



Fanwood's 5K has the town on the run Oct. 19th

The Fanwood Recreation Commission invites you to Fanwood's fifth annual 5K race through the borough's streets. The Oct. 19 event includes the race, a Family Fun Run and activities for the kids in LaGrande Park.

See the story on page 8 for all of the details.

PHOTO: Runners cross the bridge in 2013.

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Downtown is the place to be Sept. 28 for the annual Fanny Wood Day celebration

Join your neighbors and friends downtown on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., for the 17th annual Fanny Wood Day celebration in Fanwood.

"The great thing about Fanny Wood Day is that it's more than just a street fair and we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy this great hometown experience," said Mayor Colleen Mahr. "Come and join us on a beautiful fall day."

Everyone is encouraged to come out for good food and a wide variety of craft vendors, as well as live musical entertainment and lots of activities for the whole family.

"I would like to extend a warm invitation to join us for Fanny Wood Day," said co-chairman Jason Parker. "There's something for everyone!"

This year will see kiddie rides, several food competitions, the hula-hoop contest, a water balloon toss, a pet parade and a host of other great things to do.

The car show will be back better than ever! Expect to see more than 60 old cars like we've had in the past, starting at 11 a.m., along with some new models. The car show will be on South Avenue, just east of Martine Avenue, in front of Scotchwood Florists.

And, returning for its fourth year is an even better Fotos of Fanwood photography contest, open to photography buffs

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of all ages! The deadline for submitting photos is Sept. 19. The pictures can be of anything, no Fanwood connection is required. Winners will be announced at the Fanny Wood Day celebration.

There's more information on the borough website - fanwoodnj.org/news/fanny-wood-day/

Halloween costume contest, parade Oct. 31

Scary times return to Fanwood this fall!

The annual Fanwood and Scotch Plains Halloween Parade and Costume Contest begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, with Trunk or Treat.

Trick-or-treaters who come to the Fanwood Memorial Library parking lot (North and Forest Avenues, Fanwood) will be able to select treats from car trunks full of surprises! Don't be late — the trunks close by 6!

The Halloween Parade starts immediately afterward. Children and adults should assemble in front of the Library. The Parade will depart for LaGrande Park at 6:15.

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FANNY WOOD DAY SCHEDULE

11	Car Show, vendors & kids' areas open
noon	Opening Ceremony <i>F-SP Scouts Honor Guard</i>
12:15	Fotos of Fanwood winners announced <i>Sponsored by Unity Bank</i>
12:30	Best Dressed Pet Parade <i>Sponsored by K-9 Resorts</i>
1	Buffalo Wing Eating Contest <i>Sponsored by Oh'Brian's Pour House</i>
1	Music, "Fine Line Duo" <i>Sponsored by Elite Properties</i>
1:30	Ice Cream Eating Contest <i>Sponsored by the Double Dipper</i>
2:30	Music, "Fine Line Duo" <i>Sponsored by Elite Properties</i>
2:30	Water Balloon Toss <i>Sponsored by The Goddard School</i>
3	Hula Hoop Contest <i>Sponsored by The Goddard School</i>
3:30	Pizza Eating Contest <i>Sponsored by Nick's Pizza and Deli</i>
4:30	Final announcements
5	Festival ends

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'Halloween' (cont'd)

Once the parade arrives at LaGrande Park, at approximately 6:30, the Costume Contest will begin for children of all ages. Anyone who wants to enter a pumpkin in the Jack-o-Lantern Contest should bring their carved creation to the park and fill out an entry form by 6:30. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the best jack-o-lanterns! Free cider, donuts and coffee will be available.

This evening of fun and festivities is presented by the Fanwood and Scotch Plains Recreation Commissions.



Mayor's message

by Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr

Happy Labor Day Fanwoodians! It's hard to believe that summer is coming to a close, but here I sit amidst a pile of school clothes, backpacks and pencil cases, so I know it's true! It is always an exciting time for the children to greet their new teachers, renew friendships and take on new challenges; and I wish all the best to our students for a successful and enjoyable academic year.

