

Memorial Day concert, service, parade planned

This Memorial Day weekend, May 29-30, Fanwood once again pauses to 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 "America, the Beautiful." The stirring song's third stanza pays tribute to the nation's fallen heroes. The song reminds us, "Oh beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife. Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life."

The weekend's activities will recognize the dedication, commitment and sacrifice of the residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Joe McCourt of Scotch Plains, a Vietnam War Army veteran, will be the grand marshal of the parade.

The weekend will begin with a two-hour Sunday evening concert featuring patriotic music performed by the Westfield Community Band. For the first time in the concert's five-year-history, it will move from Fanwood to the Alan Augustine Village Green on Park Avenue, adjacent to the Scotch Plains Municipal Building. In addition to the music, the program will once again include the reading of wartime letters written by members of the United States military to their loved ones back home.

"I'm inviting Fanwood and area residents to bring their families 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.



Last year's Memorial Day parade marches through downtown Fanwood

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

After a brief ceremony in downtown Scotch Plains, 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.

Hundreds of participants, representing a wide range of groups in the community, will make the long walk to honor veterans and those who gave their lives.

Memorial Day weekend activities

Sunday, May 29

6:30 p.m. - Concert featuring patriotic music performed by the Westfield Community Band at the Alan Augustine Village Green on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains (bring a chair). The concert will be cancelled in case of inclement weather; email alerts will be sent.

Monday, May 30

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

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Joe McCourt, who served as a U.S. Army lieutenant and platoon leader in the Vietnam War, will serve as the grand marshal of this year's Fanwood Scotch Plains Memorial Day parade.

"It's quite an honor, quite a thrill, that's for sure," said McCourt, 70, of Scotch Plains, who has been a part of the parade committee since 1992.

McCourt was raised in Brooklyn, NY and graduated from Manhattan College in 1967, at the height of the Vietnam War. McCourt, whose father and uncles had served in World War II, felt an obligation to serve and enlisted after becoming draft eligible upon earning a degree in psychology.

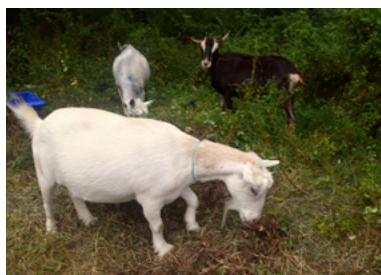
For his Army service, McCourt was

awarded two Bronze Star Medals for valor, the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Air Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

He returned to the New York area after his Army service, and eventually settled in Scotch Plains in 1977.

The retired information technology salesman is active in both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts at the local level, and has been an integral part of Fanwood's and Scotch Plains' Memorial Day and Veterans' Day observances for many years. He was also a member of a five-person committee that oversaw fundraising and construction of the Vietnam War memorial in Scotch Plains.

Fanwood hosts goats again



Fanwood will once again host a dozen goats as work continues to rid the Nature Center of invasive plants, including poison ivy and Japanese knotweed, this spring and summer.

The goats, from Green Goats farm near Rhinebeck, N.Y., will work for a few weeks in the area cleared last summer, then be moved to begin clearing the other half of the center, eating away most of the invasive vegetation below

six feet. The goats are unaffected by the poison ivy, considering it a delicacy, according to herder Larry Cihanek.

The goats are being used so herbicides won't have to be used in the center. During the project, half of the center will be closed to the public. Fences will be erected to separate the public from the goats.



Mayor's Message

BY FANWOOD MAYOR COLLEEN MAHR

Dear Fanwoodians,

How nice to have the school year winding down and the slower days of summer to look forward to! It's been a lovely spring and we've already had several fun events in town.

I couldn't have been more pleased with the "Rockin' for Autism" event staged by our young resident Mallory Banks. It was a great day of music, games and food, all aimed at increasing awareness of this widespread disorder. Paired with SPF Baseball Opening Day, La Grande Park was indeed Rockin'!

Earth Day was a big success; thanks to the many Fanwoodians who volunteered to give the borough a good spring cleaning. It's a wonderful event and seeing so many children in attendance makes me know we're helping to develop the future citizens of our great nation.

Other events last month included our annual Arbor Day tree planting, the Vintage Show at the Train Station and the opening of the 2016 Performance Series at the Carriage House. You'll find more such events at the borough website www.fanwoodnj.org.

