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## Fanny Wood Day



Fanwood's signature fall street fair is back! The 23rd annual Fanny Wood Day is going to take place on Sunday, September 16 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., right in downtown Fanwood. Each year, this event continues to grow and gain popular attention, and we can't wait to see what this year has in store for all of the residents and visitors of Fanwood.

However, Fanny Wood Day is much more than just a street fair. It is a full-day experience for the entire family to enjoy! This community-filled event will feature a variety of food vendors and craft exhibitors along Martine and South Avenues that will provide something for everyone to enjoy. The Borough wants to continue to provide safe and welcoming events in downtown Fanwood to encourage all of our residents to participate in our community.

Returning this year will be the petting zoo, pony rides, a rock-climbing wall, kiddie rides and more! This street fair provides activities for children of all ages! It is the Borough's hope that Fanny Wood Day will help promote community positivity within our residents by engaging in this wonderful event.

Last, but not least, the stage will be alive with music with local bands and a DJ throughout the event right on Martine and South.

Mark your calendars and visit the Fanny Wood Day street fair where you'll be sure to have fun with family, friends and neighbors!



"Saturday Mornings on the Plaza" is a new program, bringing family-friendly activities to the Downtown Plaza on South Avenue. Offered between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, we invite you to stop at the Plaza between the Railside Café and Monks Home Improvement to enjoy a variety of events ranging from storytelling to yoga, from acting classes to bingo! Most of the activities will be planned and staged by local merchants, eager to share their talents and "give back" to their customers.

This program will be offered for two months in the Fall, and again in the Spring. Events include:

**September 8:** Fitness Demonstration

**September 15:** Play Theater

**September 22:** Goddard School

**September 29:** Lightbridge Academy

**October 6:** Life Drawing Studio

**October 13:** Yoga with the YMCA

**October 20:** Children's Catch with the YMCA

**October 27:** Spooky Stories with Susan Staub from Fanwood Library

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## Fanwood 5K Super Hero Run & Family Fun Run



For the ninth year in a row, Fanwood Recreation hosts our community's favorite running event—the Fanwood 5K Super Hero Run & Family Fun Run!

The race returns to La Grande Park on Sunday, October 21st. The festivities begin with the one-mile Family Fun Run at 9 AM, followed by the 5K Super Hero Run at 9:30 AM. All participating 'Fun Run' children will receive a super hero cape and mask, and automatically be entered in a raffle for gift cards. All runners are invited to reveal their true selves and come dressed as their favorite super hero for the race! Free refreshments will await all finishers.

Pre-registered runners who want to avoid the lines the morning of the 21st, will be able to pick up their numbers and t-shirts the day before, from 5:30–7 p.m. at the La Grande Park building.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$25, \$20 for USATF members and \$30 after October 18th. The entry fee for the Family Fun Run is \$10, which includes a race t-shirt, and \$5 without a t-shirt. You can download a race application or register online at [Fanwood5K.org](http://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.

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 recreational programs for local residents. The event is accepting sponsorships; please visit [Fanwood5K.org](http://Fanwood5K.org) for details on becoming a sponsor.

Come out and be a part of the day: enter the 5K Super Hero Run or the Family Fun Run with your children, cheer the runners, or volunteer to help. Visit [Fanwood5K.org](http://Fanwood5K.org) or contact Joe Valente at (201) 725-2032 for more information.

Please be aware that roads will be closed along the race route approximately between the hours of 8 and 11 AM.

## Bulk Waste Clean-Up Program

The Bulk Waste Clean-up Program schedule for 2018 is as follows for Fanwood:

NE & NW Quadrants will be on September 17th

SW & SE Quadrants will be on September 24th

### Permit Fee Increase:

The fee for Senior residents will be increased to \$70.00 (a proof of age will be required).

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 908-322-7404. The fee for non-Senior residents will be increased to \$85.00. Forms can be found online at [www.fanwoodnj.org/Bulk-Permit-Application-2018](http://www.fanwoodnj.org/Bulk-Permit-Application-2018).

## Rabies Clinic

The Borough of Fanwood will be hosting a free rabies clinic for dogs & cats, scheduled for October 24, 2018 from 5:30 to 6:30 a La Grande Park. No registration is required.



