



Memorial Day concert, service, parade planned



A good crowd enjoys the sounds of the Westfield Community Band during last year's Memorial Day concert on the lawn at the historic North Side Train Station. This year's concert will be on Sunday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Fanwood pauses this Memorial Day weekend to once again pay respects to the men and women who served, and those who gave their lives, in the U.S. armed forces throughout the nation's history.

This year's theme is the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. The weekend's activities will recognize the dedication, commitment and sacrifice of the residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

Fanwood's Earl Phillips, a World War II Navy veteran and retired Fanwood police officer, will be the grand marshal of the parade.

The weekend will begin with a two-hour Sunday evening concert featuring patriotic music of that era performed by the Westfield Community Band at Fanwood's North Side Train Station.

"I'm inviting Fanwood and area

Memorial Day weekend activities

Sunday, May 24

6:30 p.m. - Concert featuring patriotic music performed by the Westfield Community Band at the North Side Train Station lawn (bring a chair). The concert will be cancelled in case of inclement weather; email alerts will be sent.

Monday, May 25

9 a.m. - Memorial service at the Fanwood Memorial Library

10 a.m. - Memorial service at the Scotch Plains gazebo

10:45 a.m. - Parade starts at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building on Park Avenue and proceeds down Martine Avenue in Fanwood, ending at LaGrande Park

residents to bring their families to the north lawn of the train station for an evening filled with patriotic music honoring the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice," Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr said. "This concert is a wonderful way to remind us what makes being an American so special," she added.

On Monday, the annual memorial service for the fallen will take place at the Fanwood Memorial Library at 9 a.m.

The parade will step off from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at 10:45 a.m., making its way down Martine Avenue to Fanwood's LaGrande Park.

World War II veterans, and those they left behind when they went off to war, are called America's "Greatest Generation," for the sacrifices they made. Nearly 300,000 were killed in action in the war. Fanwood and Scotch Plains are home to approximately a dozen or more veterans of that war.

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Meet the Grand Marshal

Fanwood's Earl Phillips, 93, a World War II Navy veteran and lifelong resident of the borough, has been named the grand marshal for this year's Memorial Day parade.

Phillips joined the Navy in 1942 and served as a quartermaster on the USS Thomas Jefferson, an attack transport, involved in the invasions of French Morocco, Sicily and Salerno. Phillips also served on a seagoing tug assigned to aid Naval vessels involved in D-Day, the invasion of Normandy.

He left the Navy at the end of 1945 and returned to Fanwood, where he joined the Police Department in 1946, rising to the rank of sergeant during his 35 years on the force.

Phillips, a founding member of the Fanwood Rescue Squad, is still active in the community and has served on the borough's Shade Tree Commission since 1981.

Primary election coming June 2; there's an app for that!

New Jersey voters go to the polls on Tuesday, June 2, to select which candidates will face off in the November General Election.



In Fanwood, Mayor Colleen Mahr, Council member Jack Molenaar and Council candidate Erin McElroy Barker are the Democrats on the ballot for local offices. There are no Republican candidates for the Fanwood races on the ballot.

In addition to the local races, there are also New Jersey Assembly and Union County races on the ballot.

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi is again making voting information available through an app for IOS and Android devices.

The Union County Votes app enables voters to find their polling place, request voter registration forms and vote-by-mail ballots, view sample ballots, and follow unofficial election results in real time. The app also provides information for persons interested in becoming a poll worker or running for office, including election filing dates and district maps.

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mayor's message

by Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr

Spring is here, and, in Fanwood, it began on April 24 with Arbor Day, followed the next morning with Earth Day!

These two wonderful events garnered terrific community support. "Big Thanks" to our Shade Tree Commission and the Park Middle School Environmental Club, who came out in full force as we celebrated 21 years of "Tree City USA" status.



On Earth Day, we were fortunate to have our friends Evelyn & Rick Lisojo, from Sky Yoga on South Avenue, lead the gathered volunteers in a healthy yoga stretch to prepare for the morning's work of picking up litter throughout the borough.

Both events underscore how seriously Fanwood takes its environmental stewardship and I thank all the families and young people who stepped forward to show they love Mother Earth!