This year's Memorial Day activities will be a little different, with the Concert hosted this year in Scotch Plains on May 29. We work on the parade and concert in partnership with Scotch Plains, so when Scotch Plains requested to host this year of course we agreed. I hope you will all head over to Alan Augustine Park and enjoy the evening of

patriotic tunes. As long as the weather holds I'm sure it will be an enjoyable evening for all!

I hope you will check the front page calendar of Memorial Day activities. 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.

As far as the continuing story of development in Fanwood, the final two parcels on downtown have signed agreements and I expect to see a start to construction by late summer. There is also lots of encouraging interest in the west end of South Avenue so don't be surprised to see even more new activity!

The council has been hard at work on the upcoming budget. We anticipate a large school tax increase to fund an all-day kindergarten program with 15 additional teachers. Although the Borough only controls 20% of your tax bill, we have tried to mitigate the school tax burden and have pared our operating budget to produce a local tax decrease. Your taxes will still increase, but the Fanwood Council is doing all we can to diminish the pain.

My congratulations to the graduating class of 2016; 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!

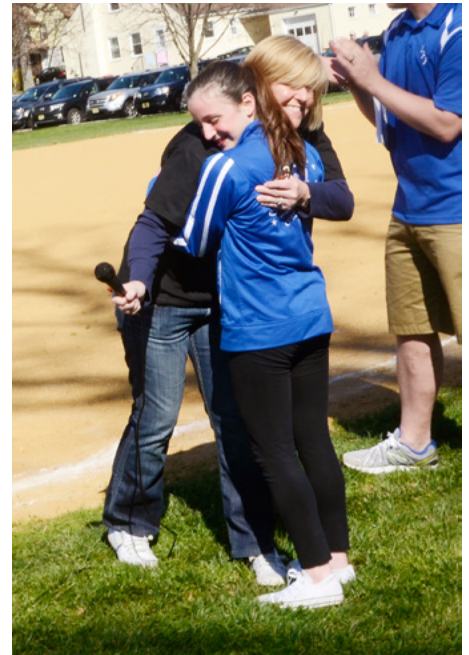


Photo: Mayor Colleen Mahr hugs Rockin For Autism planner, Mallory Banks.

And finally, on May 31 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 Thursday, evening hours will continue from 5-8 p.m.

I wish you the best of health and happiness for the summer of 2016, and hope to see you at the Memorial Day events on May 29 and 30. Don't forget the sunscreen!

Still time to register for returning summer programs!

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, Remote Control Mania, Writopia, Golf, Sports Squirts, Soccer Squirts, T-Ball Squirts, Lacrosse, Multi-Sports, Pony, World of Wizardry, Junior Scientists, Technology & Engineering, Groovy Girls, Creative Kids, 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 La Grande Park on weekdays from June 27–August 19, and has two sessions: 9 a.m.–noon, and 12–3 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 themed activities and entertainment. Activities are tailored to age group and include arts & crafts, sports, games, contests, and water fun.

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 www.fanwoodrecreation.org.

