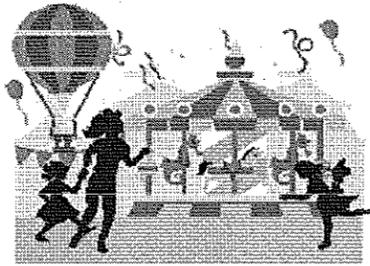


17th Annual Fanny Wood Day Sunday, September 30th



The Fanny Wood Day Committee is excited to announce that this year's event will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2012 from 11AM 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. 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.

Returning this year is the 2nd Annual Photos of Fanwood 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 out 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.

Fanwood 5K Race & Family Fun Run

The Fanwood 5K & Family Fun Run returns for its third year on Sunday, October 21st. The race day's activities begin with the Family Fun Run at 9 AM at LaGrande Park in Fanwood; the 5K Race follows at 9:30 AM. Pre-registered runners who want to avoid the lines that morning will be able to pick up their numbers and t-shirts the day before, from 4-6 PM at LaGrande Park.

On the morning of the race, music and refreshments will await runners at the finish line in LaGrande Park. Children will be able to enjoy free face painting, and each child who participates in the Fun Run will automatically be entered in the raffle for Toys 'R' Us gift cards.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$22 (\$20 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. The race is fully sanctioned by the United States of America Track and Field (USATF) and is part of the New Jersey Grand Prix as a 500 point race.

The Fanwood 5K & Family Fun Run is presented by the Fanwood Recreation Commission. All proceeds from the event go to the Fanwood Recreation Department, and will help to purchase new playground equipment, build new recreational facilities and expand

Fanwood and Scotch Plains Halloween Parade and Costume Contest



On Wednesday, 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, 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. Fill out an entry form by 6:30 PM. Prizes will be 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 come! Presented by the Fanwood Recreation Commission and the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission.

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The Fanwoodian Bids A Fond Farewell To Friend And Neighbor Donna Dolce



When Donna Dolce moved to Fanwood over 25 years ago, she thought what better way to get to know her new community and the people that live here than by offering to serve. Her first opportunity arrived with a notice in the local paper looking for volunteers to serve on a school property study committee intended to address the potential overcrowding that would occur in the schools before the end of the century. With a background in planning and property management, Donna thought she would be a good fit. From there Donna volunteered to serve on the Fanwood Strategic Planning Committee to certify Fanwood as an All American City. Although the process was never completed, the results of that study resulted in many of the improvements of the past decade, including the development of the downtown, expansion of recreation programs and increased Borough communications, including The Fanwoodian.

She continued to be appointed to various committees and commissions, including the Recreation, Communication and Strategic Evaluation Committees. An opportunity to run for Council soon presented itself. Her six years of service as a Fanwood Councilwoman provided her with the opportunity to further expand her commitment to volunteerism.

Her lifetime partner and Fanwood native, Lynn Sorf was always there to lend a helping hand to the community. Together they served on the "Fanny Wood Day" committee, now going into its 20th year, building this annual event into a brand identity. Donna is also completing her Chairmanship of the Sustainable NJ "Green Team." She is also a member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Shared Services Committee where her presence is highly valued.

Mayor Colleen Mahr comments, "Donna was one of the first people I met when I got involved with community service. She has always been remarkably astute and I've been proud to serve with her on the Borough Council." Mahr continues, "I'll bet you couldn't count the number of committees and study groups Donna has been a member of or led. Fanwood will miss Donna's contributions, and I will miss her as a friend. I wish Donna and Lynn the best of luck in their new home, and look forward to their first visit back home to Fanwood!"

As Donna prepares to move on to a new community in Delaware, she hopes she has lived up to the Girl Scout motto of leaving Fanwood just a little bit "better than I found it." She encourages every Fanwoodian to do their part to continue to make Fanwood that special place "to put down roots." She thanks everyone for the opportunities to serve. Fanwood will always hold a special place in her heart.

