

Fanwood 5K & Family Fun Run

After not having a race of its own in six years, Fanwood hosts the 5K & Family Fun Run on Sunday, October 24, 2010. The day's activities begin with the Family Fun Run at 9 AM in LaGrande Park; the 5K Race follows at 9:30 AM. Music and refreshments will await runners at the finish line in LaGrande Park. The race is fully sanctioned by the United States America Track and Field (USATF) and is part of the New Jersey Grand Prix as a 500 point race.

The races are presented by the Fanwood Recreation Commission. All proceeds from the event go to Fanwood Recreation to help purchase new playground equipment, build new recreational facilities and expand programs.

The Family Fun Run's main sponsor is The Goddard School. Sponsors for the 5K Run include the Balyasny Foundation, Investors Savings Bank, The Wonder Years Academy, TD Bank, PNC Bank, Joint Motion, Family Investors, The Chelsea, The Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains, and K-9 Resorts. The event is still accepting sponsorships; please visit Fanwood5K.org for details on becoming a sponsor.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$20 (\$18 for USATF members). The entry fee for the Family Fun Run is \$10 with a t-shirt and \$5 without. You can download a race application or register online at Fanwood5K.org.

Come out and be a part of the day. Enter the 5K or the Family Fun Run with your children, cheer the runners, or volunteer to help. Visit Fanwood5K.org or contact Joe Valente at (201) 725-2032 for more information.

Please be aware that roads will be closed along the race route between the hours of 8 AM and 11 AM.

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Fanwood and Scotch Plains Halloween Parade and Costume Contest

On Sunday, October 31st at 5:30 PM, the annual

Fanwood and Scotch Plains Halloween Parade and Costume Contest kicks off at the Fanwood Memorial Library parking lot (North and Forest Avenues, in Fanwood) with

Trunk or Treat, where a slew of surprise treats will await trick-or-treaters. Don't be late—trunks close by 6 PM! Children and adults who want to march in the parade should assemble in front of the Library by 6 PM. At 6:15 PM the Parade will depart for LaGrande Park.

Once the parade arrives at LaGrande Park, at approximately 6:30 PM, the Costume Contest will begin for children of all ages. Also, anyone who wants to enter a pumpkin in the Jack-o-Lantern Contest should bring his or her carved creation to the park and fill out an entry form by 6:30 PM. Prizes will be



Save The Date Be Sure To Mark Your Calendars

**Mayor Colleen Mahr invites all
Fanwood residents to a
Town Hall Meeting!**

When: Monday September 20th
Place: Fanwood Presbyterian Church
Time: 7 PM

On the agenda will be shared services, the municipal budget and redevelopment of the downtown as well as any other issues residents would like to bring up for discussion.

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 attend! Event presented by the Fanwood Recreation and Scotch Plains Recreation Commissions.



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Paving Projects Underway!

As many residents have noticed, several paving projects are now underway within the Borough. Full-depth restoration along the entire length of Russell Road has begun and will include the installation of new granite curbing where none currently exists. Residents are encouraged to contact the Engineering Department with concerns about private sump pump and rainwater discharges that will pass through the new curb. Also included in this project is the improvement of the storm water drainage system at the intersection of Paterson and Russell Roads. The existing series of drainage pipe will be removed, replaced and reconnected to the existing system located at Willoughby Road. Construction is expected to take about one month.

Applications for the reconstruction of both Belvidere Avenue and Herbert Avenue have been made to the NJDOT, and approval was given to the project on Belvidere Avenue.



Construction contracts will be awarded for this project by September 30th. The Helen Street resurfacing project begun in 2009 is now complete!

Fanwood's Department of Public Works can be seen throughout the Borough working on smaller surface repairs. Residents are also encouraged to make additional recommendations for other streets needing attention within the Borough by contacting Clint Dicksen at 322-7404.