The story of Summer 2014 must be the American Water project that continues on the south side of town. I've recently met with American Water officials and you will find the details of this meeting on page 5 of this Fanwoodian. Watching the workmen pull corroded and slimy pipes from underground was enough to convince me this job was necessary, but it's been a long haul and I thank you for your continued patience.



Redevelopment counsel Dan McCarthy, Fanwood Councilman Jack Molenaar, planner Stan Slachetka of T&M Associates, Councilman Russell Huegel, former Councilwoman Donna Dolce, Planning Board Chairman Dale Flowers, Mayor Colleen Mahr and planner Martin Truscott of T&M Associates pose with the 2014 Smart Growth Award at a ceremony in Newark in June.

In June, I was fortunate to attend the 2014 Smart Growth Awards event in Newark to accept recognition for our successful Downtown Redevelopment project. I shared the moment with both residents and professionals who have worked for years to make the dream of a revitalized downtown a reality. To all of you who have served on the Borough Council, Planning Board and the many Redevelopment Committees over the years, I say a Big Thank You! For ten years, we have been moving towards this goal and every one of you who served deserves credit for the positive changes redevelopment is bringing to Fanwood.

You can see for yourself that our latest downtown project is coming together on South Avenue and we look forward to seeing the new building begin occupancy in

winter 2015. Then, we move on around the block to start the LaGrande Avenue residential building. It is exciting to see this long-term project heading to completion; the new buildings have already bumped up economic activity and increased our business taxes, which is good for every homeowner.

In 2015, we will finalize the details on zoning revisions for the remaining commercial areas on South Avenue; this should also result in more commercial investment in Fanwood, particularly the western end of South Avenue.

By now, you will have received your "Citizen Centric" report in the mail. This is a tool developed by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) as a national standard for communicating the business of government to residents in a clear, honest and detailed form. I am proud that Fanwood is the first New Jersey municipality to adopt the Citizen Centric model and I believe that residents have a right to this information in a comprehensible form. I hope annual updates of this report will keep the public informed and engaged with the Borough Council as we plan future projects. I am very interested in your feedback on this document, so let me hear from you at mayor@fanwoodnj.org.

In July, we had a significant changing of the guard at TV35 and I must publicly recognize former TV35 manager George Weiss for his decades of dedicated service. George has spent countless hours filming meetings and events, producing shows and keeping the community informed. Now, at 84, George will be slowing down, but not entirely! He continues to share his expertise and will produce and edit at his own pace. Thanks for so many years of service, George!

Happily, we've had another successful summer recreation program where hundreds of children were able to enjoy safe and stimulating play with their friends under the supervision of our nurturing counselors and directors. And, while our Tuesday Movies in the Park are a memory now for this year, it's a fond one. Thanks to all borough employees who work to make these activities safe and enjoyable.

Fall events will begin with the Sept. 13 Opening Night for the sixth season of the Fanwood Performance Series at the Patricia Kuran Arts Center. Join us at the historic Carriage House where you will be treated to professional performances in this intimate setting. Please visit the Performance Series website at fanwoodperformanceseries.org for details on the upcoming performances.

Don't forget to come out for Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 11 to 5; enjoy the rides, food and vendors and spend some time meeting and greeting your neighbors. Hope to see you there!

Poetry series has full schedule coming up

Fanwood residents and guests from nearby communities are invited once again to enjoy free readings by distinguished poets at the Patricia Kuran Cultural Arts Center in Fanwood, as part of the Carriage House Poetry Series, now in its 16th year.

The series is made possible by grants and donations and the support of Fanwood's Mayor and Council, including a grant this year from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League, according to series director Adele Kenny.

Featured readings are scheduled for 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month except January, July and August.

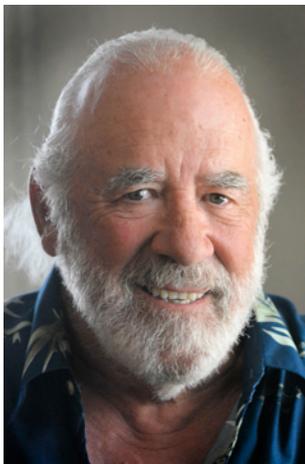
For more information, please visit carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com

Fanwood photographer wins county art award



Greg Cummings holds his prize-winning photo with Freeholders Bette Jane Kowalski and Linda Carter.

