

Fanwood's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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Forest Road Park plays host once again to Fanwood's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st, which begins eggs-actly at 10 AM sharp (rain date: April 7th, same time and place). 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! 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.fanwoodrecreation.org or call Fanwood Recreation at (908) 370-7092.

Food Pantry in Need

The Scotch Plains/Fanwood Food Pantry, located in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, is seeking donations of food and other items. The pantry is currently in need of the following: boxed potatoes, canned fruits and meats, cereal, dried pasta, frozen meals, jelly, juice, pasta sauce, peanut butter, rice and tuna fish. Dish detergent, laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and paper products are also needed.

Donations are accepted at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building (frozen food and refrigerated items can be dropped off during regular work hours). Non-perishable items can also be placed in receptacles at the Fanwood Municipal Building and the Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries.

The pantry is available to families in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Items are dispensed Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11 AM. For further information, contact Madeline Rutkowski at (908) 322-6700 x313.

Discover Fanwood With the BPA

The Fanwood Business and Professional Association is kicking off its campaign Discover Fanwood on its new website: www.fanwoodbusiness.com. The campaign is designed to bring business to the community and promote Fanwood to residents of other towns. In addition, the association will be hosting a flea market on Saturday mornings from late spring until early fall.

Earth Day



In observance of Earth Day 2012, Fanwood will be participating in Clean Communities Day on Saturday, April 21st. As in

past years, individuals, families and organizations are invited to partake in Fanwood's annual spring cleaning. Those interested are invited to assemble at the Millennium Clock at 8:30 AM on the south side of the railroad station. This annual rite of spring in Fanwood not only generates a spirit of volunteerism, but also helps spruce up the community. It also provides an instructive experience for everyone concerning the negative aspects of littering. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this event, contact the Department of Public Works at (908) 322-7404.



Spring Programs at the Fanwood Memorial Library

There are many exciting programs going on this spring at the Fanwood Memorial Library for both adults and children! On May 15th at 7 PM by the fireplace, Salvatore Chiarelli will be singing Italian/Neapolitan songs of the popular, traditional and classical variety. Mr. Chiarelli will be singing in both English and Italian. His song selection will include O Sole Mio (It's Now or Never), Mamma, Dicitencello Vuje (Just Say I Love Her), Parlami D'amore (Tell Me That You Love Me Tonight) and many others. If you are a lover of Italian music, this performance will surely warm your heart!

Museum Pass is an exciting program sponsored jointly by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial and Scotch Plains Public Libraries. The program enables card holders and Friends of both Libraries to visit area museums for free or at a minimal cost. Many participating museums have reciprocal programs and networks, which greatly extend the value of your Museum Pass. For more information contact either library or visit us online at www.thejointlibrary.org/museumpass.

Additionally, the Children's Department will be running the following programs:

- Every day from April 9th through 13th from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, come join the *Inklings* and make your own storybook. This event is for children in grades 1 through 4. Children will learn about different kinds of stories, then write and illustrate their very own picture book! Prior sign up is required as space is limited. Please call or drop by the Children's Department to sign up.
- Book Bingo will be occurring on Friday, April 13th from 1 PM to 2 PM, and Friday, May 4th from 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM. Participants must be able to read or share with someone who is able to read. Prizes will be given out!
- Read to the Dogs on Saturday, April 28th from 2 PM to 3 PM. This is a volunteer "Paws for People" program sponsored by St. Hubert's. Please sign-up ahead of time for a five minute slot to practice reading aloud to a very patient therapy dog and their volunteer owner.

Finally, May is Pet Month, and to celebrate the Fanwood Memorial Library is having a Pet Photo Parade. All Fanwood residents can send in pictures of their pets (with or without owners) to be included in the parade at the library. Please include with your picture the name of the pet, the pet's age, the owner of the pet, and a phone number. We will also have activities at the library celebrating National Pet Month. Please check our events calendar at www.fanwoodlibrary.org or our Facebook page for more information.

Are You Better Prepared For The Next Disaster?

