



Local Veteran Service Organizations To Be Honored at Memorial Day Parade



Three local organizations will be honored on Memorial Day in recognition of the support and assistance given to disabled Veterans and their families; visits to Veterans hospitals; promotion of Veterans Memorials and observances; and support of military service members. These organizations are the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10122, American Legion Post 209 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 688.

The schedule of events follows:

- 8:00 AM Memorial service at American Legion Post 209 at Park Avenue and Sunset Place in Scotch Plains
- 9:00 AM Laying of wreaths at the Fanwood Memorial Library at Tillotson Road and North Avenue in Fanwood
- 10:00 AM Wreaths to be presented at the Veterans Monument at Park Avenue and Front Street in Scotch Plains
- 10:45 AM Parade pushes off at the Municipal Building in Scotch Plains and proceeds along Park Avenue to Martine Avenue, ending at LaGrande Park in Fanwood

Robert LaCosta is the 2012 Grand Marshall. All area veterans are invited to march.

FREE Summer Movies at LaGrande Park

The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces its 2012 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 26th and continues every Tuesday evening for eight consecutive weeks. The movies start 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 26	Rio
Tuesday, July 3**	Puss in Boots
Tuesday, July 10	Mr. Popper's Penguins
Tuesday, July 17	The Adventures of Tintin
Tuesday, July 24	The Muppets
Tuesday, July 31	Rango
Tuesday, August 7	Dolphin Tale
Tuesday, August 14	Cars 2

*Except for the July 3rd movie, rain date for all movies is the following evening.

**Rain date is July 5th. For more information, go to

Community Concert for the Fallen



Bring a blanket and a friend and join us at 7 PM on Sunday, May 27th, to enjoy

the Westfield Community Band. Performing patriotic works at the north-side lawn of the Fanwood Train Station, the concert will honor our fallen war heroes.

Local veterans will also be a part of the program as they offer testimonials to those who have served our nation, past and present.

The event is hosted by the Fanwood Memorial Day Committee, Scotch Plains-Fanwood American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Summer Kick-off Party in LaGrande Park

The Fanwood Recreation Commission invites you to Fanwood's sixth annual Party in the Park! The Party takes place on the first free Movie Night of the summer, at LaGrande Park, Tuesday, June 26th, from 6–8:30 PM (rain date is Wednesday, June 27th). Enjoy food, music, beverages and more! And for the kids, there'll be rides and other amusements, and contests and crafts inspired by the free movie of the evening, Rio, 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.

Sustainable New Jersey



In the fall of 2011, the Borough of Fanwood became one of over 375 municipalities to join the Sustainable NJ campaign. The Green Team, led by chairwoman, Donna Dolce, has already completed several projects in their efforts

to meet the program's certification requirements. These include the development of a current Environmental Resource Inventory, activities generated by our Shade Tree Commission, and an impressive recycling and waste management program. They have also proposed and the Borough Council adopted an anti-idling ordinance, worked with the YMCA on a Community Wellness initiative, and are partnering with our schools in support of our "Safe Routes to School" program. Mayor Colleen Mahr is behind this initiative 100% and stated, "I am so thrilled that this enthusiastic group of local volunteers has stepped forward to take on this challenging task. Fanwood is committed to embracing and being recognized for the New Jersey sustainable community that it is," she added.

If anyone would like more information about this campaign or would like to join the committee, please contact Donna Dolce at FanwoodGreenTeam@gmail.com.

Green Fair

As part of the Sustainable NJ campaign, Fanwood's Green Team is hosting a "Green Fair" on Tuesday, June 26th from 5:30 – 8:00 P.M. at LaGrande Park. The fair will be held in tandem with the annual "Party in the Park" that launches the summer movie series and summer recreation programs. Over a dozen vendors will be at the fair offering information about various topics such as saving money through solar heating for homes, registering to be an energy partner, learning how to build a rain garden, and participating in activities at Fanwood's Nature Center.

Help Beautify with Butterflies!

The Butterfly Garden at the Fanwood Nature Center is in need of volunteers to help weed, mulch, water and trim on a regular basis.

This blooming oasis was created in 2008 as an Eagle Scout project by Andrew Van Haasteren of Fanwood Boy Scout Troop 33. With hundreds of plants, including native species, Andrew established and registered the garden with Monarch Watch as an official way station where monarch butterflies can rest and feed on their annual migration.