The "First Annual Fanwood Earth Day Poster Contest" was very successful with wonderful and inventive submissions. The posters have been on view at Unity Bank at South & Hetfield. Winners Taylor Klein (shown in the photo) and Lily Gaulin each received a prize of \$50 donated by the bank; thanks to all participants and to Unity Bank for being an interested and supportive neighbor.

Thanks as well are due to Elite Properties, developers of the new buildings you see in downtown Fanwood. Elite has kindly worked with the Garden Club in donating and planting small pine trees for our planters in order to help us beautify our renewed downtown. It continues to be a pleasure to work with Elite. They take great pains towards making downtown Fanwood an attractive place to live, work and shop.

You will be seeing the next of the new downtown buildings going up over the summer on La Grande Avenue. Elite Properties is constructing a 16-unit apartment building over covered parking. All units will be one- or two-bedrooms and, once that construction is wrapped up, I expect a lull for the short term.

Continuing the move to revive our business districts, the Fanwood Council has just refreshed our zoning ordinance

for the entire South Avenue Business Corridor! The Planning Board has worked very hard for several years to develop this plan and I am grateful for their efforts. The clarity of these new regulations will ease the way for businesses and property owners to develop and improve their property. I look forward to great things!

As the South Avenue corridor and our downtown develop, it is important to keep safety in mind. Police Chief Trigo will soon be implementing the new "Street Smart" traffic safety program intended for both drivers and pedestrians. You can find more information at fanwoodpolice.org. Through education and enforcement, the program aims to help residents develop a heightened awareness of the new local traffic patterns and increased pedestrian activity.

At this time of the year, this is most important: the last day of school is June 18 and the children will be out and about, so DRIVE SAFELY!

My congratulations to the graduating class of 2015. I have had the pleasure to meet and work with many of you on a variety of projects throughout the community. You are an extraordinary group of people and I know your future will be bright!

A long-honored tradition has been our Memorial Day parade and the turnout along the parade route has always been impressive.

But did you know that this year we will be hosting the third annual Memorial Day concert at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, at the north side train station?

I encourage you and your family to join me as we listen to a wonderful array of patriotic American music, followed the next morning at 9 a.m. with a solemn observance at the Fanwood Memorial Library.

Then, at 10:45 a.m., the Memorial Day parade will step off from Scotch Plains. All these traditional events hold great meaning for us. Fanwood is home to many veterans and the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of this great nation. I hope you will all come out and join me in their honor.

On May 26, Borough Hall will once again begin "summer hours," opening each morning at 7:30 and closing at noon on Fridays. Monday through Thursday closing time will remain at 4 p.m. And, on Thursdays, evening hours will continue from 5-8 p.m.

I wish you the best of health and happiness for the summer of 2015, and hope to see you at the Memorial Day events on May 24th and 25th. Don't forget the sunscreen!

Still time to register for summer rec programs, camps

There's still time to register your child for these returning favorite summer camps and programs sponsored by Fanwood Recreation: Tennis, Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Mining & Crafting using Lego Bricks, Golf, Sports Squirts, T-Ball Squirts, Lacrosse, Multi-Sports, Pony, Junior Scientists, Technology & Engineering, Groovy Girls, and Babysitting Certification.

And it's not too late to sign up your child for the Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program. The program runs at LaGrande Park on weekdays from June 22-August 14, and has two sessions: 9 a.m.-noon and noon-3 p.m.

A few spots are still available in the mornings and plenty of spots remain in the afternoons. 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.

For more information and to register online for most of these programs, please go to fanwoodrecreation.org.

Summer movie lineup set for LaGrande Park screen

The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces its 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 23, and continues every Tuesday evening for eight consecutive weeks.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

June 23	How to Train Your Dragon 2
June 30	Maleficent
July 7	Alexander and the Terrible ... Day
July 14	Paddington
July 21	Mr. Peabody and Sherman
July 28	Penguins of Madagascar
August 4	The Boxtrolls
August 11	Big Hero 6

8th annual Party in the Park set for Tuesday, June 23



Some early arrivals enjoy last year's party

The Fanwood Recreation Commission invites you to Fanwood's eighth annual Party in the Park!