In 2011, New Jersey experienced spring flooding, an earthquake, Hurricane Irene and an October nor'easter. Are you ready for what 2012 might bring? The Fanwood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) reminds you that now is the best time to "Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Be Informed" — three things you can do to help yourself and your family be better prepared for any kind of disaster. For the Kit part, consider putting together a box of items in case you can't leave your home for several days. This box should include — non-perishable food, bottled water and enough medications to support your family's needs and don't forget your pet's needs! Also consider what you would need to take with you if you need to evacuate your home — that's a "Go Bag." Check all of these kits at



least twice a year (maybe the same time you change the clocks). For the Plan, consider where your family would go if you had to leave your home (maybe a neighbor's house or friend's home in the area), if you had to leave Union County (place at the shore or in PA), and finally where would you go if you had to evacuate New Jersey. Share this plan with all of your family members so they all know where to go — especially if they can't communicate with each other during a disaster. Finally, the Be Informed part includes signing up for online alerts, having a weather radio at home and other ways you can learn about disaster preparedness. The Fanwood CERT has a number of tips and suggestions on their web site at www.fanwoodcert.org/prepare_yourself.htm.



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

Goodness knows how we managed it but at the time of this writing, winter has passed us by! Though I do love the look of a newly fallen snow and the fun of doling out hot chocolate to my three snow fort warriors, this year I did not miss it. After the hurricane and ice storm of Fall 2011 I am glad that we weren't called into action on that scale again. Hopefully when you read this we won't be up to our chins in a late blizzard, but watching our crocus peep through to welcome spring!

Of course from a fiscal standpoint, an easy winter spells savings on the salting, plowing and overtime that come with winter storms. That's a real boon given the extra expenses incurred during the foul fall weather. Another upside of the weather is that we were able to move ahead with some improvements at La Grande Park, upgrading the basketball court and installing a sun shelter to serve the summer recreation program and the entire community. Work is nearly complete and I think you will agree that it is an appealing design and will see a lot of activity!

The Borough has been hard at work on the 2012 municipal budget which will be introduced at the March 20th Council Meeting. The proposed budget will reflect a \$7.67 increase over 2011 for an average homeowner. This represents 1/3rd of 1% increase, well under the mandated 2% tax levy cap.

The Borough's anticipated spending for the year is less than for 2011, and shows our commitment to living within our means and being responsible stewards of your hard earned tax dollars. The public hearing and adoption of the budget will be scheduled for a hearing in April, I encourage you visit our website for more information.

Part of our overall budget planning is an in-depth study of a joint Fanwood/Scotch Plains Police Department. Talks between both governing bodies are underway and despite what you may have read in the press, our discussions have been productive and ongoing. I remain focused on leading the discussion on creating a joint police department. For my part, there will be no change unless it results in improved service to borough residents at a reduced cost. Once I have a more complete financial picture my goal is to call a community meeting to properly share information and answer questions from the public. Until that time, no judgment can be made as to whether or not this is the right move for Fanwood.

You may also have read of a push to create a study committee to develop a plan for consolidation of the Borough of Fanwood with the Township of Scotch Plains. Although it provides some juicy fodder for the press, the timing is not appropriate to conduct yet a further study of our two towns. In December 2009 we received a grant to fund an extensive examination of the two town's operations. The resulting report, "Full Shared Services Study for the Township of Scotch Plains and Borough of Fanwood" recommends AGAINST a merger, a point of view I share. You can find the entire report on www.fanwoodnj.org.

And finally, I am delighted to congratulate Fanwood Administrator/Clerk Eleanor McGovern for being named a "Union County Woman of Excellence." You all know Eleanor; she has been a constant presence at Borough Hall for 27 years. Eleanor has coordinated and attended over 600 meetings of the Mayor & Council, oversees all elections and manages all Borough Departments. A Fanwood resident and dedicated employee, Eleanor has worked tirelessly to help make Fanwood the wonderful town we know it to be. I hope you will join me in a sincere "Thank You" to Eleanor for her many years of dedication to our community. Thank you Eleanor!



Recycling Center Update

Al Ebersole, Manager of the Recycling Center reports that the Center earned \$115,000 in 2011. These monies were distributed among 25 local civic organization.

He also reminds us that if you are a disabled senior, you can call Doreen at the Department of Public Works (908) 322-7404, who will schedule you for pick up of

your recyclable items curbside at your request. These should be sorted according to guidelines established by the Recycling Center.

Over 2,000 fluorescent bulbs have been recycled through Home Depot since the program began in August, 2011. Ordinary incandescent bulbs can be thrown in the garbage.