Library News



Many thanks to Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Seniors for outstanding art and volunteer work at the Fanwood Library. Five exceptional seniors from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) spent the last five weeks of their high school careers executing some amazing projects at the Fanwood Memorial Library. Ben Ross, Maggie O'Brien and Margie Diaz, under the guidance of high school art teacher Jeff Gutterman and with the support of the Friends of the Library, designed and painted a new stairwell mural leading down to the Children's Department. It was a true collaboration as Ben created the basic plan with the buildings and Maggie and Margie added their own stories and characters. They wanted to promote fantasy and fun with their designs. A lot of it was not planned, but came to them as they worked. The characters included in the mural, such as Olivia, Superman, and others, were ones that the students knew and liked. In addition, an iSpy Stairwell Challenge is included in the mural as Maggie was an iSpy fan as a child. Download the iSpy list at www.fanwoodlibrary.org/seniorprojects/ispy.pdf and then stop by to see how many things you can find. Ben is majoring in Illustration at Rhode Island School of Design, Maggie is majoring in art at the University of Delaware and Margie is off to Rutgers.

In addition, Marissa Visci created a Shakespeare bibliography

for our first Fanwood Library Shakespeare Festival, as well as Book Guides for the BFG by Roald Dahl and The Dream Stealer by Sid Flesichmann. You can download Marissa's work at the library's website. Marissa worked as a page at the library for the past three years and has

volunteered extensively in a variety of ways. In 2011, she created and taught a class she named "Inklings" for young school children where they wrote and published their own picture books. Marissa served as Editor-in-Chief of the Fanscotian, the SPFHS newspaper, and will be attending the University of St. Andrew's in Scotland where she will be studying English and Italian.

Finally, Brenda Ho re-covered over 160 well-loved picture books in the Children's Department. With all the variety of things we do at the library these days, books are still at the heart of the library's mission. Thanks to Brenda, our collection is more appealing, usable and certainly looks much brighter! Brenda has been a library volunteer for four years in the Children's Department and has done everything from cuddling newborn guinea pigs to straightening shelves. She will be attending Rutgers University where she is enrolled in a six-year Pharmacology program to earn her Master's degree in that field.

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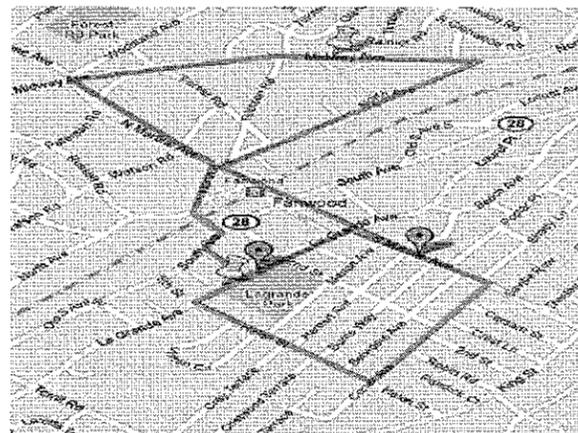
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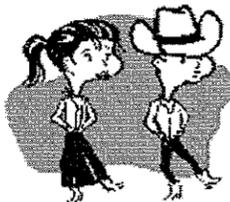
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A Conversation with Dan Weiss, Director of the Fanwood Memorial Library



Daniel Weiss, a native New Jerseyan who grew up in nearby Springfield, has been the Director of the Fanwood Memorial Library since October of 1997. During a recent conversation he provided some information about himself and about his time at the library.

Q: What is one fun fact about you that people might not know?

A: I am a professional musician. I play the guitar and sing in two different bands, Reckon So and Silk City. I also freelance around the NYC area.

Q: What is your favorite classic novel?

A: *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas

Q: What have you read recently that you enjoyed?

A: *The Lifeboat* by Charlotte Rogan and *Shortcut Man* by Preston Sturges.

Q: What are your favorite children's books?

A: My son, Grant, loves it when we read *Three by the Sea* by Mini Grey and *The Little Red Pen* by Susan Stevens Crummel and Janet Stevens. One of my all-time favorites is the trilogy by Ruth Stiles Gannett about the adventures of Elmer Elevator that includes *My Father's Dragon*, *Elmer and the Dragon* and *The Dragons of Blueland*.