The party takes place on the first Free Movie Night of the summer at LaGrande Park, Tuesday, June 23, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. (rain date is Wednesday, June 24).

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, *How to Train Your Dragon 2*, which will begin at dusk.

For more information, please check fanwoodrecreation.org. Please note: small fees will be charged for rides and some food items at the event.

The movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m. at the beginning of the schedule, 8 p.m. at the end). Be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair! (And, maybe some bug spray, too.)

Rain date for all movies is the following evening. For more information, go to fanwoodrecreation.org or call (908)370-7092.

Tennis on tap at Hilltop court

Fanwood's Hilltop Tennis Club, a Har-Tru surfaced court at 336 North Ave., is inviting residents to play a match and learn more about the private non-profit club, which opened in 1922.

Through November, everyone is invited to play a free match on Monday evenings, from 5 p.m. to dusk. Just bring your racquet and meet other Fanwood players. For more information: hilltoptennisclub@gmail.com.

Several new Rec programs on tap for this summer

Parents looking for something new and fun to keep their kids busy this summer need look no further than Fanwood Recreation's summer offerings!

The World of Wizardry is an innovative art and creative writing camp for creative kids and fans of the Harry Potter Series. Each day will be set in a different themed class: Potions, Defense Against the Dark Arts, etc. Aspiring witches and wizards become reporters for the Daily Prophet, make their own pet owls, play Quidditch, and much more.

The Summer String Orchestra Program offers a new outlet for music education to children who want to learn to play or improve their skills on violin, viola, cello or bass. Taught by Ms. Hsin-Ting Feng, the founding Orchestra Director at the Highland Park Public Schools, the program concludes with a concert recital for family and friends.

Writopia Lab is the tri-state region's top creative writing program for kids and teens. Workshops, limited to six students each, include a mix of highly productive writing games, individualized instruction from a published author, and group feedback. Each student proudly leaves with a polished piece of original prose.

Electronic Game Design: Invader Defense offers campers the opportunity to design their own video game, from start to finish. At the end of the week, each camper will take home a copy of the game he or she created.

Preschool Camp is a fun-filled enrichment program that offers preschoolers a week of songs, games, crafts, books, dance and socialization in a warm and friendly environment.

Prevent your child from suffering "Summer Learning Loss" by signing him or her up for Reading and Writing Camp in August. Campers will play teacher-designed games and practice a variety of reading and writing skills in preparation for transitioning back to school.

Prince and Princess Camp is a magical week filled with crafts, games, royal stories, and lots of fun. Prince and Princess dress-up is encouraged.

Math Camp focuses on the practice and mastery of facts and mathematical foundations through play in both whole and small group centers and games.

Kindergarten Camp creates a smooth transition into kindergarten by providing songs, games, crafts and play that will teach campers the fundamental skills required for kindergarten success.

Creative Kids Summer Program fires the imaginations of boys and girls by providing them a wide variety of tools and materials—acrylic paint, oil pastels, modeling clay and more—to create art projects they will be proud to call their own.

Using LEGO remote controls, kids who sign up for Remote Control Mania build vehicles, machines and more that work at their wireless command. This program is loaded with fun and learning for budding builders.

More information on and registration for all these programs can be found at fanwoodrecreation.org.

Fanwood Library plans busy summer for all readers

Readers of all ages will find something to keep themselves busy this summer in the Fanwood Library's reading programs.

The Summer Reading Club is open to those young people who are able to read on their own. Members keep a log of the books they read during the summer and receive an incentive award for each week they come to the Library to record what they have read.

Kids can sign-up for Book of the Week activity clubs, Readers' Theater Groups, crafts and more. Sign-ups begin the week of June 1.

The Library's Family Program, "Monday Nights are Special," sponsored by the Friends of the Library, kicks off Monday, June 22, at 7 p.m., with the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company performing "The Sword In the Stone."

All ages are welcome each Monday Night beginning at 7 p.m. on the Library's front lawn. Bring a blanket or beach chair. Each week will offer a special performance or activity. No prior sign-up is required for Monday Nights.