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

New Train Ticket Machines at the Fanwood Train Station



NJ Transit has installed two new Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) at the Fanwood Train Station on the east side of the Station building (on

the south side of the tracks across from the historic Fanwood Museum building). These machines issue NJ Transit train tickets only, not bus tickets. Now that we have a 24-hour ticket machine, you will need to get your ticket from the station agent on duty or the TVM if there is no agent when you are travelling from Fanwood. Otherwise, if you wait to purchase your ticket on the train, you will be subject to a \$5 surcharge. The TVMs at the south side platform of the Westfield Train Station issue bus and other tickets, too.



Reverse 9-1-1 Union County's First Alert System

Sign up for Union County's First Alert System either on the internet at ucfirstalert.org/register.php and follow the simple instructions or call 877-424-1234 and leave your name and phone number and someone will call you back to register you onto Reverse 9-1-1. You can sign up to be contacted via e-mail (work, home or other), cell phone (via text), pager, and smartphone/PDA (BlackBerry, Treo & and other hand-held devices.)

Doing so will enable you to receive instant notification in the event of an emergency, instructions on where to go, what to do, or not do and who to contact, as well as having a personal connection to real-time updates on community events.

It's easy and quick to do and is another way of keeping in touch with our Fanwood community.



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

I hope you've all had a safe and relaxing summer. Like many of you I am looking forward to a return to the school routine, although my three sons may disagree!

Last month you received your tax bill and I know any increase causes pain to many of us. I also know you are aware that most of this year's property tax increase is a direct consequence of Trenton's cuts in school aid. Know that 63% of your bill goes directly to the local Board of Education with the municipal and county portion making up roughly 20% each. For the average assessed value of a home at \$83,400, Fanwood's portion of your average bill increased \$76 over last year. But because there are so many outside influences on the property tax you pay, I have scheduled a Town Hall Meeting on September 20th, to be held at 7 PM at the Presbyterian Church on Martine Avenue. It's been a while since we have come together to discuss a wide range of issues effecting our lovely town and I hope you can join me.

This meeting is intended to be an opportunity for you to share your concerns and suggestions with me. Police Chief Trigo, Chief Financial Officer Tompkins and Public Works Director Dickson will also be attending.. It's an opportunity for us to share plans for the upcoming months and how we plan to handle the challenges that Governor Christie's 2% cap will bring.

Over the last several years the Municipal Council and I made some hard choices in staff reductions in order to minimize property tax increases. So we look to Governor Christie to deliver on his long-promised "toolkit" to help us meet the mandated 2% budget cap with "tools" like union arbitration reform and pension reform. But at this point, the cap is law and there is no "toolkit."

But we also continue work on preserving services despite a reduced workforce. September office hours at Borough Hall will change in order to increase public access. Earlier openings and Thursday evening hours are planned in order to make life easier for our residents who can not make it here between 8 AM and 4 PM. Our Zoning Officer, Building Department, Engineer, Tax Assessor and a representative from Administration will be available each Thursday night to answer any and all of your questions.

During our meeting on the 20th we will talk about some of the results of the Fanwood/Scotch Plains Shared Services Report. We will have fully implemented this September, one significant suggestion by having the Union County Police handle all our 911, EMS and fire calls. This will allow us to eliminate the dispatch workforce for a significant savings to the borough. This change will not affect the service and response you receive. Calls will go directly to the County Police and be handled with the same courteous and prompt response time we currently enjoy. My thanks to our own Freeholder Al Mirabella who understands as I do that all levels of government need to work more closely together than ever before during these difficult financial times.

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FYO Baseball Registration

Registration for the 2011 FYO Baseball Season will begin on September 15th. Celebrating its 50th year as a league, FYO offers organized spring baseball to the youth of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, currently enrolled in grades K through 9, as well as spring and summer travel baseball. In addition, FYO offers a Rookie Program for children of pre-school age. For more information or to register your child, please visit: fyobaseball.org. If you have specific questions, please email registration@fyobaseball.org or call (908) 325-5050.

