



Summer Kick-off Party in LaGrande Park

The Fanwood Recreation Commission invites you to Fanwood's 5th annual Party in the Park! The Party takes place on the first Free Movie Night of the summer, at LaGrande Park, Tuesday, June 28th, from 6:30–8:30 PM (raindate is Wednesday, June 29th). Enjoy food, music, beverages and more! For

the kids, there'll be rides, other amusements, and contests inspired by the free movie of the evening, *How to Train Your Dragon*, 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.



The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces its 2011 Free Summer Movie Series at LaGrande Park. Enjoy a night under the stars watching one of Hollywood's latest family-friendly flicks on Fanwood's state-of-the-art, 16 foot-wide outdoor movie screen!

The series begins on Tuesday, June 28th 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 maybe some bug spray too)!

SCHEDULE*

Tuesday, June 28	How to Train Your Dragon
Tuesday, July 5	Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Tuesday, July 12	Ramona and Beezus
Tuesday, July 19	Despicable Me
Tuesday, July 26	Shrek Forever After
Tuesday, August 2	Tangled
Tuesday, August 9	The Sorcerer's Apprentice
Tuesday, August 16	Toy Story 3

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

Fanwood Launches New Website

Want to hear the latest news on what is happening in and around town? Go to www.fanwoodnj.org. Mayor Colleen Mahr is delighted to present the newly designed website with up-to-the minute articles and pictures on the latest events occurring within Fanwood's borders. Working with local web designer Tom Kranz, Mayor Mahr wanted a fresh, more user-friendly webpage to represent Fanwood.

You can find "Fact Finder Columns" on the homepage with links to Permits and Forms that need to be filled out for Alarm Registration, Amusement Devices, Block Parties, Government Records Requests or a Landlord ID Statement to name just a few. There are links to Recreation, Library News, the latest issue of *The Fanwoodian*, Senior News, Fire and Police Departments, the Rescue Squad and Recycling so you will know exactly what should be brought to the

recycling center. At the bottom of the page, there is a link to the Pickup Schedule from the Public Works Department as well as links to articles that might be of particular interest.

You can also access information about Scotch Plains -Fanwood Public Schools, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Patch, the Scotch Plains Times and the Newcomers Club, FYO Baseball, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary, Union County and the State of New Jersey.

In addition to the above, sign up for email alerts and updates that make sure our residents do not miss anything happening in Fanwood that they might consider important.

The website is intended to be a source of pertinent and timely information and it is hoped that Fanwood residents will enjoy it and find it useful in their daily lives.

Fanwood Becomes Sustainable Jersey Partner

Sustainable Jersey is a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. The Borough of Fanwood recently registered as a Sustainable Jersey partner and will benefit by having support to embark on this initiative that will:

- Identify concrete actions that municipalities can implement to become “certified” and be considered leaders on the path to a sustainable community
- Receive clear “how to” guidance and tools to make progress on each action item;
- Gain access to grants through existing and new funding opportunities to make progress toward the action items.

Sustainable Jersey encompasses issues such as global warming, pollution, biodiversity, land use, air and water quality, equity, buying local, local living economies, and sustainable agriculture.

Certification actions are developed by a local committee that will work through an ongoing process of discussion and research to identify and at times implement “actions” from an extensive list of possibilities. To learn more you can visit the Sustainable Jersey website at www.sustainablejersey.com

A committee of volunteers, chaired by former Councilwoman Donna Dolce, is currently being sought to begin work on moving the borough’s agenda forward. Volunteers with an interest in agriculture, environmental issues, green design, health and wellness, alternative energy, waste management and recycling or who would simply want to work toward building a better community are urged to participate. To volunteer, contact Mayor Colleen Mahr at Borough Hall or email her at mayor@visitfanwood.com to offer your support.

Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 30th

The 2011 Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30th. The opening ceremonies will begin for Fanwood at 9 AM at Fanwood Memorial Library, followed at 9:45 AM at the Scotch Plains gazebo. The parade will then follow, beginning at Park Avenue and Front Street in Scotch Plains and ending in Fanwood.