2016 FANWOOD RECREATION SUMMER CAMPS & PROGRAMS

Recreation Summer Park Program	grades K–6	6/27–8/19 (weekly)	fanwoodrecreation.org
Fanwood Junior Tennis Lessons	ages 4–18	weeks of 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1	fanwoodrecreation.org
“Galaxy Far Away” Space Camp	ages 5–11	6/27–7/1	fanwoodrecreation.org
Raiders Basketball Camp	grades 1–7	weeks of 6/27, 7/11	kewingcoach@gmail.com
Fanwood Soccer Camp	ages 5–10	weeks of 6/27, 8/1, 8/8	kewingcoach@gmail.com
Writopia: Creative Writing Workshop	ages 6–18	weeks of 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8	writopialab.org
Weekly Total Sports Squirts (intro to sports)	ages 3–5	6/29–8/10 (Wednesdays)	fanwoodrecreation.org
Weekly Soccer Squirts	ages 3–5	6/29–8/10 (Wednesdays)	fanwoodrecreation.org
Weekly Total Sports Squirts (intro to sports)	ages 3–5	6/30–8/11 (Thursdays)	fanwoodrecreation.org
Weekly Soccer Squirts	ages 3–5	6/30–8/11 (Thursdays)	fanwoodrecreation.org
Weekly T-Ball Squirts	ages 3–5	6/30–8/11 (Thursdays)	fanwoodrecreation.org
Remote Control Mania	ages 5–11	7/5–7/8	fanwoodrecreation.org
Golf Squirts	ages 4–5	7/5–7/8	fanwoodrecreation.org
Golf Camp	ages 5–10	7/5–7/8	fanwoodrecreation.org
Secret Agent Lab	grades 2–5	7/11–7/15	fanwoodrecreation.org
Fitness in the Sun	grades 1–5	7/11–7/15	fanwoodrecreation.org
Pony Camps	ages 3–6, 7–13	7/11–7/14	fanwoodrecreation.org
First Play Lacrosse Clinic	ages 5–8, 9–14	7/11–7/15	fanwoodrecreation.org
SPF Baseball Camp	grades K–7	7/18–7/22	tombaylock@gmail.com
Babysitting Certification Class	ages 11–15	7/18, 7/20, 7/22	fanwoodrecreation.org
Junior First Responders Program	ages 11–17	7/18–7/22	fanwoodrecreation.org
World of Wizardry: Art, Writing & Games	ages 8–13	7/25–7/29	fanwoodrecreation.org
Multi-Sports Camp (over 15 different sports)	ages 5–11	7/25–7/29	fanwoodrecreation.org
Total Sports Squirts (intro to sports)	ages 3–5	7/25–7/29	fanwoodrecreation.org
Creative Kids Summer Program	grades K–5	8/1–8/5	fanwoodrecreation.org
Groovy Girls Summer Program	grades 1–6	8/1–8/5	fanwoodrecreation.org
Technology & Engineering Program	grades 1–6	8/8–8/12	fanwoodrecreation.org
Junior Scientists Summer Program	grades K–5	8/8–8/12	fanwoodrecreation.org
Mining & Crafting Camp using Lego Bricks	ages 5–11	8/15–8/19	fanwoodrecreation.org
Mystery Camp	ages 8–13	8/22–8/26	fanwoodrecreation.org
Back to School Prep	grades 1–3	8/22–8/26	fanwoodrecreation.org
String Orchestra	ages 8 and up	TBD	fanwoodrecreation.org

FREE Summer Movies at La Grande Park



The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces its 2016 free Summer Movie Series at La Grande 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 28, and continues every Tuesday evening for eight consecutive weeks. 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.)

MOVIE SCHEDULE*

Tuesday, June 28	Minions
Tuesday, July 5	Goosebumps
Tuesday, July 12	The Peanuts Movie
Tuesday, July 19	Guardians of Galaxy (PG-13)
Tuesday, July 26	Inside Out
Tuesday, August 2	Cinderella (2015 version)
Tuesday, August 9	Hotel Transylvania 2
Tuesday, August 16	The Good Dinosaur

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

Summer kick-off party planned in La Grande Park June 28

Fanwood's tenth annual Party in the Park takes place before the first free Movie Night of the summer at La Grande Park Tuesday, June 28, from 6–8:30 p.m. (rain date is Wednesday, June 29). Enjoy food, music, beverages and more! For the kids, there'll be rides, amusements, contests and crafts inspired by the movie Minions, which will begin at dusk. Please note: small fees will be charged for rides and some food items.

New summer programs spotlight mysteries, outer space and more!

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 *Child's Play Challenge Course* is an 8-station obstacle course designed especially for kids! Each station has been carefully constructed to challenge agility, coordination, balance, speed, and endurance. It all culminates in the final day at the Crush The Course Showdown—complete with medals, certificates and an award ceremony!

Taught by Mr. Ken Hernandez of Coles and Evergreen Elementary Schools, *Fitness Fun in the Sun* is designed to get campers moving to music while enjoying their favorite school gym games.

Created by the same people behind *World of Wizardry Camp*, *Make It a Mystery Camp* has campers delving into a different popular mystery author—classic and modern—(think Sherlock Holmes meets “The 39 Clues”!)—each day! Campers will write their own suspenseful stories and create their own mysterious art projects.

Campers in “*In a Galaxy Far Far Away*” *Space Camp* learn about real-life space exploration while using LEGOs to build NASA-related spacecraft as well as Star Wars-themed models. Plus, campers engage in video games, group games, challenges and more.

Presented by Mad Science, *Secret Agent Lab* asks campers to take a fascinating journey into the world of detection, forensics, and classified information, where they decode messages, uncover fingerprints, use spy equipment and more.