Currently, the garden is maintained by the Fanwood Environmental Commission, along with Adrew's mom, Jane Van Haasteren, a Union County Master Gardener.

In 2009, Girl Scout Perry Sandrock added a second section in the shape of a peace sign for her Gold Award. The entire garden was recognized later that year by ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions) with an Achievement Award.

If you have gardening skills, or would like to learn, please consider giving some time to this rewarding endeavor. For more information, contact Margaret Chowdhury at (908) 322-7583 or via email margarethodhury@yahoo.com.



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Contributions, comments and volunteers are always welcome!
Please call Pat Hoynes (908) 322-8236 ext 121.

Check Out Museum Pass

In its third year, MuseumPass now ranks as the number one program offered by the FRIENDS of the Library groups in Fanwood and Scotch Plains. It provides residents with free admission to institutions like the Guggenheim, Montclair Art Museum, and the Frick Collection. And its greatly discounted

day passes to the American Museum of Natural History, Adventure Aquarium, and New Jersey Children’s Museum are the hottest tickets in town. According to Fanwood



Fanwood residents Annette & Joshua Madaras checking out a Mueum Pass

resident and FRIENDS member Thena Rosahl, “We showed our Frick passes to the guard and...not only did we move to the front of a line of 200 people waiting in the cold, but we saved \$36 and saw the Renoir exhibition!! How cool is that?” MuseumPass tickets circulate through the Scotch Plains Public Library, and they are available to both towns’ library card holders and Friends members on a first-come basis. Library FRIENDS receive free email updates on museum exhibitions and programs, along with other attractive benefits. For more information, visit the website at www.thejointlibrary.org/museumpass.



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

As we come together in our time-honored tradition of attending our beloved Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 28th, we should thank the SPF Memorial Day Parade Committee for their efforts, in particular Fanwood resident Bobby Camisa, Councilman Anthony Parenti and Scotch Plains Councilman Kevin Glover.

This year marks the start of a new tradition of paying tribute to the men and women who have served in the armed forces by presenting a patriotic concert on Sunday May 27th on the north lawn of our historic train station. I hope you will join me and my family as the Westfield Community Band plays those stirring songs that remind us of our pride to be living in the United States of America. This free concert is a reminder that Memorial Day is a remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation, not simply a vacation to the beach or a barbeque with friends

On May 29th Borough Hall will begin “summer hours”; opening each morning at 7:30 instead of 8 AM, and closing at Noon on Fridays. Monday through Thursday closing time will remain at 4 PM, and on Thursdays, evening hours will be from 5 to 8 PM. Very soon the Borough will be introducing the added convenience of accepting credit cards payments. Look for details on the Borough website in the coming months.

All the chatter about a consolidation of Fanwood with Scotch Plains seems to have quieted down. Thank heavens! But we continue to meet regularly with Scotch Plains on details surrounding a potential merger of our police departments and I am pleased to see their renewed interest and sense of urgency in moving this important discussion along. I will be the first to admit it is slow. But perhaps it is right to be slow. This is not the kind of project that I want to push through without having addressed every imaginable scenario – we must get it right and we will. I am fortunate to have a willing partner in Chief Trigo and a bipartisan Council that understands that we need property tax relief. A key driver for this study has been understanding the escalating financial pressures from Trenton. In cutting state funding, while limiting our options to act, by imposing caps and accepting the reality that small towns in NJ are under assault for their very survival, it forces us to re-think how we deliver every service to you.

Under these circumstances, local government requires leaders to examine every service we provide for cost efficiency. Our latest shared service success, thanks to the good work of Councilman Parenti, is an agreement with the City of Linden to provide

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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.