Memorial Day pays tribute to American military personnel of all wars who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the service of our country. This year’s parade will commemorate “The 70th Anniversary of the Start of World War II.” The parade and its committee also recognize 2011 as significant in four additional areas: the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War; the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War; the 20th Anniversary of the Gulf War; and the 10th Anniversary of the start of the war in Afghanistan.

Community Calendar

May 30	Memorial Day Parade
June 9	Sun Exposure Education
June 11	Free Blood Pressure Screening
June 12	Fanwood Street Fair
June 14	Borough Council Meeting
June 22	SPF High School Graduation
June 28	Party in the Parks Opening Night Movies in Park
July 4	Independence Day
July 14	Children’s Knitting Instruction
July 27	Drama Workshop Performance
August 2	National Night Out
October 16	Fanny Wood Day

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Contributions, comments and volunteers are always welcome!
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Who Is This Fanwoodian?

Although this Fanwoodian is originally from Schenectady, New York, he has been a Fanwood resident for 24 years. Since his arrival, his contributions to our town are many:

- 20 years on the Planning Board (17 of those serving as Chairman);
- Still serving on the Clean Community Committee after 18 years (this Committee organizes our Earth Day celebrations);
- Organized Fanwood's first Holiday celebration in 1996 and served as Committee Chairman for three years;
- Served on the LaGrande Park Redevelopment Committee for three years;
- Served on the Mayor's Budget Advisory Committee for one year.

When he's not working hard for our town his avocation is photography, and over the years he has won 18 awards from such organizations as the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island, the Wickford Rhode Island Open Juried Photo Show, the Union County NJ Juried Senior Art Contest, and the NJ State Juried Senior Art Contest. These awards ranged from "Best of Show" to "Honorable Mention." Other interests include tennis, skiing, fishing and hiking.

Before retiring, he worked for 35 years in marketing and sales. He is the father of two daughters and one son and the grandfather of four.

To learn who this very accomplished Fanwoodian is, turn to page 6.



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

Fanwood is looking beautiful this Spring! Flowers are blooming, the Fanwood Garden Club has spruced up the downtown flowerpots and the Department of Public Works is picking up winter debris, filling potholes, sweeping the streets and getting our parks ready for summer fun! Police bicycle patrols have recommenced, and I think you'll agree that the town is in very good condition, both aesthetically and business-wise.

The tough decisions and stringent budgeting of the last several years continue to serve us well. While other towns are challenged to stay within the new state mandated 2% budget cap, Fanwood was able to meet it. The cap, for those not familiar with it, means that towns are not allowed to raise the amount collected for taxation more than 2 percent over what they collected the previous year. Understanding how burdensome rising property taxes are for us all, we have worked diligently to maintain the same funding level since 2009. Although Fanwood controls only 20% of your overall property tax bill, we continue to do more with less as we weather these challenging financial times. This is why it is critical to continue to examine all the potential savings that might be gained through sharing services with neighboring communities.

On May 2nd the Borough Council and I met with Mayor Malool and the Scotch Plains Council to advance our Shared Service discussions. Our commitment is to seize every cost-saving measure that maintains or improves current service levels, but NEVER to skimp on safety or the quality of life that makes us proud to be Fanwoodians. While focusing on shared Police, Construction and Municipal Court services, Police Chief Trigo and I have committed to work closely when discussions turn to the Police Department. Safety is not for sale in this community. Bear in mind that Fanwood and Scotch Plains already have a substantial shared service in place. Representing 60% of your property tax bill, our regional school system has served all of us well. I encourage you to play an active role in this discussion by attending public meetings and always understanding that I am just a phone call or email away.

An unwelcome result of the early Spring rains was a flood in the Children's Department of the Library. The scope of the flood required the basement to be stripped, so we took advantage of the crisis by having air quality, mold and engineering studies done. There is a history of water in that facility and we are working with engineers on how to best proceed. Fortunately, the air quality testing showed good results. Working with the Library Board of Trustees, we will re-open the Children's Department as soon as possible. I thank Director Dan Weiss for all his hard work and appreciate the professionalism of his staff in adjusting to this major inconvenience. And I must thank the Scotch Plains Library as well for welcoming the high volume of Fanwood residents who have been walking through their doors.