Back to School Prep, for children entering grades 1–3, focuses on building math, reading and writing skills through exciting games, centers, crafts, songs, and teaching strategies to help build mastery, gain confidence, and enable a smooth transition to the next school year.

In the *Junior First Responders Summer Program*, participants learn the basics of CPR, first aid, and fire safety. Those who successfully complete the program will earn certifications in these areas.

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

The Fanwood 5K & Family Fun Run Needs You!

For the seventh year in a row, the Fanwood Recreation Commission will be presenting the Fanwood 5K Race and Family Fun Run this coming October. Volunteers are a huge reason for the success of this race. If you'd like to volunteer to help organize the event, fundraise or direct runners on the day of the race, please contact Fanwood Recreation Commissioner Joe Valente at (201) 725-2032 or jvrace@fanwood5k.org.

Library Events

A busy summer on tap at the Library

The Fanwood Memorial Library has announced a busy schedule of summer events.

The Special Family Programs on Monday nights will take place on the front lawn of the Library, beginning at 7 p.m. The season begins on June 27 with a book signing and talk by children's author Matt Tavares. On July 11, the Bright Star Living Theatre will present Aesop's Fables; and, on July 18, there will be chess game played by living Kings, Queens, Bishops, Knights, Rooks & Pawns, presented by members of the library's chess workshops.

CHILDRENS WEEKLY EVENTS

Reading Racers Weekly Book Club

Mondays at 1:30 p.m. (grades K-3)

Ready, Set, Write!

Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m from July 12 - Aug. 9, (grades 4-6)

Readers theatre

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. (grades 3-6)

ADULTS WEEKLY EVENTS

Knitting and crocheting group

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Scrabble Club

Wednesdays at noon.

Adult Coloring

Thursdays from 1 - 2:30 p.m. and 6 - 7:30 p.m.

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Teen Summer Reading Kickoff

Monday, June 27

The library will be open from 8-9p.m. just for teens. Come pick out your summer reading, meet friends, and enjoy snacks.

The Teen Summer Reading Kickoff will also begin on June 27, when the library will be open from 8-9 p.m. just for teens, to select summer reading, meet friends and enjoy snacks. There are additional weekly event for children, teens, and adults in the calendars below. Registration for summer programs begins in June. For more information, call (908)-322-6400 or visit fanwoodlibrary.org.

Computer science classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays in July
1:45 - 3 p.m. (grades 6-8)

Exercise your mind! All students in grades 6-8 are welcome to attend this eight-session workshop series in computer science. Emphasis is placed on introductory programming skills as well as the applications of computer science in almost any field. Students will design websites, apps, and programs through hands-on activities.

Teen Makerlab

Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m. June 28 - July 26

Teens entering grades six and up are invited to join us and create something in our Makerlab. The library has 3D pens, loom knitting, Arduino kits, a Makey Makey kit, Snap Circuits, a sewing machine, Perler beads and more!

Zumba for Teens

Thursdays 3:15-4 p.m. June 30 - July 28

Come exercise at the library! The library will be hosting weekly exercise Zumba classes for teens. Join us for this fun class and exercise while dancing!

Life-size Jenga for teens

Thursday, July 1 6:30p.m.

Get in the game at the library for a huge game of Jenga!

End of Summer Reading Graduation Party

Thursday, July 28 6:30p.m.

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading and the end of summer at a graduation party!

Reading logs for teens

June 27 through July 29

Keep a reading log during our summer program and earn prizes!

ADULT SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Gentle chair exercises for adults

Mondays 9:30-10:15 a.m.

June 27th through July 25th.

Exercise your body this summer with our gentle chair exercises. We will meet Monday morning for five weeks and perform gentle stretches in chairs. Open to everyone, no matter your age or ability. The library will be holding this program downstairs, so you must be able to climb stairs to attend.

Primary Election to be held Tuesday, June 7



Council members Tom Kranz, left, and Kathy Mitchell.

New Jersey voters go to the polls on Tuesday, June 7, to select which candidates will face off in the November General Election.

In Fanwood, Council members Kathy Mitchell and Tom Kranz are seeking re-election. There are no Republican candidates for the Fanwood races on the ballot. Mitchell is running for an unprecedented eighth consecutive term on Council. Kranz is seeking his second term. In addition to the local council race, Fanwood voters will make choices in the U.S. Presidential and Congressional contests.