Fanwood's Greg Cummings says he was on his way to dinner in an Irish coastal village when he looked out on the horizon and saw the lighthouse.



Greg Cummings

Cummings likes to develop themes with his photography and continually adds to those collections. He's most comfortable shooting animals, landscapes and objects.

"I've always enjoyed taking photographs," he said, "but I've done a lot more of it since I retired in 2009."

"It just all came together in an instant," the retired marketing and sales executive said.

The result? The first-place photograph in this year's Union County Senior Art Exhibit.

Cummings, 72, has been active around Fanwood in several volunteer positions over the years, including the Planning Board and Clean Communities group. Now, he devotes more time to taking pictures,

He says he always has a camera with him.

POETRY SERIES FALL LINEUP

Sept. 16	Renee Ashley and Peter Murphy
Oct. 21	Robert Carnevale
Nov. 18	Adam Fitzgerald and a guest poet
Dec. 9	16th Anniversary Celebration; poetry readings featuring Joe Weil and Emily Vogel. (note that this is the second Tuesday in December)

Arts Scene

Fall season starts soon in Arts Center music series

The sounds of music will again fill the air on three Saturday evenings this fall at the Patricia Kuran Cultural Arts Center, the historic carriage house on Watson Road in Fanwood, beginning on Sept 13.

Since its premier season, the Fanwood Cultural Arts Performance Series has been delighting audiences with fabulous musical acts of all types at the Arts Center. Performers as well have enjoyed the enthusiastic reception they receive in these intimate gatherings and often request a return engagement before the evening ends.

The fall season will include performances on Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8.

All performances begin at 7 p.m. Home-baked goods and food samples from local restaurants are offered during intermission. The arts center fronts on Watson Road but is adjacent to the Fanwood Borough Hall property at 75 North Martine Avenue. Further information, directions, etc., may be found at fanwoodperformanceseries.org

Water system project wrapping up first phase; work on next phase set to begin in January

New Jersey American Water's (NJAW) pipe replacement, main cleaning and lining project is on track to wrap up its first phase this October. Work on a second phase, including more than \$13 million being invested into two major infrastructure projects, is planned to start in January.



Michael Bange

been switched over to the newly refurbished mains and the above-ground orange-colored temporary mains will be removed.

Bange also told officials that lawn restorations in the affected area should be completed by the end of September.

Streets included in this area are Vinton Circle, Cray Terrace, Chetwood Terrace, Kempshall Terrace, Gere Place, Helen Street, Marian Avenue, Herbert Avenue, Belvidere Avenue, Coriell Avenue, Burns Way, MacDermott Place, Martine Avenue, Second Street, LaGrande Avenue, Trenton Avenue and Terrill Road.

American Water also plans to restore roads in the affected area including curb-to-curb repaving of Helen Street, Marion Avenue, MacDermott Place, Herbert Avenue, Belvidere Avenue and Martine Avenue. Other streets will be repaired using a high-tech infrared patching method.

In an area east of Martine Avenue, including MacLennon Place, LaGrande Avenue, First Street, Laurel Place, Klaniecki Place and Beech Avenue, Bange says American Water is wrapping up its service renewals and will start work on main pipe cleaning and lining next April. He expects that project to wrap up in July 2015. During the April-July period, those streets will be served by above-ground pipes.

Looking ahead to 2015, Bange said American Water is planning a \$5 million restoration project in



Workers replace sections of a main along Terrill Road the borough's northwest quadrant, similar to the project that is wrapping up now on the south side.

In addition to the individual location service renewals and water main cleaning and lining, the water company also plans to replace an existing 24-inch water main on North Avenue from Terrill Road to Martine Avenue. The segment between Sheelan's Crossing and Martine Avenue will be done at night to limit the impact on commuter parking.

And, they are planning to install a new 12-inch main on Martine Avenue from Midway Avenue to Route 22 in Scotch Plains.

Finally, an \$8 million project is planned to start in early 2015 to replace an existing 48-inch water main on Madison Avenue, from Willow Street to Martine Avenue, and on Portland Avenue, from Martine Avenue to Westfield Road. American Water plans to complete this project, which will include curb-to-curb resurfacing, by May 2015.