Book Bingo is held each Friday at 10:30 a.m. for those who are able to read or willing to share with someone who can. No prior sign-up required.

Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program for 3 and 4-year-olds on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m., including stories with early literacy activities just for them. Nursery Rhyme Time will be held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for toddlers 12-24 months. These two groups begin June 24.

For more information, or to sign-up for book clubs and workshops, call or stop in the Library's Children's Dept. at (908) 322-4377.

Summer reading for adults starts Monday, June 22. The library staff invites all adult readers to, "Escape the Ordinary!"

Readers are invited to put their name in the fishbowl to win goodies. There will be events and programs to enjoy, and, of course, all the newest beach reads and must-reads on the shelves. For more information, check out Events on the library website or ask at the front desk.

Teen Summer Reading also begins on June 22. The library will be open an extra hour that day just for teens! And, of course, the library will have all the school-assigned summer reading titles available, too.

Finally, the library staff reminds you that the annual Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale is coming up in September (Friends preview is Sept. 18). Donations start on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Arts Scene

AT THE KURAN CENTER

Westfield Poetry Group takes the stage at the Carriage House

The Carriage House Poetry series will feature the Westfield Poetry Group on Tuesday, June 16, at 8 p.m., in the Kuran Arts Center. The Westfield Group was established in 2005 under the direction of poet Joe Weil and is currently led by Fanwood's Poet Laureate, Adele Kenny.

This highly motivated and long-running workshop meets monthly, and its members have been widely published through the United States. Linda Radice, Bob Rosenbloom, Wendy Rosenberg, Basil Rouskas, and Nancy Lubarsky will share the stage in a celebration of the group's tenth anniversary.

The monthly poetry readings, which begin at 8 p.m. at the Kuran Center, adjacent to Borough Hall, are free and open to the public. The featured readings are usually followed by an intermission and then an open reading session.

The Fanwood series was established Dec. 10, 1998, by Kenny. For more information, call Kenny at (908) 889-7223, or Tom Plante at (908) 889-5298, or visit carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com

2015 poetry series

June 16	10th Anniversary celebration of the Westfield Poets workshop
July 21	Ed Baranowski
Sept. 15	Dean Kostos and Michael T. Young
Oct. 20	Penny Harter and Gary T. Whitehead

Performance Series has one more concert before break

Fanwood's Performance Series has one more concert, on June 13, at the Kuran Arts Center before taking its annual summer break. The 7 p.m. concert features Marc Berger, who sings songs of the American West, and the Lords of Lichtenstein, two brothers who present an acoustic blend of folk music. Suggested donation: \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students). - fanwoodperformanceseries.org/

After the annual summer break, the series will resume in September.

Area Girl Scout recycling old musical instruments

If you have any old musical instruments around the house and you're looking for a good way to get rid of them, an area Girl Scout has just the answer.

On Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jessica Moore and her team will be set up at the Fanwood



Jessica Moore

Recycling Center to accept brass, percussion and woodwind instruments for repair, recycling and redistribution to schools in Union County.

The 16-year-old Moore, a 10th grade student and A.L. Johnson High School band member from Garwood, is undertaking the project to achieve her Girl Scout Gold Award. Part

of the requirements for the award is to devote at least 80 hours to a project that helps others in the community.

She's been a Scout for 11 years and has been involved in band since 8th grade. Along the way, she's seen how many programs lack working instruments and the idea came to her to collect broken or discarded instruments, then repair them and place them in schools.

"There are a lot of instruments that aren't working," she says. In some cases, students who want to be in band or music programs can't because they can't afford their own instruments and the schools have no working instruments to provide.

She's going to handle the simple repairs herself - she's gotten some experience keeping her own flute in service - and has lined up people with more expertise to handle the bigger problems in getting the instruments back in service.

If you can't make it to the event and have an instrument to donate, or have a question, Moore can be reached at musicalrecycling@yahoo.com.

Fanwood first responders garner honors, awards

Four Fanwood first responders were honored in April at the 40th annual Scotch Plains-Fanwood Knights of Columbus Shield Awards ceremony. The awards presentation took place at the St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains.