# Mayor's Message

BY FANWOOD MAYOR COLLEEN MAHR

*Dear Fanwoodians,*

What a pleasure it has been to enjoy Summer 2018 in our fine community! Despite some blistering heat, Fanwoodians stayed cool and slowed down to experience one of our most successful summers yet. From the Memorial Day Parade, to Ladies Night Out, to Saturday's on the Plaza, "Libraries Rock" on Mondays, Tuesday Movie Nights, Poetry at the Carriage House, The Party in the Park, the amazing FanJam music and food truck event, Couples Movie Night and National Night Out (whew!) there was plenty on offer to divert and entertain.

Added to the Teens and Tweens Travel Camp and a variety of programming for

team of Fanwood employees and dedicated volunteers who commit themselves to helping make Fanwood a wonderful home for us all. A lot of work goes into each and every event, always with the goal of delivering great recreational and cultural opportunities for you and your family.

Without the great spirit of volunteerism we so cherish here in Fanwood, we just wouldn't have the rich and diverse programming we currently enjoy. I had the pleasure of recently meeting with resident and United States Air Force enlistee, Technical Sergeant Oshanda Erb. Oshanda wanted to do something special to engage with military and veterans locally. Full of energy and ideas,

Digging and paving work continues as our utility infrastructure is being improved. Elizabethtown Gas has moved to the north side of town this season. Keep an eye on our website at [www.fanwoodnj.org](http://www.fanwoodnj.org) for updates on the utility work and related paving. In addition, we're in the process of taking bids for paving Madison Avenue and Paterson Road with completion anticipated this Fall. Bids for North Avenue paving have been delayed because the gas company continues to dig, but I'm hopeful this paving will be completed in the fall as well.

Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th this year and the polls will be open from 6 AM to 8 PM. Please make sure you are registered to vote! October 16th is the last day to register and October 30th is the last day to apply by mail for an Absentee Ballot. I am hopeful that every Fanwood citizen who is 18 or older is registered to vote and will fulfill your duty as a citizen to participate in our great democracy!

And we must say goodbye for now to an exemplary citizen who has spent decades serving Fanwood on the Council, Planning Board, and countless committees. Our own Councilman Jack Molenaar is stepping away from public office when his current post expires on December 31. It will be the end of an era and I can only say thank you for the friendship, support and wisdom you have shared with us all. Best of luck to you Jack, and I sincerely hope we see your return to public service before too long!

And finally, I want to congratulate all the 2018 graduates. We were happy to recognize Ms. Olivia Barcia as the top Fanwood graduate and Ms. Aaryn Ross as the winner of the Annual League of Municipalities Scholarship. Aaryn is Fanwood's first winner in this statewide competition! Congratulations to you and all our graduates heading out into the wide world. We wish you the best of luck and the hope that you will always keep Fanwood in your heart as your home.

*See you downtown at Fanny Wood Day on September 16th!*



Mayor Mahr joined by GWACC CEO Gene Jannotti, Fan Jam organizer Aimee Nuzzo and car show coordinator "Hot Rod" Mike

the youngsters, I am very proud of the advances we've made in providing activities for Fanwoodians young and old. It is truly a pleasure to see these programs not only come to life; but, become Fanwood traditions. And speaking of Fanwood traditions, get ready for Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, September 16! From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be a variety of vendors, food trucks, entertainment and games to welcome everyone back from vacation and celebrate being together again.

Programs like these do not come from thin air, and I have to acknowledge the terrific

we immediately agreed to work together and Oshanda is already working with the SPF Military Heritage Committee on a recognition program aimed at creating Memorial Day Banners honoring local veterans. Visit our website or email [SPFHeroes@gmail.com](mailto:SPFHeroes@gmail.com) for more information. I'm confident that with her energy and dedication, there will be more to come. So please reach out to me at [mayor@fanwoodnj.org](mailto:mayor@fanwoodnj.org) any time if you wish to get involved with current programs or have an idea for community engagement you'd like to see come to life.

# Annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest set for October 31st

## Scary times return to Fanwood this fall!

The annual Fanwood Halloween Parade and Costume Contest will begin on the front lawn of the Fanwood Memorial Library at North and Forest Avenues. Children and adults who want to join the parade should assemble in front of the Library by 6 PM because at 6:15 PM the parade will depart for La Grande Park.