Q: What is one of your favorite Fanwood memories?

A: Fanwoodstock, a mixed music event, which the library sponsored in both 2003 and 2008. During the 2008 event, Pat DiNizio of The Smithereens performed.

Q: What Library Programs should residents take more advantage of?

A: The library is a wonderful resource that can be used all of the time for so many different things. Some of our more under utilized programs include free downloadable e-books, two joint projects with the Scotch Plains library, our local history project, the Digital Archives and Museum Pass. Residents can find more information about all these programs on the library website, www.fanwoodlibrary.org

Q: What is one accomplishment that has occurred during your time as Director that you are proud of?

A: The Libraries and Autism: The We're Connected initiative that I developed with Meg Kolaya, the director of the Scotch Plains Library. The initiative addresses autism awareness, perceptions and attitudes and customer service provided by libraries to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families. The intent of the initiative is to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for those individuals with ASD. We have provided training for many librarians within the state and at conferences and libraries around the country. The program has been recognized nationally and continues to have an impact. For more information you can visit the website www.librariesandautism.org.

Dan mentions that it's great to work in a town that values and supports its library. The library is proud of the services it provides to all of the residents of the Borough and our neighboring communities.

Down Memory Lane

In 1939 A.I. Nichols, a former Fanwood mayor, distinguished himself as the architect and builder of the first (and perhaps the only) roller coaster in Fanwood! He designed it for the gently rolling woods next to the family home on North Avenue. Mayor Nichols built the coaster for his grandson, Bill, who with his parents lived in the Nichols' home.



Wood rails led downhill to a two-car garage which served as roundhouse for the railroad's only car. And what a ride that was! The only drawback: the rider had to return the car back up to the starting point, a long push.

The seat was painted light green, framework was natural wood and featured a low rail across the front and along one side. There was a hand brake for the timid, and it worked.

Twelve-year-old Ruth Naul (Hucks), was an occasional test driver during her quarantine for whooping cough in the Spring of 1939. Ruth lived with her family at 367 North Avenue. Sometime later the young Nichols family moved to Littleton, New Hampshire.

Mayor Colleen Mahr

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every "T" is crossed, I will schedule public hearings on the matter to share our findings with you. No decision will be made prior to hearing from the public; public meetings will be considered to be part of the information-gathering process. You are all aware of how our pennies are being pinched, with less and less state aid each year. My commitment to this project is based in my determination that we "think outside the box" when it comes to preserving the quality of services and the quality of life that we enjoy here in Fanwood, while trying to keep local taxes from rising any further.

On the subject of taxes, as soon as the State informs us of our aid, we will be able to send out your Final Tax Bill. The municipal portion of your annual property taxes increased by an average of \$7.67 this year. My objective is to ALWAYS keep the municipal portion to a minimum.

As I write we are anticipating a state hearing on Courage to Reconnect's efforts to get a ballot question on merging Scotch Plains and Fanwood. I attended all three hearings over the summer and they were overwhelmingly packed with Fanwoodians against a merger. By the time you read this there will probably be some information at www.fanwoodnj.org regarding the outcome of the State Finance Board's decision on this subject.

There will be some significant upgrades and expansion of

the PSE&G substation between South and LaGrande Avenues. PSE&G's "North Central Reliability Upgrade Project" will be bringing more power into the station, requiring new equipment on a bigger footprint. Unfortunately, local communities have very limited input on these projects. PSE&G owns the property and gets their approvals from the BPU (Board of Public