Fanwood Recreation Spring Programs for Children

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

Sports Squirts	begins 4/16	ages 3–5	www.ussportsinstitute.com
Little Bakers Workshop	begins 4/16	grades K–3	www.thecupcakeexperience.com
Junior Scientists Workshop	begins 4/17	ages 4–10	www.smartcatkids.com
Lego & Hero Factory Club	begins 4/17 & 4/19	grades 1–5	www.fanwoodrecreation.org
Tennis Squirts	begins 4/19	ages 3–5	www.ussportsinstitute.com
Junior Tennis Lessons	begins 5/21	ages 5–12+	bmaloney197@comcast.net

Discover Fanwood with the BPA

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Located at the Fanwood Train Station, the market will provide vendors the opportunity to rent a table from the FBPA for a small fee. More information will be available on the website as the kickoff date approaches.

Fanwood resident Louis Z. Zambrio was recently appointed president of the Fanwood Business and

Professional Association, and Tracy Constandi was appointed vice president. Mr. Zambrio is a business attorney specializing in small businesses and an adjunct professor at Kean University. Ms. Constandi and her husband Frank own Frank's Auto Repair & Auto Body, Inc. in Fanwood.

FYO Baseball Hosts MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Competition

FYO Baseball will host an Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run Competition for area youth on Saturday April 14th, at LaGrande Park.

Pitch, Hit & Run is the Official Skills Competition of Major League Baseball. This grassroots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete free of charge in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball skills.

Competitors are divided into four age divisions by gender— 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14—and have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including a Team Championship to be held at Yankee Stadium and the National Finals held at the 2012 MLB All-Star Game.

For more information about this local competition please visit www.fyobaseball.org.

Arbor Day Celebration

The Fanwood Shade Tree Commission will celebrate Arbor Day at 4 PM in Carriage House Park on Watson Road, Friday, April 27th. The Park Middle School Environmental Club will be featured at the celebration. Those attending will receive a free tree. Join us to enjoy a lovely spring afternoon.

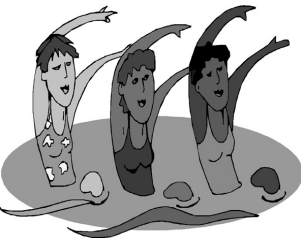
Look What's In Our Neighborhood



Located within Fanwood's Historic District lies this gracious Federal Revival. Built in the late 1920's by Frank Weldon of Weldon Concrete, this ten-room home perches proudly on a Martine Avenue corner. In May, it is a favorite location for watching the Memorial Day Parade.

Fanwood Recreation Spring Programs for Seniors

Fanwood Recreation announces its spring program schedule for Fanwood seniors. Programs begin the week of April 2nd and run through the week of June 18th:



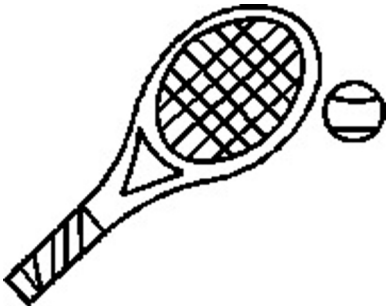
Aerobics	Tuesdays	9–10 AM
Tai Chi	Tuesdays	10:15–11:15 AM
Water Exercise	Wednesdays	11:30 AM–12:15 PM
Tennis	Thursdays	11–11:45 AM (begins April 26 th)
Line Dancing	Thursdays	1–2 PM
Zumba Gold	Fridays	9:15–10 AM

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, tennis will be held at the Hilltop Tennis Club, 330 North Avenue in Fanwood.

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 www.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.

Tennis For Seniors

Fanwood Recreation announces its newest program for seniors: tennis! Especially designed as a series of short, aerobic sessions for those who are 65 and older, this program is for people who are interested in improving their physical fitness and eye-motor coordination through the practice of tennis, and improving their tennis game as well. You don’t need to be an accomplished tennis player to participate!



Tennis instructor Bob Laudati will be conducting this program on the soft clay courts of the Hilltop Tennis Club, located behind the evergreens at 330 North Avenue in Fanwood. The program runs for eight sessions, from April 26th through June 14th, 11–11:45 AM. The cost to Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents is \$10 for all eight sessions. Registration forms are available at Fanwood Borough Hall or can be downloaded from www.fanwoodrecreation.org. Registrants are asked to bring their own rackets if they have one, and to wear soft-soled shoes or sneakers. For more information, please contact Bob at (908) 322-7762 or rdlaudati@aol.com.