It was heartening to see three Fanwoodians run for the open School Board seat held by Rob O'Conner. Rob has served for nine years with dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm. I've enjoyed working with him on Board matters as well as co-teaching the Brunner after-school woodworking classes. To Maggie Savoca and Michael Lewis, I applaud your interest and dedication in running for public office. It is not an easy task and I am glad you both stepped up to the challenge. To Jeanne Cleary, congratulations on your successful run. I know you will serve us well and I look forward to working with you and Amy Winkler on the many issues that concern Fanwood.

Thank you to our terrific Cultural Arts Committee for a wonderful series of music

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Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control

Is there any way that I can control mosquitoes from breeding around my home?

Any open, outdoor container that retains water can breed mosquitoes. Clogged roof gutters, old wheel-less tires, unmaintained swimming pools and flower pots all will collect organic material such as old leaves. These are attractive sites for breeding and tend to take a very long time to dry out. Natural depressions in your yard can also hold stagnant water. Regrade these areas to eliminate the puddles. Keep children's toys indoors or make sure to dump out any water that they accumulate. Bird baths should have the water changed at least twice a week. Pet water bowls and flower pot saucers should be monitored as well. Have roof gutters checked and cleaned at the beginning of spring and at mid-summer. Make sure window and door screens are properly fitted and repaired. Many repellants are available to provide relief from mosquitoes and other insects/pests. Always follow the instructions on the labels, and check with your family physician before applying any repellent to an infant or young child.

Fanwood Community Foundation

The Fanwood Community Foundation, established in October 1998, was created to provide individuals, organizations and families a means to provide a legacy of philanthropy in support of Fanwood and its citizens.

The Foundation's purpose is to help where the needs are the greatest and the benefits to Fanwood and its citizens are most substantial. With over a decade of service the FCF has accumulated assets in excess of \$100,000 made up of contributions from local residents and businesses. In return, the Board of Directors makes annual contributions ranging from a few hundred dollars to over \$1,000 to eligible nonprofit corporations seeking assistance. To name a few, donations have been used to purchase much needed fire equipment for the Fanwood Fire Department, a new camera for TV35 and to support the work of Resolve Crisis Center.

Many of our donors are local residents who continue to make valuable contributions to support the work of the Foundation. Other contributors have included us in their will or had memorial contributions made in their memory to provide a living legacy. Whatever the motivation, all dollars provide opportunities to support to the Fanwood Community now and into the future.

If you would like to become a member or make a gift to the foundation, please visit our website at www.fanwoodcommunityfoundation.org.

The Board of Trustees: President: Christopher Rosin.
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Fabio's Bistro Serves Pizza and Italian Cuisine



A newly renovated "Fabio's Bistro" has opened on South Avenue next to the train station. Eager to welcome new friends, owners Frank Czadio and John Urso look forward to feeding hungry customers. So drop in, say hello and have something delicious for lunch or dinner.

Cleary Elected to School Board

Fanwood resident Jeanne Cleary emerged victorious from the recent race for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School Board. Cleary told the Fanwoodian, "I am so happy that the budget passed by such a strong margin which reflects our communities' core value of providing an excellent educational experience. Having more candidates running this year brought more attention to the issues."

Cleary, who was elected to a three-year term, added, "We should celebrate the fact that when challenged by a two percent cap, this district provided a budget that reduced the overall tax levy and still maintains valuable programming for our students. I look forward to the challenges ahead and working for the continued excellence of our educational system in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district."

Fanwood Library Children's Department Update

Due to the most recent incident of flooding in the Children's Department, the lower level of the Fanwood Memorial Library has been closed to the public since early March. This is the third time in five years that water has damaged the basement level.

To help ensure the health and safety of library users and staff, the Board of Trustees has closed the Children's Department while remediation and repairs can be addressed. Library services and activities for adults and children will continue on the main level while decisions are made as to the best way forward to insure the best quality library service.