Election set for Nov. 4

The 2014 New Jersey general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Fanwood Councilman Kevin Boris and Council President Russell Huegel are running for re-election on the Democratic ticket for Borough Council. There are no Republican candidates for council on the ballot this year.

There are also county Freeholder and Surrogate races and a U.S. Senate and a House seat on the ballot.

Fanwood Recreation announces fall programs for seniors; most start week of Sept. 22nd

Fanwood Recreation announces its fall program schedule for Fanwood seniors. Most programs begin the week of Sept. 22 and run weekly through the week of Dec. 15.



All classes will be held in the recreation building at Forest Road Park with the exception of Water Exercise, which will be held at the JCC of Central NJ Wilf Jewish Community Campus indoor pool. The fee is \$15 per program for Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents, \$30 for all others.

To register online and pay by credit card, please go to fanwoodrecreation.org. Or, if you prefer to pick up a paper schedule and registration form and pay by check, please go to Borough Hall, 75 N. Martine Avenue.

SENIOR PROGRAMS FALL LINEUP	
Aerobics	Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m.
Tai Chi	Tuesdays, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Water exercise	Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-noon
Zumba Gold #1	Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Gentle Yoga	Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Line, Ballroom, Latin Dancing	Thursdays, 1 - 2 p.m.
Zumba Gold #2	Fridays, 9:15-10 a.m.

Old favorites, some new programs, in Fall after-school lineup

Fanwood Recreation's fall lineup of after-school programs offers a fun, exciting mix of the old and the new. Coming back are the longtime favorites LEGO Club, Junior Scientists Lab, and Fall Into Tennis (tennis lessons). New additions to the schedule include Intro to Robotics & Technology, Creative Art Lab, Microsoft Office Suite Skills for Kids, Kodu Video Game Programming, and Pokemon Game Club.

Plus, for our youngest athletes, US Sports Institute offers Total Sports Squirts, Soccer Squirts and T-Ball Squirts. Also, in partnership with the SKY Yoga studio on South Avenue, residents can sign up for Kids Soar Yoga, Teen Girls Rock Yoga, and Mommy & Me Yoga.

And, together with the Be Craftful store on Martine Avenue, Recreation is offering Toddler Playtime and Exploration, Storytime Crafts, Design Your Own Storybook, The Making of a Fairy Princess, and Three-Dimensional Art programs.

Most of these programs start the week of September 29. For more information, including detailed descriptions, dates, times, prices, and age group, go to fanwoodrecreation.org, where you can also register and pay for these programs.



Coming up

SEPTEMBER

- 15 - Bulk waste pickup (NW/NE quadrants)
- 16 - Borough council meeting
- 22 - Bulk waste pickup (SE/SW quadrants)
- 28 - Fanny Wood Day celebration

OCTOBER

- 19 - Fanwood 5K and Family Fun Run
- 21 - Borough council meeting
- 31 - Halloween Parade & Costume contest

NOVEMBER

- 4 - Election Day
- 17 - Borough council meeting

DECEMBER

- 7 - Community holiday party
- 15 - Borough council meeting

Newcomers Club invites you to two upcoming events

Are you new to the area? Interested in connecting with your neighbors? Looking to participate in fun activities with your family?

If so, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers & Neighbors, a non-profit social club, might be for you! The club offers a variety of activities for women, men, children and families. Whether you are looking for a playgroup, book club, cooking club, ladies' night out, family-friendly events, community service opportunities or all of the above - the club has something for everyone!

You are invited to discover more about SPF Newcomers & Neighbors at one, or both, of the fall introductory events. On Friday, Sept. 19, at 9:30 a.m., the club will be gathering at LaGrande Park (200 LeGrande Ave.) in Fanwood for a "welcome coffee."

Enjoy breakfast snacks and conversation while the kids play. For those interested, the club will be collecting spiral or composition notebooks that day to be donated to "Tools 4 Schools."

Thursday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m., the club holds its annual Ladies-Only Fall Meet & Greet at Forest Road Park Community Building (158 Forest Road) in Fanwood.

