

Memorial Day Parade Honoring “Women in Military Service”



This year’s Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade, to be held on Monday, May 25th, will honor “Women in Military Service” as well as all veterans who have served their country at home or overseas. Memorial Day pays tribute to American military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to our country. The Schedule of Events follows:

- 8 AM: Memorial Service at the American Legion, Park Avenue and Sunset Place.
- 9 AM: Presentation of wreaths at the Fanwood Memorial Library. Mayor Colleen Mahr of Fanwood and Mayor Nancy Malool of Scotch Plains will participate as well as First Responders and American Legion Community Post 209.
- 9:45 AM: Presentation of wreaths at the Monument. Both Mayors participating.
- 10-10:15 AM: Parade marchers assemble at Park Avenue and Front Street. Parade steps off at 10:30 AM.

Free Summer Movies at LaGrande Park!

The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces its 2009 Free Summer Movie Series at LaGrande Park and introduces its brand-new, state-of-the-art 16 foot-wide outdoor movie screen! Entirely paid for with grants from the Fanwood Recycling Association and the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund, the new screen promises to make one of Fanwood’s most popular summer pastimes more enjoyable than ever!

The series begins on Tuesday, June 30th and continues every Tuesday evening for eight consecutive weeks. The movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 PM at the beginning of the schedule, 8 PM at the end). Be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair and some bug spray too!



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| Tuesday, June 30 | Wall•e |
| Tuesday, July 7 | Horton Hears a Who |
| Tuesday, July 14 | Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus Concert |
| Tuesday, July 21 | Kung Fu Panda |
| Tuesday, July 28 | Beverly Hills Chihuahua |
| Tuesday, August 4 | Madagascar 2 |
| Tuesday, August 11 | Kit Kittredge: An American Girl |
| Tuesday, August 18 | Bolt |

*In case of rain, raindate is the following evening. For more information, email rec@visitfanwood.com or call (908) 370-7092



Save The Date! Fanny Wood Day Sunday, October 4th

The 14th annual Fanny Wood Day will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2009 starting at

11 AM and ending at 5 PM. This annual fall Street Fair will be held along the length of Martine and



South Avenues in downtown Fanwood.

The day will be filled with many of your favorite festivities including a variety of craft vendors with gifts for young and old alike, local organizations and merchants, plenty of tasty food and fun contests and entertainment for all ages.

Our unique children's area will feature an array of fun things for kids to do at an all day rate of \$10/person. Included are several new "bounce" amusements, a trackless train, and the all new "Alien Laser Tag." Clowns, balloons and musical entertainment will also be part of the fun.

This year, there will be plenty of contests for all ages. New this year will be bubble gum blowing and hula hoop contests that will join our ice cream eating and bird house building contests. The Cougar Car Club will host an exhibition of classic automobiles in the train station parking lot along South Avenue with over 100 cars expected to be part of the display.

"We encourage everyone to mark October 4th on their calendars and join us downtown to honor Fanwood's legendary first lady and to celebrate the borough's 114th Birthday," said Mayor Colleen Mahr.

Any organization or business that would like to be a vendor should visit the website of www.streetfairs.com or a form may be downloaded on the www.visitfanwood.com website. Anyone wishing to volunteer in the children's area or with any of the contests should contact Jennifer Ricci from the Chelsea at (908) 654-5200.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

It's been an eventful year in Fanwood and thanks are due to all the energetic volunteers who continue to make Fanwood a wonderful place to live! Earth Day, the Easter Egg Hunt, the newly initiated Performance Series and our Spring Recreation program have, so far, been terrific successes!

On a more sober note, I want to share with you some of the efforts underway to address the tough realities of these difficult times. As promised last year, a Citizen's Budget Task Force was established for volunteers to independently examine the budget. The Task Force had unrestricted access to borough finances and met regularly to develop an understanding of the local budget process, question finance professionals and council members, and develop recommendations. Their service culminated with a presentation at the May 5th Council meeting. This document will be a part of our continued budget deliberations.

At the same time, the Council submitted an application for Extraordinary Aid which is a state property tax relief program aimed at helping local government address rising property taxes. A drop in Scotch Plains ratables and an increase in Fanwood property values resulted in a large increase in Fanwood's share of the school tax. This unexpected turn makes us hopeful that our application for aid will be successful. We must await the June 30th decision on aid, so like last year, your estimated tax bill for payment in August will not reflect any state relief funding and will be higher than you are used to. But like last year, the November payment will reflect the aid funds and will be lower than the third quarter bill.

Another approach to address rising property taxes is the work of the Shared Services Study Commission. With a goal of reducing property taxes while keeping our identity intact, an eight-member panel comprised of mayors, administrators and council members from Fanwood and Scotch Plains are examining all operations

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Who Is This Fanwoodian?