Program	Age/Grade	Dates	Contact
Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program	5–11	6/25–8/17 (weekly)	www.fanwoodrecreation.org
Raider Basketball Camp	grades 1–9	6/25–6/29, 7/9–7/13	kewing@spfk12.org
Aviators Camp	grades K–5	6/25–6/29	www.thehobbyquest.com
Fanwood Soccer Camp	grades K–5	6/25–29, 7/23–27, 8/6–10	www.scotchplainsfanwoodsoccer.com
Raider Baseball Camp (boys)	grades K–9	7/2–7/6, 7/16–7/20	tombaylock@gmail.com
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
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.smartcatkids.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 Lacrosse Clinic	6–14	8/20–8/24	www.ussportsinstitute.com

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



If you haven’t registered your child yet for the Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program, don’t delay any longer—there are only a few spots left! The program runs at LaGrande Park on weekdays from June 25th to August 17th, and has two sessions: from 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. Each week has a theme, and features activities and entertainment inspired by that theme. Activities include arts & crafts, sports, games, contests, water fun and a whole lot more, and 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. Registration forms may be picked up at the Fanwood Municipal Building or can be downloaded from www.fanwoodrecreation.org.

Reserve a Recreation Building!

Are you planning a birthday party or hosting a family reunion? Is your club looking for a place in town to meet? The Fanwood Recreation Department’s buildings in Forest Road Park and LaGrande Park are available to local individuals and organizations for reservation. Each building features a large, modern room for hosting your event, is heated and air conditioned, and has rest room facilities. The Forest Road Park building also has a full kitchen available for use. Tables and chairs are available at both buildings. Each park also has athletic fields that can be reserved for baseball, softball, t-ball, soccer and other games.

Some reservations require a rental fee. All require a security deposit. To find out more about fees and to download forms that you’ll need to fill out, go to www.fanwoodrecreation.org and click on Facility Rentals. To make a reservation, call Borough Hall, (908) 322-8236.

17th Annual Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, September 30th



The Fanny Wood Day Committee is excited to announce that this year's Fanny Wood Day will be held on Sunday, September 30th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 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. This year will see the return of the Kids Zone, the always popular ice cream eating contest, the bubble gum-blowing contest and a host of other neat surprises!

The car show will be back better than ever! Expect to see old cars like we've had in the past along with some new models this year.

Returning this year is the "2nd Annual Photos 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. Watch for more details!

If you're interested in being a Fanny Wood Day volunteer, vendor, or want to learn more about this great event, please visit our website at www.fanwoodnj.org or call Jason Parker at (908) 490-0808.

A Message From Mayor Mahr

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Fanwood with animal control services. This change will save real dollars in the 2012 budget also improving service by cutting response time. No matter the size of the expense, in Fanwood we scrutinize every penny.

By now you've noticed that the scaffolding is down and sidewalks are under construction at the Fanwood Crossing building. This fall we anticipate reviewing the application for the neighboring building on the former Sovereign Bank and Livingston Wilbor sites on South Avenue. I am hopeful that by spring 2013 the framing will be up and we'll see exactly how the finished South Avenue will look. We've received a SmartGrowth grant to help us design street crossings and do some façade improvements. It's hard to believe this is all finally coming together. It's taken a tremendous amount of work, but our new downtown is beginning to reveal itself!

I wish to bid a fond farewell to two of our senior police officers who retired last month. Sergeant Tom Jedic and Patrolman Joe O'Neill both left us after decades of fine service. Also retiring is long-time Public Works employee Joe Ferraro. After many years of service Joe has decided to hand in his rake for a hunting cap, so come fall he'll be living his dream!

Fanwood has been well served by these three men and they deserve our best wishes. They have spent years keeping our community safe and in good working order. When someone stays with a job for decades it's more than a job – and I know that was true for all three retirees. I wish them all the best for happy days ahead.

As you scan through this issue of *The Fanwoodian*, you will see many activities that will keep our children occupied. Be sure to review this newsletter for offerings from the Fanwood Memorial Library and the Recreation Commission. Hats off to our recreation staff – the summer programs just get better and better. And it's not all about the kids – we have plenty of offerings for senior citizens as well.

To keep abreast with the latest activities, remember to check the borough website at www.fanwoodnj.org, and please consider signing up for weekly "E-Blasts." Each Friday you will receive a summary e-mail of the weeks news and events.

I wish you the best of health and happiness for the summer of 2012 and hope to see you at the Memorial Day Concert on the 27th and parade on the 28th. Don't forget the sunscreen!

