:

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Very Low Income</u>	<u>Low Income</u>
1	\$ 29,550.00	\$ 41,700.00
2	\$ 33,750.00	\$ 47,700.00

If approved, you will be required to supply your last tax return as proof of income.

If you are interested in this program, please complete the information below and return it to Eleanor McGovern at Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023 or call Mrs. McGovern, at 908-322-8236. All information will be treated as confidential.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Type of repairs I would need : (circle those that apply)

Carpentry Plumbing Electrical Masonry

News from the Fanwood Business and Professional Association



Please keep your calendars open for the the Fanwood BPA Street Fair, which will be on Sunday, June 8th, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on South Avenue.

- New members are joining the BPA every month especially in the new business developments along South Avenue. Look for their information on our web site - www.Fanwood.biz.
- Our web site also has special coupons and a calendar of local community and business events for Fanwood residents and others, exclusively on our site.

Volunteers Needed at TV 35

Fanwood's Municipal Access Cable TV Station is currently seeking several part-time volunteers to work on the Channel's on-air Bulletin Board. A basic computer knowledge of Microsoft Windows is necessary. Specialized bulletin board software will be taught to the volunteers.



Fanwood residents who are able to volunteer between two to six hours (daytime) of their time each week are asked to call George Weiss at 908-322-2373. The Channel's facilities are located in the Fanwood Community House.

Arbor Day Celebration

Fanwood will be celebrating Arbor Day with activities that take place on Friday, April 25th at 4:00 p.m. at Carriage House Par (off of Watson Rd.). The program will feature a presentation by the Park Middle School Environmental Club as well as a question & answer session with certified tree expert Jeanne Kavinski. The public is invited to join Mayor Colleen Mahr and other borough officials in the festivities. There will be a free tree giveaway and refreshments will be served.



A big change is coming to Public Works due to the retirement of Secretary and Recycling Coordinator Mary Appezzato on March 31, 2008. Mary has been a valuable Borough employee for 15 years and will be missed by everyone at the garage. Mary, Public Works and the entire Borough wish you many happy and healthy retirement years shared with your wonderful family.

Earth Day 2008



In celebration of Earth Day, Fanwood will be holding its 19th annual Clean Community Day on Saturday, April 19th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the south side parking lot of the train station. Participants will help clean the litter around Fanwood's parks and public lands. They will be provided with special t-shirts, work gloves and garbage bags and will be organized into work groups to cover the different areas of Fanwood that need cleaning up. This event will be held rain or shine. For additional information, please contact Clint Dickson, Fanwood's Director of Public Works at 908-322-7404



Happy Spring !



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