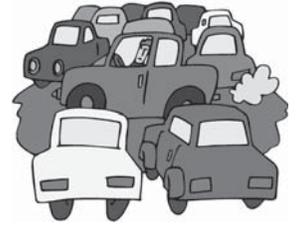
A self-proclaimed lover of all things Fanwood, this New Jersey native has lived in town for over 56 years.

- Has a son and a daughter, as well as five grandsons
- Traveled extensively with her late husband to Alaska, Switzerland, Italy, and other locales
- Taught elementary school for 33 years, three years in Plainfield, and then in Scotch Plains
- Currently teaches CCD at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
- Volunteers on numerous Fanwood Committees including Recreation, Fanwood Museum, Earth Day Clean-Up, and the Library book sale
- Past member of the Fanwood Woman's Club for 20 years where she held various positions including scholarship chairman and recording secretary
- Volunteers at the Library knitting scarves for soldiers in Iraq and baby blankets and hats for hospitals
- Recording Secretary for the Fanwood Seniors
- Telephone Chairman for Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League since 2006
- In her "spare time," enjoys crossword puzzles, knitting, reading, and exercising with friends at the YMCA

A generous people person who is always willing to give of her time, this Fanwoodian is truly what volunteerism is all about.

Who is this Fanwoodian? To find out, look on Page 7.

Residential Driveway Zoning Requirements



The Zoning Office of the Borough of Fanwood has had numerous inquiries from residents regarding residential driveway zoning requirements. Driveways may be no wider than ten feet between the street and the property line. The balance of the driveway may be no more than ten feet wide, except that driveways for two-car garages may be up to 18 feet wide. A driveway that is non-conforming, but legally pre-exists the current zoning ordinance may be resurfaced in its current configuration, but may not be expanded further. Proof will be required that a driveway pre-existed.

This is a summary and does not represent all of the terms of the ordinance. Please feel free to contact the zoning office at (908) 322-5244 ext. 132 or zoning@mycomcast.com, with any questions or concerns.

Fanwood Spring Street Fair on Sunday, June 7th



The 10th Annual Spring Fanwood Street Fair will take place on the streets of downtown Fanwood on Sunday, June 7th from 11 AM to 5 PM. Admission and parking are free. Approximately 100 artists, crafters, vendors, and food concessions will line S. Martine Avenue and South

Avenue for the day. There will be live music, a DJ, clowns, face-painters, and a host of inflatable rides.

The event is sponsored by the Fanwood Business & Professional Association, and brings families together from Fanwood and nearby communities for a fun-packed day for all. For more information, call (908) 654-1400.

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to identify areas that can be cost-effectively shared to produce equal or improved services. Look for their report in December!

Keeping to fiscal matters, I recently hosted a very successful free seminar for seniors, the disabled, veterans, and caregivers of seniors. County, state and federal programs providing wide-ranging support services as well as tax abatement programs were presented to over 100 participants. If you are interested in this information please contact Borough Hall.

And on a happy note and with great pride, I want to congratulate Karthik Krishna Kumar, this year's top Fanwood graduate, named valedictorian for the Class of 2009 at SPF High School. We're very proud of your achievements and wish you and all the graduating seniors our best wishes. Good luck to you all!

Fanwood Health Department Monitoring Swine Flu



The Fanwood Health Department is closely monitoring the outbreak of swine flu that has affected several states and is urging healthcare providers, schools, and others to watch for cases in our area and report them immediately to us.

Most U.S. cases originated in Mexico. While some cases in Mexico have been severe, most cases in the United States have been similar to seasonal influenza with mild symptoms and easy recovery.

The CDC has determined that this virus is contagious and is spreading from human to human. The symptoms are similar to seasonal flu and include fever, lack of appetite, coughing, and fatigue. Some people have also reported having a sore throat, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Residents can take the following actions to protect themselves from this respiratory illness and avoid spreading it to others:

- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues and dispose of the tissue properly.
- Frequently wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Contact your family physician if you feel ill. That's particularly important for anyone who recently visited Mexico and has flu-like symptoms.



For more information contact the Fanwood Health Department at (908) 789-4070 or visit the following websites:

- www.cdc.gov/swineflu
- www.ucnj.org/lincs
- www.nj.gov/health

Free Red Cross Training For Disaster Relief Volunteers

When disaster strikes and people are forced from their homes, the Red Cross responds by opening shelters and providing food, clothing and comfort. They need our help in staffing these shelters in

Fanwood and other surrounding towns.