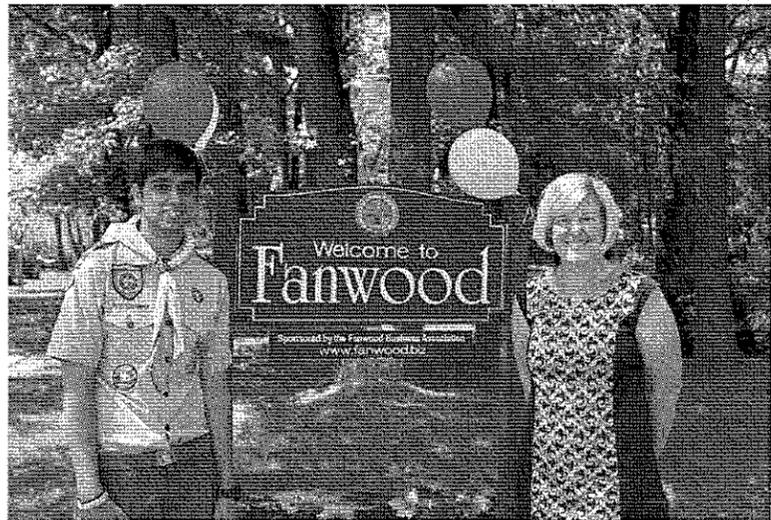
Utilities). Where we have influence, we try to exert it in order to limit encroachment on neighbors and improve the appearance of the site. During construction we expect a temporary cell tower to be located somewhere in the Light Industrial zone to accommodate the telephone carrier antennae that will be displaced during construction.

Election Day is November 6th and there will be local races as well as State and Federal. October 16th is the last day to register to vote in the November General Election. If you are

unsure of your status, call Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk at (908) 527-4996. October 30th is the last day to apply by mail for an absentee ballot. Don't forget to vote!

Of course, I hope to see you all at Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, September 30th from 11 AM to 5 PM. There will be fun activities as usual and of course plenty of food! It's a great opportunity to get back in touch with the community. I hope to see you there.

A happy and healthy fall to you all!



Eagle Scout Candidate Ricky Abichandani presents Mayor Colleen Mahr with a new "Welcome to Fanwood" sign at South and LaGrande Avenues. Ricky worked with the Environmental Commission and local Business Professional Association.

Get Your News Fresh

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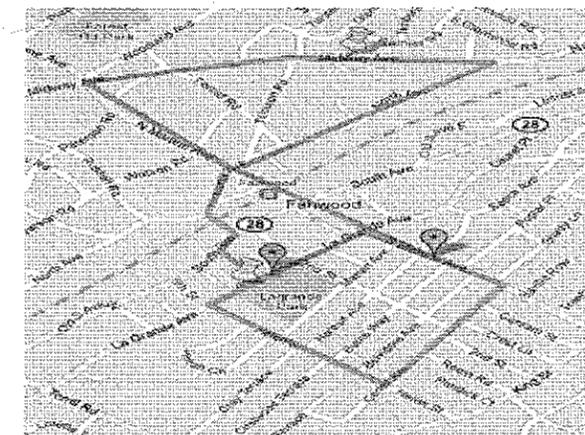
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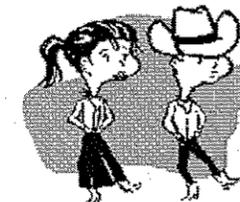
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Fire Safety Tips

While October is national Fire Safety Month, there are things you can do every month to help be prepared for possible home fires. Test and vacuum your smoke alarms once a month – same for your carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. Finally, make sure everyone in your home knows an escape plan and a meeting place outside of the home where everyone will get together if they have to evacuate your home.

Do you know there are two different ways that a smoke alarm can alert you to a fire? There are two kinds of photoelectric alarms. One where the smoke breaks a tiny beam of light, and ionization alarms and one where ions are displaced between two electrically charged plates. Photoelectric alarms are good for fast flames and ionization alarms are good for smoldering smoke. The best idea is to have both types throughout your home, or use combination alarms.

Do you know that smoke alarms, CO detectors and fire

extinguishers have a life span? Check with the manufacturers specifications, but generally they should all be replaced every ten years. And in the meantime, change the batteries at least once a year – a good time is when we change the clocks for daylight savings time. A smoke alarm or CO detector with a dead battery is worthless and dangerous to you and your loved ones. Also, most fire extinguishers bought for home use are one-time use only – they do not get refilled. If you discharge it even once, you should replace it right away.