The night will include a chance to win prizes and hear about the varied interest groups and activities of the club. This event is open to all existing, new and prospective members. Bring your friends and neighbors! Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable item to donate to the food pantry.

For more information, visit the website at spfnewcomers.com or find us at meetup.com at <http://www.meetup.com/Scotch-Plains-Fanwood-Newcomers/>

Seniors plan full schedule

The Fanwood Seniors Club will launch its 2014-2015 season this month, with meetings at the Forest Road Park Recreation Building in Fanwood. The full schedule is on the calendar on the Fanwood website - fanwoodnj.org.

Now in its 44th year, the club has many activities planned, beginning with an anniversary luncheon to be held Sept. 23 at the Westwood in Garwood. Other events, such as trips and programs, are either in the planning stage or have already been booked.

Membership in the club is open to residents of Union County aged 55 or older. For further information, call president Joe Bruno at (908) 889-7262; Jim Peeney at (908) 337-6549; Mike Venezia at (908) 889-2135; or Ethel Paoletti at (908) 889-4126.

28th Library book sale coming up this month

The Fanwood Memorial Library's 28th annual book sale fundraiser, organized by the Friends of the Library, is coming up later this month.

The sale includes recent fiction - hardcover and paperback - for all ages; children's books at all levels; current or relevant non-fiction in all subject areas; and CDs and DVDs.

The sale cannot use toys, games, puzzles, textbooks, video or audio cassettes, encyclopedias or old, dated fiction and non-fiction. Please do not bring musty, mildewed or damaged goods.

The collection and sale site will be at Fanwood's Forest Road Park. For more information, call the library at (908) 322-6400.

Proceeds from the sale pay for all library programs and for equipment and furniture outside the library budget. For the first time this year, the Friends will also be advocating to update the building and services.

Collection dates are Sept. 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17.

The sale kicks off Sept. 18 with a special preview night for members of the Friends of the Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries. The public sale runs Sept. 19-21.

DONATIONS

Friday, Sept. 12	noon-4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13, and Monday, Sept. 15	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16	4-8 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 17	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PREVIEW SALE

for members of the Friends of the Fanwood and Scotch Plains Libraries

Thursday, Sept. 18	5-8 p.m.
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PUBLIC SALE

Friday, Sept. 19, and Saturday, Sept. 20	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 21 Bag Day bargains	noon-4 p.m.

Fanwood 5K day returns for its fifth year of fun

The Fanwood 5K & Family Fun Run returns for its fifth year Sunday, Oct. 19, at LaGrande Park in Fanwood.

The race day's activities begin with the Family Fun Run at 9 a.m. in the park. The 5K race follows at 9:30.



Road closures from 8-11 a.m.

LaGrande Park. Children will be able to enjoy free face

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 p.m., at the LaGrande Park building.

On the morning of the race, music and refreshments will await runners at the finish line in

painting, and each child who participates in the Fun Run will automatically be entered in a raffle for gift cards.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$22 (\$18 for USATF members). The entry fee for the Family Fun Run is \$10 with a t-shirt and \$5 without. You can download a race application or register online at Fanwood5K.org. The race is fully sanctioned by USA 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 will help to purchase new playground equipment, build new recreational facilities and expand recreational programs for local residents.

Sponsors for the 5K & Family Fun Run include the Balyasny Foundation, The Wonder Years Academy, The Goddard School, Public Service Electric & Gas, Family Investors, Joint in Motion Physical Therapy, The Chelsea at Fanwood, K9 Resorts, Nick's Pizza and the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey. The event is still accepting sponsorships. Please visit Fanwood5K.org for details on becoming a sponsor.

Come out and be a part of the day. Visit Fanwood5K.org or contact Joe Valente at (201) 725-2032 for more information on participating as a runner, sponsor or volunteer.

AROUND FANWOOD A postcard from our town



Joe and Angie Murano of Fanwood dance to the "Tennessee Waltz" during the first annual "Senior Shindig" ice cream social in August. More than three dozen area seniors enjoyed music, conversation and ice cream sundaes at the event, sponsored by the Chelsea and the Borough of Fanwood.