Disaster Shelters Volunteers lend a helping hand to those in need in their neighborhoods and sometimes across the country. The Tri-County Red Cross, through a Union County grant, is recruiting and training volunteers to staff local shelters during times of disaster. Volunteers are given free classes, taking only nine hours to become certified

shelter volunteers, and then are entered in the volunteer database to be called on if disaster strikes.



In the event of a disaster, volunteer commitments can be as little as six hours in your hometown, or three weeks elsewhere. All you have to do after the initial training classes is attend

one training exercise a year to maintain your place as a Red Cross volunteer.

If you are 18 years or older and would like to become a Disaster Shelter Volunteer, you can attend one of the scheduled training sessions in Fanwood by registering at <http://www.tricountyredcross.org/dc.html/> or calling Donna Dolce at (908) 756-6414 x21. Additional training sessions open to the public will be scheduled over the next 18 months, and the Red Cross will provide special classes for civic organizations, houses of worship, businesses or any

other group that want to be trained to help when help is needed most.

Current Training Opportunities

Wednesdays – Part I: June 10th, Part II: June 17th,
Part III: June 24th, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ralph G. Froehlich Public Safety Building,
300 North Avenue in Westfield.

Wednesdays – Part I: October 14th, Part II: October
21st, Part III: October 28th 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ralph G. Froehlich Public Safety Building,
300 North Avenue in Westfield.

Saturday, October 17th – Part I: 9:00 AM to Noon,
Part II: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM,
Forest Road Park, Fanwood

Sunday, October 18th, Part III: 12:00 – 3:00 PM
Forest Road Park, Fanwood

Courses should be taken in order. Register at www.tricountyredcross.org/dc.html/ or call (908) 756-6414 x 21.

Recreation News

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 Soccer Camp (fanwoodsoccercamp@yahoo.com); Tournament Training Tennis Camp (kristenturturiello@yahoo.com); Girls Softball Camp (gktfj@hotmail.com); Fanwood Baseball Camp (tbaylock@spfk12.org); PonyShare camp (908 439-3901); Fanwood Junior Tennis Lessons (bmaloney197@comcast.net); Raider Basketball Camp (kewing@spfk12.org); Sports Squirts, Multi-Sports Camp, Beginner Golf Clinic, Beginner Lacrosse Clinic and Beginner Field Hockey Clinic (www.ussportsinstitute.com); Jazz Band Camp (dthomas@spfk12.org); and icamp (www.ctworkshop.com/mnj). You can also go to www.fanwoodrecreation.org or call Fanwood Recreation at (908) 370-7092 for more information.

Summer Kick-off Party in LaGrande Park



The Fanwood Recreation Commission invites you to Fanwood's third annual Party in the Park! The Party takes place on the first Free Movie Night of the summer, at LaGrande Park, Tuesday, June 30th, from 6:30–

8:30 PM (raindate is Wednesday, July 1st). Bring an appetite—enjoy pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, Italian ices, beverages and more! And when they're not eating, your kids can bounce on a Moonwalk, and enjoy other rides and amusements. They can even win prizes by entering contests inspired by the free movie of the evening, Wall•e, which will begin at dusk. For more information, please check www.fanwoodrecreation.org. Please note: small fees will be charged for rides and some food items.

Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program

There are still a handful of spots available for the Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program. The program will run at LaGrande Park on weekdays from June 29th–August 21st, 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. Activities will be tailored to three different age groups.

The program is \$45 per week. But you must first check availability by going to www.fanwoodrecreation.org and clicking on the link to Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program 2009 for up-to-date information on which weeks are still open before registering. Registration forms may be picked up at the Fanwood Municipal Building or downloaded from www.fanwoodrecreation.org.

Standing Room Only!

This Spring, Mayor Colleen Mahr hosted the well-attended Senior Information Seminar on tax relief and services available to seniors, the disabled, veterans, and senior caregivers. Presenters included representatives from the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, County Surrogate James LaCorte and Fanwood Tax Collector Colleen Huehn.



Mayor Mahr, Jim Grover, Joan Kirner, Assemblywoman Linda Stender, Bob & June McCarthy and Surrogate James LaCorte



Visit the New Stores on South Avenue!

The downtown redevelopment area is beginning to take shape. Since the start of the year, three new stores have opened adding charm and unique options for the residents of Fanwood and the surrounding communities.

Returning to its former location, Enchantments offers a unique selection of jewelry, artisan crafted gift items, cards, and an assortment of items. The owner of the Station Mews at Fanwood, Helen Ling has been serving the Fanwood Community for over 20 years!

Owned by Irma Cruz and her sister, Exclusive Salon and Spa is a recent transplant from Manhattan. The Spa provides traditional hair cutting

and styling, facials, massages, manicures, make-up applications and much more. Come check out this

one stop provider for your total beauty needs. With proms and weddings just around the corner, the

Spa can handle all of your individual or group needs.