Children's Services:

- * Book Bingo will be held every Friday at 10:30 AM beginning June 24th and continuing through August 12th. Children should be able to read or willing to share with someone who can. Everyone is a winner at Book Bingo.
- * Summer Reading Club begins Monday June 27th with a kick-off at 7 PM. This summer's theme is One World-Many Stories.
- * Summer Drama Workshop, led by Ann Minski and Mary Everson, will start June 28th. Prior registration is required. For more details call Camille or Susan at the Library at (908) 322-6400.
- * Beginning July 5th, Summer Read-To-Me Club for three and four year olds will take place Tuesday mornings at 10:30 with stories and crafts.
- * Monday Nights are Special features entertaining performance programs for the whole family sponsored by the Friends of the Libary. They will be held Mondays at 7 PM from July 12th through August 8th.
- * On July 19th the library will host a celebration of the classic American story *The Wizard of Oz*. Come in costume! Be a munchkin, a good or a bad witch or a citizen of Oz.

Check our website for updates on all programs: www.fanwoodlibrary.org. In other news, Fireball, our resident guinea pig who was born at the library in June 2004, left us in March. He lived a long and happy life, delighted many visitors and will be missed. The Library's guinea pig tradition continues with our two new pets: Butterscotch Annabelle Squeak (she's the one whose hair sticks up and is the color of a calico cat) and Brownie Beatrix Squiggly (the one with the brown band across her back). Please stop by and make them feel welcome.

A Message from Mayor Colleen Mahr

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and poetry productions at the Patricia Kuran Cultural Arts Center. We look forward to seeing the scheduled line-up for the Fall. You may not be aware that this facility is truly becoming a functioning cultural arts center. Not only do we host performances and gallery displays of local artists, but the facility is home to two local fine arts groups as well. Our lovely Carriage House has become a rich cultural center for the community.

Although you may have missed the small but significant event, on May 19th I very much enjoyed presiding at the groundbreaking for "Fanwood Crossings" on the corner of South Avenue and Martine Avenue. Having worked to develop this mixed-use residential and retail project for more than a year, I was thrilled to help put the first shovel in the ground. To see another major economic redevelopment project begin construction should make all of us proud, particularly at a time when the economy has slowed the progress of similar projects statewide. Fanwood still has solid developers investing in our community. I encourage you to visit our website to see renderings of this fantastic building.

And we mustn't forget our other new neighbors! I recently cut the grand-opening ribbon at d. Lindsay Salon on South Avenue, a new full-service salon. A Borough Hall staffer has

already been in for a haircut and was very impressed. And a new Italian eatery has opened – Fabio's! I hope everyone will join me in patronizing our local businesses and sample the food over at Fabio's – I've already been in and it's fabi-lus! Grab dessert over at the Double Dipper, and if it's adults only – share a cocktail with friends at Flannery's. A great date night can be had right here in Fanwood.

But right now we're all facing the last days of school and the prospects of a fun summer ahead. There may still be some openings for the children's recreation programs at La Grande Park. I encourage you to check for availability. Our recreation programs have been expanding steadily. This year we're offering a "Teens & Tweens" travel camp. Campers will experience daily field trips to ball games or the beach, and more. All these programs are self-funded with no cost at all to the taxpayer. By the end of the summer we hope to be able to report some of the findings of the Recreation Master Plan study that has been ongoing for several months. I thank those who have weighed in on what the next generation of our park system should look like.

I hope I see you at our Memorial Day ceremony at the library at 9 AM, and then I'll be waving to you along the parade route. It's a wonderful day to remember and reflect on what makes the United States of America second to none.