Paper Shredding Event

Do you have bank statements and tax returns dating back to when pet rocks were all the rage? In an effort to thwart identity theft, reduce trash and promote recycling, Fanwoodians and other Union County residents are encouraged to bring confidential documents to mobile paper shredding events. The next scheduled event is Saturday, June 9th, from 9 to 1 PM at Union County Vo-Tech in Scotch Plains, rain or shine. The event may end prior to 1 PM if the shredding truck reaches capacity.

There is a limit of four, 10-pound bags or boxes per person. Documents go directly into 96-gallon containers and are shredded immediately on site. Damp

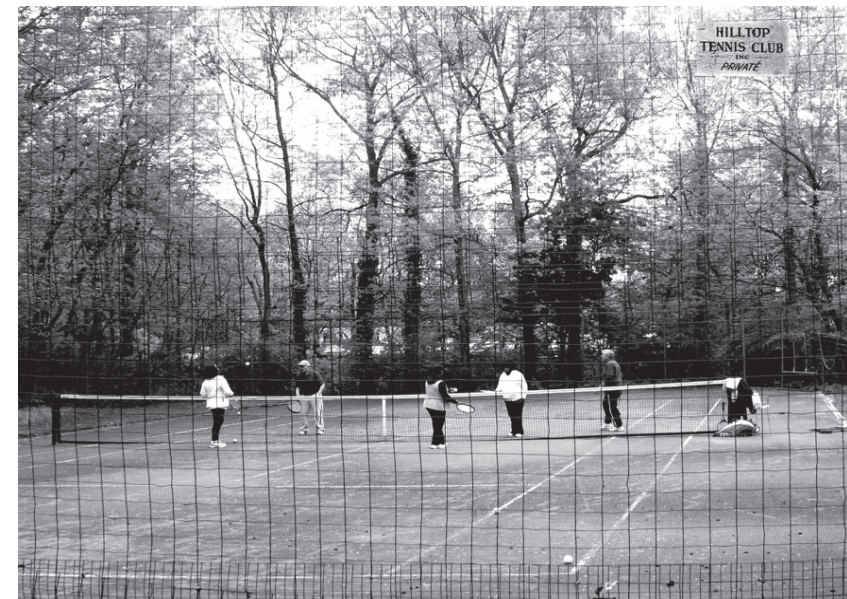


or wet paper will not be accepted. Documents should not be bound. Residents are asked to remove all plastic binders and paper clips. Non-confidential documents should continue to be recycled as part of loose-paper recycling at the Fanwood Recycling Center.

The program is paid for through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. For

directions or information about future events, call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889 or visit www.ucnj.org/Community/Recycling.

Hilltop Tennis Club Hosts Neighborhood Day



Nestled behind the train tracks and between two houses, the tennis court at 336 North Avenue is one of Fanwood's semi-secret gems. Believed to have been built in the late 1800s, the court was used by the family of Emma T. Wickett beginning in 1909.

In the early 1920s, a group of Fanwood residents formed the Hilltop Tennis Club. The club continues to use the court today with a Har-Tru surface laid over the original red clay. Past members have included Fanwood mayors and prominent Fanwoodians for whom some of the borough's streets are named.

If you are interested in learning more, The Fanwood Historical Society will give a presentation about Hilltop and its history on

Sunday, June 3rd at 2 PM at the Fanwood Museum located in the North Avenue train station parking lot.

Hilltop Tennis Club is committed to raising the awareness of Fanwood residents about the existence of this historic club and the benefits to all ages of playing on a Har-Tru surface. The club will host "Neighborhood Day" on Sunday, June 10th. (Raindate: Saturday June 16th) From 1 to 3 PM attendees will have the chance to play tennis based on the USTA Quick Start Tennis tennis curriculum. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rackets and balls will be available to use. Refreshments will be served.

"Neighborhood Day" will give Fanwoodians the opportunity to understand that it is possible to run a tennis club with only one court. Hilltop has recently established an account with an online tennis reservation program (www.ReserveMyCourt.com) which allows club members to sign up for court time.

For more information about Hilltop Tennis Club, contact club President Phyllis Brown (908) 232-1716.

Summer Programs at the Fanwood Memorial Library



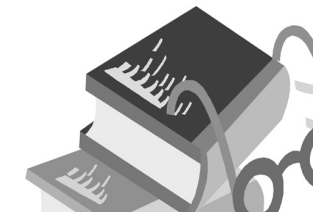
There are many exciting programs going on this summer at the Fanwood Memorial Library!