Property Tax Reimbursement
(Senior Freeze)

If you were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2010 (or under 65 but receiving social security disability benefits)

- *And* you have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2000
- *And* you have owned and lived in your home since December 31, 2007
- *And* you paid the full amount of your 2010 property taxes by June 1, 2011
- *And* you paid 2011 property taxes due by June 1, 2012
- *And* your total annual income for both 2010 and 2011 was \$80,000* a year or less

You may be eligible for a property tax freeze. For more information go to www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/geninfo.shtml or call 1-800-882-6597. Applications are available from the tax collector.

**all eligibility requirements
subject to change by the State Budget*

Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club
Presents
“The Great Gatsby Meets
the 21st Century”



The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains is holding its biggest fund-raiser of the year on April 22nd at the Twin Brooks Country Club in Watchung, NJ. The luncheon and fashion show has become an annual tradition that provides funds for college scholarships for deserving young women of Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

The event begins at 11 AM and features a delicious lunch and fantastic show of fashions provided by Lord & Taylor. There is a silent auction with prizes such as vacations in Wales, Vermont, and at the shore, and many other fascinating items. The Select-A-Gift baskets are always a big hit, and the 50/50 raffle can be quite lucrative for the winners.

In 2011 more than 260 persons attended, and the Club was able to award \$31,500 in scholarships. We hope to have an even bigger turnout this year. For more information and tickets, please call Renate or Marie at (908) 889-0200.

Fanwood Recreation
Summer Park Program Sign-
Up



If you missed the Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program registration night a few weeks ago, it’s not too late to sign up your child—there are still a limited number of slots available.

Led by certified teachers and experienced counselors, the Summer Park Program offers structured, fun-filled activities tailored for specific age groups in a safe neighborhood environment for children ages 5–11. The Summer Park Program begins the week of June 25th, Monday–Friday, and continues for eight consecutive weeks in LaGrande Park. The cost is \$45 per week for morning (9 AM–12 Noon) or afternoon (12 Noon–3 PM) session. Save \$10—for only \$80, sign up for both morning and afternoon sessions the same week. The morning sessions sold out last summer, so don’t delay!

For more information about the Summer Park Program and to download a registration form, go to

Who Is This Fanwoodian?

A desire to make his mark and a wish to do good in his community is what drives this issue’s Fanwoodian. Raised in Westfield, a World War II veteran, and a resident of Fanwood for 60 years, this neighbor has a long list of accomplishments that anyone could be proud of:



- Manager of Fanwood’s Recycling Center since 1986. Appointed by former mayor Pat Kuran, he gives presentations on the benefits and rewards of recycling, organizes designated work hours for low-risk minor offenders from the Probation Department, Youth and Family Services and three court systems, Garwood, Scotch Plains and Fanwood, for the Community Service Program in Union County. He reports on their service to the courts. Also supervises Junior High and High School students given Saturday detention.
- Formerly a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Planning Board of Fanwood.
- Recipient of a 75-year pin from the Boy Scouts of America in recognition of 75 years of membership and service which includes serving as the Commissioner Of The Roundtable and a member of the Camping and Properties Committee; Chief of the Order of the Arrow; a 35-year member of the Executive Board of the Watchung Area Council; was a Scout Master for over 30 years and had a total of 105 Eagle Scouts in his troop.
- Member of the Flintlocks for 24 years, a group of scouters who build buildings, docks, tent platforms and bulletin boards for the Scout Camp, Camp Winnebago.

Still going strong in his 80’s, this Fanwoodian looks forward to a future of continued service to his community. To see who this Fanwoodian is, turn to page 8.

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Please call Pat Hoynes (908) 322-8236 ext 121.

Fanwood Recreation Summer Camps and Programs Schedule

Listed below are the summer camps and programs that Fanwood Recreation is sponsoring or partnering with for Summer 2012. For more information and to register, use the contact information in the right column.