16th Annual Fanny Wood Day Sunday, October 2nd

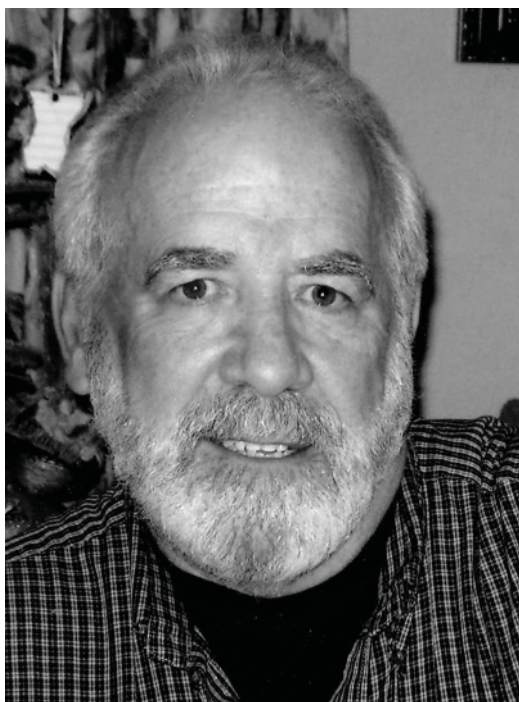
The Fanny Wood Day Committee is excited to announce that this year's event will be held on Sunday, October 2nd, 2011 from 11 AM to 5 PM in downtown Fanwood. Mark your calendar and don't miss out on this annual hometown event!

Everyone is encouraged to come out for good food and craft vendors, as well as live musical entertainment and lots of activities for the whole family. The Kids Zone will feature a Bounce 'N Slide, a moonwalk and other exciting activities at a low "pay once, play all day" price! Jugglers, clowns, the always popular ice cream eating contest, bubble gum blowing contest and a few neat surprises will all be a part of the day's fun.

New this year is a "Fotos of Fanwood" photography contest open to photography buffs of all ages! Enter a photo showing off your favorite Fanwood person, place or thing with prizes awarded in a variety of categories. Please watch for more details!

If you're interested in being a Fanny Wood Day volunteer, vendor or just to learn more about this great event, please visit our website at www.fanwoodnj.org or call Donna Dolce at (908) 889-6072.

Who Is This Fanwoodian?



Greg Cummings!

His website is

www.gregcumingsphotography.com

Fanny Wood Day Celebration to Feature Photography Contest

"Fotos of Fanwood" is a new and exciting addition to the annual Fanny Wood Day Street Fair to be held on Sunday, October 2nd at South and Martine Avenue in downtown Fanwood. All amateur photographers, residents and non-residents alike, are invited to participate.

Photographers can submit their favorite photographs of people, places, events or things that can be found in Fanwood. Judging and prizes will be awarded in three categories: ages 12 and under, ages 13–21 and adults over 21 years of age.

Photographers may submit as many entries as they choose, but each photograph should be of a different image. Photos must be at least 5" x 7" and no larger than 10" x 12". The photos can be color or black and white and can be displayed or mounted in any manner.

To enter, submit your photo(s) to the Chelsea Assisted Living, 295 South Avenue, Fanwood, NJ by 5 PM on Friday, September 23rd. The photograph should have the following included on the back; title, a brief description of the place, person or object in the photograph, followed by the photographer's name, age, address, telephone and email address.

Entries become the property of the Borough of Fanwood and can be used on local websites, in newsletters, or on display at municipal promotions or events.

For complete rules and entry form, please visit the Fanny Wood webpage at www.fanwoodnj.org.

Children's Knitting Instruction Ages 8–13

Youngsters who want to learn knitting or crocheting will be interested in attending instructional classes being offered at the Library starting July 14th for six consecutive Thursday mornings. Seating is limited, so be sure to sign up soon. For more information contact Gloria Rusnak at (908) 322-6400.

Knit & Crochet for Charity!

Anyone interested in lending their needle for a good cause is invited to join Gloria Rusnak at the Tuesday Afternoon Knit/Crochet Circle, which will meet from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM at the Library.

Bring your own needles and yarn and have fun creating useful items for worthy causes. Past recipients include the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation in Scotch Plains, The Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains, Gateway Pregnancy Center in Plainfield, and Citizen S.A.M. Organization (for the troops) to name just a few.

For more information contact Gloria Rusnak at (909) 322-6400.