The library’s Summer Reading Club begins with a very special book signing by author Kristi Yamaguchi, the 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist in figure skating, on Sunday, June 3rd at 4:30 PM. Ms. Yamaguchi’s two New York Times’ best sellers – *Dream Big, Little Pig!* and *It’s a Big World, Little Pig!* – will be available for purchase that day. Ms. Yamaguchi will be speaking and reading selections from her books.

Ms. Yamaguchi is an athlete, author, wife, mother and philanthropist who truly embodies the word “champion.” Her motto is “Always Dream” and her accomplishments prove that dreams can come true with hard work and dedication. Following her victory at the 1992 Winter Olympics, Ms. Yamaguchi founded the Always Dream Foundation to support the lives of children through educational and recreational initiatives. For almost 20 years, she has championed the foundation, continuing to inspire children and supporting local communities.

The Fanwood Memorial Library would also like to invite you to join us for “Monday Nights are Special,” featuring entertaining performances and parties for the entire family at 7 PM beginning on June 25th, sponsored by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library. The following events are part of the “Monday Nights are Special” program:

- On June 25th, the Summer Reading Club will feature character greetings with photo-ops and bedtime snacks as the children begin their summer reading logs.
- On July 2nd, “The Bats of New Jersey” will be visiting the library presented by bat expert and biologist, Mackenzie Hall of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey. The presentation will feature a colorful slide show talk, auctioning of a bat house, and a demonstration of how to find night-flying bats using an acoustic detector. The demonstration part of the program will occur at 8:45 PM.
- On July 9th, the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents Peter Pan.
- On July 16th, Full Effect Productions will present “Dreams, Books & Magic”.
- On July 23rd, there will be a “Jedi Academy” Family Fun Show. You are invited to learn the ways of the Jedi with Panniken Moonjumper, a true master of intergalactic fun and adventure. Kids are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Star Wars character.
- On July 30th, Enjoy, Explore India will present “Raakshas Bhaakshas.” Do you know the story of the little Indian boy who beat a giant and married the princess? Come and listen to the captivating folk tale. Then create a mask of a monstrous giant.
- On August 6th, the library will host an Alien Convention where all participants are encouraged to come dressed as an alien or intergalactic traveler. This event will also feature closing games and a party.



Finally, starting on June 1st library cardholders will be able to download eBooks and audiobooks from ELibraryNJ to their eBook Readers, mobile devices and computers. A How-to-Guide and FAQ’s will be available on the library’s website. Contact the library for more information at (908) 332-6400. The library’s participation in ELibraryNJ is generously supported by the Friends of the Library. Keep your eye on our library website for all programs and updates!

Is there a Streetlight Out on Your Street?

If so, please call PSE&G at (800)-436-7734 or contact them at: <https://extsecure.pseg.com/webformsWeb/resources/jsp/psegcom/streetlight-outage.jsp>. PSE&G will ask the address and pole number. The pole number can be found on a metal strip attached to the pole. If there is no pole number, tie a ribbon around the pole after you call it in.

PSE&G will also want to know if the streetlight is always on, burned out, flickering or broken.

It usually takes about a week for PSE&G to answer the call.

The Newcomers Are Sharing the Fun!



Members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers’ Club donated 115 children’s books to a nonprofit organization during the club’s Spring Egg Hunt on March 24th. The books were delivered to The King’s Daughters Day School, which commits its resources and talents to innovative, quality approaches to child care, education and related family support for working parents.

Those who attended the club event participated in an egg hunt and enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny. Children of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers’ Club members are pictured with the book donations. The club holds monthly events, including playgroups, book discussions, ladies’ night out, walking groups, cooking groups, and scrapbooking nights, and is also involved in community outreach. For more information, please see the club web site at scotchplains.com/newcomers/.

I Can Recycle That?!?

- FLUORESCENT BULBS
- PRINTER CARTRIDGES
- APPLIANCES
- STEEL & IRON
- VEHICLE BATTERIES
- ELECTRONICS
- BUTTON BATTERIES
- BOOKS
- FABRIC
- RIGID PLASTIC
- CDS/DVDS

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