Finally, having an evacuation plan is something every household should have and practice. Plan on at least two different ways to get out of each bedroom – and make sure to let your overnight guests know of your plans and where to meet, should you have to evacuate your home.

Learn more about fire safety in the home and workplace online at <http://m.ready.gov/fires.htm> and www.nfpa.org.

Fanwood Recreation Fall Children Programs

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

Program	Start Date	Ages	Contact
Fall Into Tennis	9/9	4–adult	bmaloney197@comcast.net
Sports Squirts	9/24	3–5	www.ussportsinstitute.com
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Lego & Bionicle Club	9/25	grades 1–5	www.fanwoodrecreation.org
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Little Bakers Workshop	10/3	4–10	info@thecupcakeexperience.com
Science Exploration Workshop	10/3	4–10	www.smartycatkids.com
Multi-Sports Columbus Day Special	10/8	5–14	www.ussportsinstitute.com

FYO Little League Baseball

Registration for the 2013 fall baseball season will open on September 1st, and will extend through March 1st, 2013. FYO Little League Baseball, open to all residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, is dedicated to providing quality baseball programs and instruction to children of pre-school age to 9th grade. The league also takes pride in offering very reasonable and competitive registration fees.

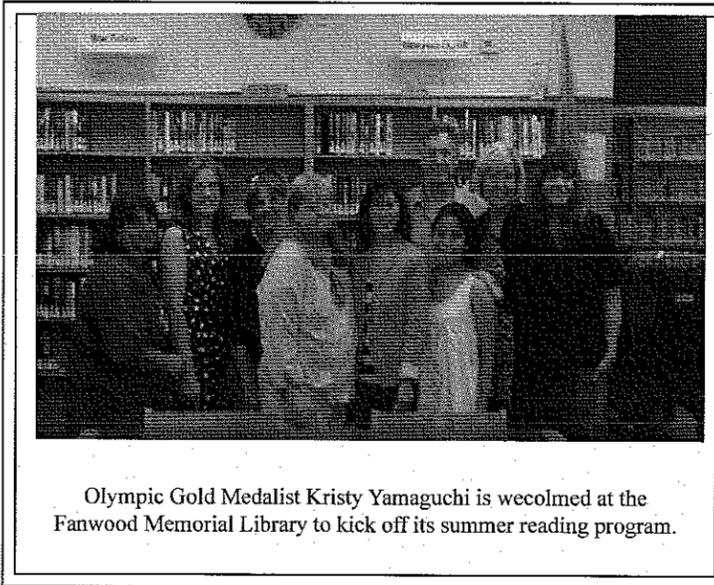
Now entering its 52nd year, FYO provides nearly 550 players and their families the opportunity to enjoy all aspects of youth baseball in a fun and supportive environment. Highlights of the season include the Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run skills competition, the annual league outing to see the Somerset Patriots, spring and summer travel baseball, league sponsored baseball clinics, quality instruction, league playoffs and all-star games, and a year-end picnic at LaGrande Park. Don't miss what promises to be another rewarding and exciting season of baseball!

To learn more and register online for the 2013 season, please visit us at www.fyobaseball.org and click on the registration tab. If you have general questions, please call (908) 325-5050.

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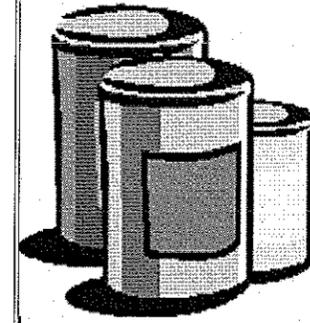
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Home Improvement Program



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Food Donations Needed



Items needed at The Scotch Plains/Fanwood Food Pantry:

Food: Boxed potatoes, canned fruits, jelly, peanut butter, rice, tuna fish, canned meats, dried pasta, pasta sauce, pancake mix, syrup

Personal Items: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap,

toilet paper.

Donations accepted at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building during regular work hours. Non-perishable items can also be placed in receptacles at both town libraries.

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