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.

Arts Scene

AT THE KURAN CENTER

Poetry series has a full schedule

Fanwood's Patricia Kuran Arts Center, on Watson Road by Borough Hall, is the home to the borough's Poetry Series and Performance Series.

The free monthly poetry readings, which begin at 8 p.m., are open to the public. The featured readings are usually followed by an intermission, then an open reading session in which audience members may read a poem if time permits.

2016 Poetry Series

May 17	Ed Romond and B.J. Ward
June 21	Amy King and Melissa Studdard
July 19	Deborah LaVeglia and Mary Redus
August	Summer break

Wide range of music on tap at Fanwood's historic venue

Come and see Fanwood's Performance Series! The intimate setting at the Kuran Center makes for a great experience for the artists and for the audience too. Suggested donation: \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students).

2016 Performance Series

June 11	Shauna Caspi; Rebecca Pronsky
July + Aug.	Summer break
Sept. 10	Claude Bourbo
Oct. 8	Brian Dunn; Kenn Moore
Nov. 12	Rupert Wates



Fanwood Police Officers Kevin Stomber and Kathleen Case pose with the Shield Awards they received on April 13th from the Knights of Columbus. The awards recognized the officers for successfully delivering a breach baby last August inside a home on Westfield Road.

Ladies' Night Out



Ladies Night Out shoppers on South Avenue in 2015.

Shopper alert! Circle June 2 on your calendar for Fanwood's 5th Annual Ladies Night Out. The event will take place from 6-9 p.m that night in downtown Fanwood.

Participants will check in on the ground floor of the new Fanwood Crossing II retail building on South Avenue, next to Mara's Cafe, and pick up a map and a goodie bag loaded with coupons and other items. Shoppers must register in advance to get a goodie bag. Go to www.westfieldareachamber.com and click on calendar to register.

Several stores will have big sales going that night 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 during the evening. There will also be a small vendor fair at the Fanwood Crossing II location to allow local business without a brick and mortar store to showcase what they have to offer.

"This event is meant to showcase Fanwood businesses," said Mindy Scarlett, chair of the Ladies Night Out Committee. "To encourage everyone to take advantage of everything the businesses have to offer, we are also giving each participant an additional Tricky Tray ticket for every dollar they spend."

Local businesses are encouraged to participate by having a special offer on the night, advertising in the ad journal, providing a Tricky Tray item, placing something in the goodie bag or participating in the vendor fair. Businesses who wish to participate should contact Aimee Nuzzo at (908)499-7108 or Mindy Scarlett at (908)499-9298 or via email to mindy@thescarlettmarketinggroup.com.

This event is sponsored by the Fanwood division of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. Earlier this year, the Fanwood Business and Professional Association (FBPA), which had put on the shopping event in the past, joined the chamber to bring more services and support to Fanwood businesses.

Volunteer Profile

Fanwood Residents in the News



Jan Siegal



Margaret Chowdhury

Fanwood is lucky to have many tremendous volunteers that contribute to our community. Two of these residents, Jan Siegal, RN, and Margaret Chowdhury, were among the ten honorees at the Union County Commission on the Status of Women's 24th Annual Women of Excellence Awards dinner in March.

Both women are outstanding examples of community-minded citizens; Jan as a volunteer on the local Board of Health, and Margaret as a volunteer on Fanwood's Environmental Commission.

Born and raised in Fanwood, Siegal returned to raise her family after studying and living out of state for many years. After returning to the area, she earned additional degrees in both nursing and science and for the past 12 years she has

worked for the state of New Jersey as a licensing surveyor for assisted living and nursing facilities.

During Chowdhury's seven years on the Environmental Commission, she has worked with the Girl and Boy Scouts, helped to install two butterfly gardens at the Fanwood Nature Center, and conducted several workshops on environmental issues. Most recently she was instrumental in regaining bronze status in Sustainable Jersey by forming a Green Team and completing many earth-friendly initiatives. Chowdhury is also a Union County Master Gardener. Using this expertise she has helped with the pollinator garden and rain garden installations at borough hall as well as the installation of a rain barrel there.

Around Fanwood

A postcard from our town



There was a little chill in the air but bright, sunny skies welcomed a good crowd, including Dylan, left, and Ayden Darrow of Scotch Plains, to Fanwood's Forest Road Park in March for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Children 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.