Classic Frame and Gift Shop has relocated to Fanwood from Warren. Store owners, Bob Frise and his wife, bring their artistic flair and unique approach to framing any item – from traditional pictures to sports memorabilia. They

specialize in framing your LCD-mounted television to

provide your home with a warmth and style all your own.

TV35 recently filmed a guided tour of all three stores and we invite everyone to drop by and welcome our new merchants to Fanwood!

Helen Ling has reopened her business in



the newly constructed re-development area on South Avenue. Helen is looking forward to greeting previous customers and meeting new ones at Enchantments, featuring handcrafted jewelry and gifts. Joining Enchantments are the Exclusive Salon and Spa and the Classic Framing and Gifts shop.

National Night Out in Fanwood – Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Tuesday, August 4th starting at 6:30 PM at LaGrande Park, marks the third annual 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 26th 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 anti-crime 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 by the Fanwood Community Policing Alliance and will feature safety information for all ages by the Fanwood Police Benevolent Association, the Fanwood Fire Department, and the Fanwood Rescue Squad.

National Night Out in Fanwood starts before the “Movie in the Park” that night, so come early and show your support for crime prevention, while having a wonderful evening with your family in downtown Fanwood.

More details about the National Night Out event in Fanwood can be found on the Community Policing Alliance’s web site at www.FanwoodCPA.org



Kudos to Our Mayor!



Mayor Colleen Mahr accepts her 2009 HEROES award from Tri-County Red Cross Chapter CEO Nathan Rudy

We are proud to announce that Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr continues to represent Fanwood with distinction. She recently received two distinguished honors. The first was from the Tri-County Red Cross as its Government Honoree for 2009 in recognition of her assistance with the 2008 HEROES program, the holiday fundraiser, and the “March is Red Cross Month” effort. A few weeks later, the Mayor was selected to be honored by the Union County Women’s Political Caucus at The Notable Women in Politics Reception. This multi-partisan organization is dedicated to increasing the number of women in elected and appointed positions in government and promoting equal rights for women. Thank you, Mayor Mahr, for making us proud!

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Joan Kirner!

Register Your Alarm System by June 30th!

The deadline for homeowners to register their existing home alarm systems is approaching. Forms are available on the Borough website at visitfanwood.com. New systems must be registered within 30 days of installation. In an effort to educate the public and reduce false alarm calls to the Police Department, homeowners whose alarm systems are mistakenly triggered will first receive a warning and explanation of the regulations. After the third false alarm in a year, a fine will be imposed.



A volunteer community Budget Task Force, appointed by Mayor Colleen Mahr recently completed its work and provided the borough council the results of their findings and hard work. Pictured above, from bottom left are members of the committee: Councilwoman Donna Dolce, Greg Cummings, John Dolan, Michael D’Antuono, Rachel Romero, John Marquardt, and Councilwoman Joan Wheeler. In back, Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell and Bill Populus. Not Pictured: CFO Fred Tompkins, and Borough Administrator Eleanor McGovern.

Foreclosure Facts

Do you need assistance with foreclosure issues or would you like to learn about what resources may be available to homeowners or renters? Please refer to the following links:

- Foreclosure Fast Facts: (numbers to call and general assistance)
www.nj.gov/dca/hmfa/foreclosurepreventionresources.pdf
- The NJ HOPE (Home Ownership Preservation Effort) Information about resources available for homeowners who are delinquent in their mortgage payments, need counseling etc.: www.state.nj.us/dobi/njhope

Recycling Center Now Accepts Computers

The Recycling Association has taken another step toward making recycling as easy as possible.

We now have a collection container at the Recycling Center where you can drop off your recyclable old electronic materials.

What do we mean by recyclable electronics? We mean computers, computer printers, FAX equipment, computer games, old radios, televisions, remote controls, digital cameras, old telephones (both cell phones and normal ones), and just about anything else that you think would naturally fall into this broad category.

The Recycling Association gets no income for this material, but we do keep it out of landfills, and that, after all, is one of our major reasons for being here. We do have expenses, however, so we are asking those



who bring electronics for recycling to pay a small donation. There is a special envelope at the electronics container for these donations.

Union County has been recycling electronic material, but on a varying schedule with times and locations that are often inconvenient to Fanwoodians. We hope Fanwood residents and our neighbors will take advantage of the convenience of a local facility with regular hours, and avoid the time and inconvenience of traveling out of town to recycle.

If you have questions please talk with Alan Ebersole, our Site Manager, at the Center, or call him at (908) 889-8347. You can also call Bob Sommerich at (908) 889-1891.

The Recycling Association hopes you will find this new service helpful.

School is Out Soon - Drive Safely!

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