Fanwood Recreation Fall Programs for Seniors

Fanwood Recreation announces its fall program schedule for Fanwood seniors. Programs begin the week of September 27th and run through the week of December 13th: Aerobics (Tuesdays, 9:15–10 AM), Tai Chi (Tuesdays, 10:15–11:15 AM), Line Dancing (Thursdays, 1–2 PM), and 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.

The fee is \$10 per program for Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents, \$25 for all others. To get a schedule and a registration form, please visit fanwoodrecreation.org on the web or pick them up at Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 N. Martine Avenue. For more information, call Fanwood Recreation at (908) 370-7092.



18 mailboxes, including this one on Tillotson and Forest Roads, have recently been, painted courtesy of retired mailman Jim O'Connor. After moving to Fanwood last year, he undertook the project as a way to thank the USPS where he worked for 35 years.

Recycling - it's as easy as



Pourable plastic containers with these symbols are accepted at the Fanwood Recycling Center. Large plastic items, like lawn furniture, are accepted too. Check www.visitfanwood.com for more details on what can be recycled at the center.

15th Annual Fanny Wood Day Sunday, September 26th

The 15th annual Fanny Wood Day will be held on Sunday, September 26th starting at 11 AM and ending at 5 PM. 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 live musical entertainment provided by Cover to Cover, a popular band comprised of local Fanwood musicians, great activities for the kids and fun contests for everyone. 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 'N slide, trackless train, moonwalk, Jurassic Survivor and Mutiny on the Bounty. Balloon clowns, live entertainment, and loads of contests will all be a part of the day's fun.

This year's contest will feature the return of our annual ice cream eating contest, bubble gum blowing contest and the children's scavenger hunt. Also returning will be the ever-popular birdhouse making contest.

The Cougar Car Club will again host an exhibition of over 100 classic automobiles in the train station parking lot along South Avenue.

"We encourage everyone to mark September 26th on their calendars and join us downtown to honor Fanwood's legendary first lady and to celebrate the borough's 115th Birthday," said Mayor Colleen Mahr.

Anyone interested in being a Fanny Wood Day volunteer, vendor or just to learn more can go to our website at visitfanwood.com or by calling Donna Dolce at (908) 889-6072. Fanny Wood Committee members are led by Bruce Zakarin, Donna Dolce, Don Wussler, Lou Schults, Jason Parker, Steven Parker, David Bleckinger, Clint Dickson, Lynn Sorf and Council Liaison Tony Parenti.

Fanwood Recreation Fall Programs

Fanwood Recreation announces its schedule of Fall programs for children and adults. For more information about these classes and to register, use the contact information below, go to fanwoodrecreation.org or call Fanwood Recreation, (908) 370-7092.

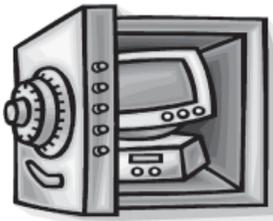
<u>Program</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fall Into Tennis	4–adult	9/4	bmaloney197@comcast.net
Multi-Sports Mini-Camp	5–14	9/9 & 9/10	ussportsinstitute.com
Sports Squirts Mini-Camp	3-5	9/9 & 9/10	ussportsinstitute.com
Sports Squirts	3–5	9-27	ussportsinstitute.com
Speed and Agility Training	8-14	9/27	coachmike@yahoo.com
Lego & Bionicle Club	grades 1-5	9/30	fanwoodrecreation.org
Science Exploration Workshops	4-10	10/5	smartycatkids.com
Ballet/Tap	3-4 & 5-6	TBA	danceinfor@plfdpac.com
Jazz/Tap	6-8	TBA	danceinfor@plfdpac.com
Jazz/Hip-Hop	9-11	TBA	danceinfor@plfdpac.com
Drawing Animals & Other Subjects	8-14	10/4 or 10/6	enchants1@verizon.net
Art to Grow	5-6	10/13	enchants1@verizon.net
Pastel Painting	adults	10/6	enchants1@verizon.net
Watercolor Painting	adults	10/7	enchants1@verizon.net
Digital Photography Workshop		10/21	enchants1@verizon.net
Photo Clock Making Workshop		10/28	enchants1@verizon.net
Paper Marbling Workshop		11/4 & 11/11	enchants1@verizon.net

Stay Informed About New Ordinances!