Sgt. Marc Gottlick, PO Ryan Gillmore, EMT Elizabeth Buckridee and firefighter Ken Gorman

The Fanwood Police honorees, Sgt. Marc Gottlick and Officer Ryan Gilmore, were presented awards for their actions in delivering a baby girl for Sherry and Joseph Cole in the early morning hours of Oct. 23, 2014, at the Cole's Fanwood home. There were

complications with the birth and Sgt. Gottlick, with the assistance of Off. Gilmore, delivered and stabilized the baby before the Rescue Squad arrived. It was Fanwood's first baby born in the borough since 1998.

The EMS honoree was Elizabeth Buckridee, recognized for her dedication and service to the Fanwood Rescue Squad. Buckridee has responded to more than 500 calls in her time with the squad. Both her mother, Patti, the squad's captain, and her sister, Karolyn, also serve on the squad.

The Fanwood Fire Dept. honoree was firefighter Ken Gorman, who was recognized for his dedication to training not only himself but also helping younger members of the department prepare for firefighting.

Another Rescue Squad volunteer, Brian Downing, was honored this month as the group's EMT of the year at an annual Overlook Hospital ceremony.

Fanwood man's 'link' with past sets him on a course for the future

A gift from his grandfather has set Fanwood resident Joe Cirincione on his course for the future.

It was a beautiful set of custom cufflinks given to him shortly before his grandfather's death that sparked Cirincione's interest in making custom jewelry for a living.

While he hasn't left his day job in the financial services industry in New York City quite yet, the 27-yearold Fanwood man feels confident that he can turn his hobby into a business.



Last year was spent establishing his business, and "2015 has been great so far," he says. Cirincione says a big part of it is to just be persistent.

Every product needs a niche and Cirincione has found his, producing custom cufflinks that use everything from exotic metals to rare woods to watch parts to swatches of cloth from a bride's gown. Instead of just being a piece of jewelry, the Fanwood artist wants the cufflinks to spark a memory for the recipient and the gift-giver.

He works in his basement workshop turning out the custom cufflinks. It means some long nights filling orders. But, it's all worth it as he turns his hobby into a business.

For more information, Cirincione can be reached at jcirodesigns@gmail.com or (732) 687-1807.

Fanwood Borough Hall switching to summer hours

Office hours at Fanwood's Borough Hall make their annual switch to a summer schedule on Tuesday, May 26, the day after the Memorial Day holiday. The regular schedule will resume Tuesday, Sept. 8. The summer hours will be:

Monday-Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday evening (limited staff)

5-8 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. - noon



Coming up

JUNE

2 - Primary election

11 - Ladies' Night Out in downtown Fanwood

23 - Fanwood's 8th annual Party in the Park

JULY

4 - Independence Day holiday

Ladies' Night Out planned for downtown Fanwood June 11

Fanwood's fourth-annual Ladies' Night Out, sponsored by the Fanwood Business and Professional Association (FBPA), is set for June 11, from 6-9 p.m., downtown.

Last year's event drew more than 200 shoppers. The FBPA is hoping to make this year's event even bigger.

Participants will check in at Mara's Cafe, at South and Martine Avenues, and pick up a map and a goodie bag loaded with coupons and other items. Several stores will have big sales going and more than 20 merchants will be taking part. Shoppers will get tickets for a Tricky Tray drawing in their goodie bags and will qualify for extra tickets as they make purchases.

The evening will culminate in a champagne reception where the Tricky Tray winners will be announced.

Check out fanwoodbusiness.com for more information.



Shoppers at the 2014 Ladies' Night Out.

AROUND FANWOOD A postcard from our town



There was a little chill in the air but bright, sunny skies welcomed a good crowd to Fanwood's Forest Road Park Saturday, March 28, for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children 10 and under got a chance to meet the Easter Bunny and to hunt for more than 1,000 eggs, filled with all sorts of goodies including hundreds of prize tickets, that were hidden around the park. Prizes were also given out for guessing the number of jelly beans and the number of chocolate eggs; a bunny drawing contest and an egg decorating contest. The annual event was organized by Fanwood's Recreation Commission.