Club West Nutrition Club Opens on South Avenue



Need to lose weight or gain weight? Club West, one of the newest businesses in town, will be happy to help you develop a program to reach your goal. Stop in at 222 South Avenue, have a healthy drink at the smoothie bar and hear all about the “weight loss challenges.” You might even win some money.

Lawn Mowers: How to Keep Our Children Safe

To make sure that only the grass gets cut, here are some safety tips to help protect our children during this busy mowing season:



- Keep children out of the yard. Lawn mower blades can whirl around at 100 to 200 miles per hour. They can pick up objects and toss them out at high speeds.
- Use a lawn mower that stops automatically when you release the handle.
- Never let children play on the lawn mower. Don't allow children age 12 or younger to operate a walking lawn mower. Keep kids age 14 or younger off riding mowers.
- Mow forward, if you mow backward, you may not notice a child approaching from behind.
- When turning off the mower, wait for the blades to stop turning.
- If you use a gas-powered mower, avoid possible toxic ingestion by closing gas cans and storing them out of the reach of children.

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, times, prices, ages, etc., and to register, please go to www.fanwoodrecreation.org/summer.htm to download forms and for more information.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program	grades K-6	6/27-8/19 (weekly)
Raider Basketball Camp	grades 1-7	6/27-7/1, 7/11-7/15
Lacrosse Camp	grades 3-12	6/27-7/1
Fanwood Soccer Camp	ages 5-10	7/5-7/8, 8/1-8/5, 8/8-8/12
Tom Baylock (Fanwood) Baseball Camp	grades 1-9	7/5-7/8, 7/18-7/22
Pony Equestrian Program	ages 3-7	7/5-7/8
Fanwood Junior Tennis Lessons	ages 4-14	7/5-8/12 (weekly)
Tweens & Teens Travel Camp	grades 6-9	7/18-7/22, 7/25-7/29
Girls Soccer Camp	ages 9-12	7/18-7/22
Sports Squirts (intro to sports)	ages 3-5	7/18-7/22, 8/15-8/19
Beginner Golf Clinic	ages 5-11	7/25-7/29
Little Bakers Camp	ages 5-10	8/1-8/5
SmartyCat Kids Science Camp	ages 5-7, 8-10	8/1-8/5, 8/15-8/19
Aviation Camp	grades K-5	8/8-8/12
Pony Grooming & Riding Program	ages 7-13	8/15-8/19
Field Hockey Clinic	ages 6-14	8/15-8/19
Beginner Lacrosse Clinic	ages 6-14	8/15-8/19
Multi-Sports Camp (over 15 different sports)	ages 5-14	8/22-8/26
Making Magic Camp	grades K-5	8/22-8/26

Last Chance to Sign up for Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program!

The Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program still has a limited number of spots left. The program runs at LaGrande Park on weekdays from June 27th–August 19th, and has two sessions: 9 AM–12 Noon and 12 Noon–3 PM. The program features structured, fun-filled activities for children entering grades kindergarten through 6 in September, and is led by certified teachers and experienced counselors. Activities include arts & crafts, sports, games, contests, water fun and a whole lot more. Each week also features special events. Activities are tailored to three different age groups.

The program is \$45 per session per week, or \$80 for both sessions in the same week. You can sign up for the AM session, PM session or both, and for as many weeks as you wish, subject to availability. You can pick up the information and the registration forms at the Fanwood Municipal Building or download them at www.fanwoodrecreation.org.



K-9 Resorts owned by proprietors Steven and Jason Parker have been named the “Best of the Best” in *NJ Monthly Magazine*, achieving the the distinction of the 2011 award for “Best Pet Service in Central NJ”. Steven and Jason are wonderful neighbors known for their civic-mindedness. Congratulations to them both!

Mayor Mahr Welcomes Norman’s Hallmark!

Norman’s Hallmark, formerly Irma’s, now under new ownership, was officially welcomed to the community with a ribbon cutting by Mayor Colleen Mahr.



Pictured above are: Councilman Russell Huegel & his daughter, Sales Associate Ceil D’Agostino , Store Manager Sally Drewes, VP of Norman’s Vince Navitsky, Mayor Colleen Mahr,

Congratulations to K-9 Resorts!

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