Ordinances of interest to the general public are adopted by the Mayor and Council. Copies of these ordinances and all other ordinances can be obtained by completing an OPRA request at the Municipal Clerk’s office at Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ.

Tips on Being E-\$mart



The Fanwood Community Policing Alliance (CPA) and the Fanwood Police Department want you to be aware of two e-mail scams that can harm you financially. In the first scam you receive an e-mail from someone you know stating that he/she is stuck in London (or somewhere

else) and has been mugged, and needs money to travel back to the U.S. What has happened is that person’s e-mail account has been “hacked” and someone else has sent this message to everyone in their e-mail address book. Please do not reply to this e-mail, as your information will be sent to the “hackers” as well. Do not send money. Do not provide banking or credit card information over an e-mail to anyone, especially in this situation. The second scam is an e-mail purportedly from the IRS indicating you have a refund. It’s titled “Dear Taxpayer.” The link inside actually goes to a website in Chile - so don’t click on it. While it may look real, it’s not. The IRS never corresponds with people via e-mail. Fanwoodians, if you have been a victim of any type of e-mail scam, please contact the Fanwood Police Department at (908) 322-5000. To learn about other types of scams out there and to better protect yourself from them, please visit the CPA’s web site at fanwoodcpa.org.

Wings Gallery Show



“Apparitions” by Leslie Delgyer

Starting September 15th there will be two exhibitions at Wings Gallery & Art Studio in The Frame Shop at 228 South Avenue in Fanwood. One will include photography by renowned photographer Marilyn Espinoza entitled “Beautiful Scene.” The second, starting on November 1st, is pastel paintings by nationally-acclaimed wildlife artist Leslie Delgyer entitled “On the Wild Side.”

Fanwood Library FRIENDS Looking for Donations To Annual Book Sale

The FRIENDS of the Fanwood Memorial Library are sponsoring their ever-popular annual book sale in September. New this year: The Preview Night on Thursday, September 23rd, is exclusively for Friends of the Fanwood and Scotch Plains Libraries; no dealers or scanners will be permitted. Dealers are welcome when the sale is opened to the public. This is a great chance to clean out those overloaded book shelves and give your books a second life. It is also a great chance to find recent releases at bargain prices and long-sought-after “out of print” books. All proceeds benefit the Fanwood Memorial Library and its patrons.

The organizers are asking area residents for donations of their used books, books on CD, music CDs, and DVDs. Donations need to be in clean, saleable condition. We are looking for all varieties of current fiction, relevant non-fiction, cookbooks, gardening books, books on sports, and children’s books in hardcover and paperback, as well as music and movies. Please NO textbooks, encyclopedias, condensed books, magazines, toys, games, puzzles, or audio/video cassette tapes. All contributions are tax deductible.

Donations will be accepted at the Forest Road Park building in Fanwood starting on Thursday, September 16th from 3 PM-7 PM; Friday, September 17th from 10 AM-1 PM and 3 PM - 6 PM (Yom Kippur begins); Saturday, September 18th from 10 AM 1 PM (no donations Sunday); and Monday and Tuesday, September 20th & 21st from 10 AM-1 PM and 3 PM-7 PM.

Tax receipts will be provided upon request. Forest Road Park is located at the end of Forest Road one block north of Midway Avenue where the sale also takes place. Members Preview is Thursday, September 23rd from 3 PM - 7 PM. Membership may be purchased at the door. The sale is open to the public Friday, September 24th, from 9am-5pm; Saturday, Sept. 25th from 9 AM 4 PM and Sunday the 26th, noon until 4 PM. Sunday is \$5.00 per bag all day. The FRIENDS provide the bags.