Program	Age/Grade	Dates	Contact
Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program	5–11	6/25–8/17 (weekly)	www.fanwoodrecreation.org
Raider Basketball Camp	grades 1–7	6/25–6/29, 7/9–7/13	kewing@spfk12.org
Aviators Camp	grades K–5	6/25–6/29	www.thehobbyquest.com
Boys Lacrosse Camp	grades 3–12	6/25–6/29	www.thelaxacademy.net
Fanwood Soccer Camp	5–10	7/2–6, 7/23–27, 8/6–10	fanwoodsoccercamp@yahoo.com
Tom Baylock Baseball Camp	grades 1–9	7/2–7/6, 7/16–7/20	tbaylock@spfk12.org
Beginner Golf Clinic	5–11	7/9–7/13	www.ussportsinstitute.com
Hocus Pocus Magic Camp	grades K–5	7/9–7/13	www.thehobbyquest.com
Fanwood Junior Tennis Lessons	4–14	7/2–8/10 (weekly)	bmaloney197@comcast.net
Tweens & Teens Travel Camp	grades 6–9	7/16–7/20, 7/23–7/27	www.fanwoodrecreation.org
Sports Squirts (intro to sports)	3–5	7/16–7/20, 8/20–8/24	www.ussportsinstitute.com
Pony Camps	3–7, 7–13	7/30–8/3	call (973) 644-3355
Junior Scientists Camp	5–10	7/30–8/3	www.smartycatkids.com
Little Bakers Camp	5–10	7/30–8/3	www.thecupcakeexperience.com
Multi-Sports Camp (over 15 different sports)	5–14	8/13–8/17	www.ussportsinstitute.com
Fashion Design Camp	grades 1–8	8/13–8/17	www.thehobbyquest.com
Beginner Lacross Clinic	6-14	8/20–8/24	www.ussportsinstitute.com



The Fanwood 5K Race & Family Fun Run Needs You!



We’re looking to continue the success of last year’s race, and we need your help! The Fanwood Recreation Commission will again be presenting a 5K Race and Family Fun Run in Fanwood on Sunday morning, October 21st. Volunteers were a huge reason for the success of the race. It takes about 60 people just to direct people along the race course. If you’d like to volunteer to help organize the event, fundraise or just direct people along the race route on race day, please contact Fanwood Recreation Commissioner Joe Valente at (201) 725-2032 or jvrace@fanwood5K.org. Check out our website at www.Fanwood5K.org. We welcome any organization or individual looking to do a service project.

Fanwood Cultural Arts Performance Series Spring 2012 Schedule

Great shows are coming to the Kuran Cultural Arts Center on Watson Road. The Saturday evening performances begin at 7 PM, information can be found at www.fanwoodperformanceseries.org.
April 14: Jazz Night
May 12: Blue grass and folk
June 9: Classical

Fanwood Recreation Tweens & Teens Travel Camp

Do you have kids looking for a little adventure this summer? Sign them up for Fanwood Recreation’s Tweens & Teens Travel Camp—and tell them to bring a friend! Open to children entering grades 6–9 in the fall, this program will take campers on a fun-filled field trip every day, Monday through Friday, in a supervised and safe environment. Destinations include Mountain Creek Water Park, Great Adventure, New York Mets, Combat Sports Laser Tag, Monster Golf and more!
The camp will run for two weeks—July 16th–20th and 23rd–27th, from 9 AM to 5 PM. The cost is \$280 per week (as of this writing; subject to change) for Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents, \$330 for non-residents. The cost includes transportation, admission fees and a camp t-shirt. Registration forms and more detailed information can be found at www.fanwoodrecreation.org. Space is limited, and registration ends on April 27th, so don’t delay!



2012 Summer Counselor Jobs



If you know a high school or college student (or anyone else) who is looking for a summer counselor position, it is not too late to apply for a job in Fanwood Recreation’s Summer Park Program and Tweens & Teens Travel Camp. The Park Recreation Program runs for eight weeks from 9 AM to 3 PM, Monday–Friday at LaGrande Parkbeginning on June 25th, and the Travel Camp runs for two weeks from 9 AM–5 PM, Monday–Friday beginning on July 16th. To download an application, please go to www.fanwoodrecreation.org and click on the “Job Applications” link. Submission of an application does not guarantee an interview or a response.

Spring Break Sports Camps

Spring Break is April 9–13. Looking for a fun, exciting sports camp to put your child in for the week? Sign up for Multi-Sports Camp, Netbursting Soccer Camp or both! Conducted by the US Sports Institute, these camps are open to children ages 5-14, and conveniently located in Forest Road Park. For more information and to register, call (732) 563-2520 or go to www.ussportsinstitute.com.

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