For more information or to volunteer (it is fun!), please email Nancy or Thena at fanwoodbooks@gmail.com or call Nancy at (908) 322-6559.



Zumba Fitness and Kickboxing Come to Fanwood

Adults looking for fun and exciting ways to improve their physical fitness and perhaps lose a few pounds now have two new options in Fanwood—Zumba Fitness and Kickboxing! These programs are offered at the recreation building in Forest Road Park on a weekly basis.

Dance to Latin rhythms and burn up to 1000 calories per hour—Zumba is one of the quickest ways to lose weight. No matter your shape, physical condition or previous dance experience, anyone can Zumba! Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings. For more information and to register for the Monday, Wednesday and Saturday sessions, go to zumbafitnessnj.com/fanwood or contact Melissa at (973) 568 0223. For more information and to register for the Thursday sessions, email Rosemarie at mrgraziano@aol.com.

Kickboxing is offered Tuesdays at 7 PM. Learn the techniques with pads and mitts and get a great workout. For more information and to register, email Matthew at mboraw9163@juno.org or call (908) 616-0602.

October 24th Race Route

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The course starts on Martine Ave. and MacLennan Place and travels along Martine to North Ave. Turn right onto North Ave. The one-mile mark is passed as the runners make a hairpin left onto Midway Ave. At Martine, turn left and make a right back onto North Ave.



Make a left over Sheelen’s Crossing and a quick right onto South Ave. Make a left onto Third Street and a right onto

LaGrande Ave. where they will pass the 2 mile mark. At LaGrande and Helen Street, make a left straight to Coriell Ave. Make another left. Make a left back onto Martine and the final left turn back onto LaGrande Ave.

Mayor's Message

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I am also pleased to announce exciting news for Fanwood's downtown redevelopment. We all understand the national recession has hit every state, every town and every individual. We live and spend differently than we did seven years ago. And the same holds true with private investment. Therefore, I am so thrilled to announce that a family-owned developer based in Warren, Elite Properties LLC, has recently acquired the former Internet Cafe, Try Cobb and My Little Dance Studio sites. Earlier this year, Elite Properties acquired the former Sovereign Bank site and we are close to finalizing their purchase of the borough-owned South Avenue property as well! A beautiful mixed use of retail stores and residences along with some charming public spaces are planned. While I hear comments of things taking too long, there is no greater cheerleader than myself promoting Fanwood's potential and I always remember that good things come to those who wait. Fanwood is still growing



it's downtown despite the challenging financial landscape.

We happily welcome three new businesses to town! Flannery's Pub by Sheelen's Crossing had a fantastic mid-July opening and anticipates expanding their hours in the fall. This fun and friendly pub is a great addition to the community. We also welcome Curves Fitness Center at 222 South Avenue, across from the train station. And of course the Martine Avenue Deli has been operating downtown for several months now – you should stop in for a sandwich or salad and friendly hello! We wish them all the best of luck!

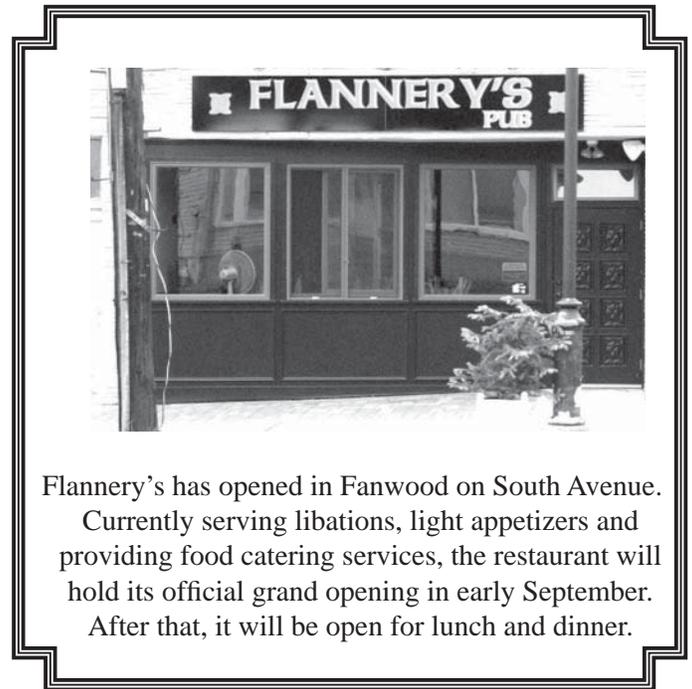
Let me leave you with a reminder to join us on September 20th at The Presbyterian Church on Martine Avenue for the Town Hall Meeting at 7 PM. My best wishes to you all for a great start to the new school year and a beautiful autumn season for us all to enjoy in our little hometown. If I don't see you at the community meeting, stop by my booth on Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, September 26th!

Fanwood's Historical Preservation Commission

The Fanwood Historical Preservation Commission was created by ordinance in December 1989 following the passage of the 1986 Municipal Land Use Law. The Commission's responsibilities include: surveying historic sites, consulting with the Planning Board on the historic preservation, and promoting historic preservation in Fanwood through educational and informational events.

It's most important achievement was the 2004 designation of the Fanwood Park Historic District, which is listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. The District encompasses land subdivided by the Central New Jersey Land Development Company shortly after the railroad constructed the train station. *Images of America – Fanwood*, published by Arcadia Press, features an extensive collection of historic photographs, with descriptive text written by Commission members. With the assistance of a historic preservation consultant, the Commission published design guidelines to assist owners who wish to restore and preserve their historic homes.

In May 2007 the Commission opened the Museum of Fanwood in the town's iconic 1874 Victorian train station. The museum enabled the Commission to consolidate a valuable collection of artifacts and archives that can be used by appointment by authors, historians and curious citizens. It is open from 2 to 4 PM on the first Sunday of most months for viewing the collection. The museum hosted Commission-sponsored events including Who's Been Living in My House?, Memories of Fanwood, an Antiques Road Show, and a wonderful session about the New Jersey Central Railroad.



Flannery's has opened in Fanwood on South Avenue. Currently serving libations, light appetizers and providing food catering services, the restaurant will hold its official grand opening in early September. After that, it will be open for lunch and dinner.

The Historic Preservation element of the Fanwood Master Plan lists structures in our town that have historic value, and should be preserved. Staff of Arch², a consulting firm specializing in historic preservation and research, prepared survey forms for 22 homes, photographed them, and described their architectural character. Commission members are now researching the chains of ownership including prominent Fanwood residents who lived in the homes. The homes that are being surveyed, along with those in the Fanwood Park Historic District, will be included in the upcoming Master Plan Reexamination Report. Regular meetings of the Historical Preservation Commission will be held at the museum on the first Monday of the month at 7:15 PM starting in October. Meetings are open to the public. Everyone is welcome.



The Fanwoodian Needs to Go Green Let's Save Some Trees!

With the cost of postage, (as well as everything else) going up to who-knows-where, serious consideration is being given to sending *The Fanwoodian* to you in some other way other than directly to your residence via snail mail. We'd appreciate it if you'd let us know which method would be most convenient for you:

_____ E-mail would be great, my e-mail address is. _____

_____ I'll pick up a hard copy in the library or at a designated business in town.

_____ I'll read *The Fanwoodian* on our website visitfanwood.com. Union County's "First Alert" can let me know when a new issue is available.

_____ I can pick up a copy at a regular meeting of the "Fanwood Seniors" at Forest Road Park.

_____ Direct mail is the only way that I would be able to receive *The Fanwoodian*. My name and address is _____

Please send your response, either via e-mail, to phoynes@fanwoodnj.org or mail your information to "The Fanwoodian", 75 Martine Avenue in Fanwood 07023. Please respond by September 30th.

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