Once the parade arrives at La Grande Park, at approximately 6:30 PM, 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 his or her carved creation to the park and 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 to all.

This evening of fun and festivities is presented by the Fanwood Recreation Commission.



## Vintage Market

Join us on Sunday, October 28 for the Fanwood Vintage MarketPlace, presented by JC Promotions. From 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., more than 75+ tables of vintage items, antiques & collectibles and more will be available for purchase at the South Ave. Train Station Parking lot.

If you are a collector or love things from days gone by, then you will enjoy this event. Held in the parking lot of the Fanwood Train Station on South Ave., there will also be great food served and live music. Spend an enjoyable day browsing through all the items being sold, have some lunch and enjoy the great music.

## Small Business Saturday



Saturday, November 24th is Small Business Saturday! Help support your local small businesses by patronizing their store locations and begin your holiday shopping. Many of Fanwood's local businesses will be offering special discounts and promotions on Small Business Saturday, so keep an eye out on our website and Facebook page for more details and updates!

It is a day dedicated to patronizing local businesses in the area and supporting our local small business owners. Get a head start on your holiday shopping and support your local businesses, all of which help make downtown Fanwood great.

A variety of our shops and restaurants will be offering special discounts and promotions, and for a limited time, a pop-up vendor boutique will be making an appearance on the Fanwood Plaza, Saturday November 24th! Last year's pop-up boutique was a huge success and we can't to continue to showcase several of our small businesses right here in Fanwood.

Hope to see you downtown on November 24th.



## FRIENDS Host 32nd Fall Book Sale

The FRIENDS of the Fanwood Memorial Library will host its 32nd Fall Book Sale September 20-23, 2018. Donation days begin September 14. Browsers at the sale easily find books by subject matter: history, romance, classics, art, cookbooks, politics, crafts, science, parenting, children, and general fiction. In addition to hardbacks and paperbacks, the FRIENDS collect DVDs and CDs, but not toys or games.

President Carol Campell said, "Every year we get better organized and more ambitious. This year we hope to top last year's record-breaking total of \$12,000."

Proceeds from the sale fuel purchases of programs for people of all ages—from the kids' summer reading program and hands-on animal shows to teen book clubs and adult concerts. Annually, the Friends sponsor the Museum Pass program and the eLibraryNJ subscription. Over the years, the sale has also enabled the library to buy a fax machine, an audiovisual system, special additions to the collection (DVDs and other) and fireside furniture. To join the fun, volunteer at [fmlbooksales@gmail.com](mailto:fmlbooksales@gmail.com).

Teachers with appropriate ID get 10% off as very often they are purchasing large quantities of books for their classrooms. The FRIENDS book sale could not succeed without the quality and quantity of materials provided by residents. All donations, sorting, and selling occur at Forest Road Park, 153 Forest Road, in the redbrick building.

Questions? Email: [friends@fanwoodlibrary.org](mailto:friends@fanwoodlibrary.org). More importantly do you want to Volunteer and get first dibs and have fun with fellow Fanwoodians? Email: [fmlbooksales@gmail.com](mailto:fmlbooksales@gmail.com). Sally Hogan is our volunteer coordinator and appreciates even a few hours of your time.

### DONATION DAYS:

<b>Fri, Sep 14</b>	<b>12pm-4pm</b>
<b>Sat, Sep 15</b>	<b>9am-4pm</b>
<b>Sun, Sep 16</b>	<b>12pm-4pm</b>
<b>Mon, Sep 17</b>	<b>9am-8pm</b>
<b>Tue, Sep 18</b>	<b>9am-4pm</b>

### SALE DAYS:

<b>Thu, Sep 20</b>	<b>4pm-7pm</b>
<i>**Friends Night - Join at the door</i>	
<b>Fri, Sep 21</b>	<b>9am-4pm</b>
<b>Sat, Sep 22</b>	<b>9am-4pm</b>
<b>Sun, Sep 23</b>	<b>12pm-4pm</b>
<i>**Bag Day. We provide the bag &amp; you fill it up!</i>	

## Upcoming Library Programs

All programs are free of charge

*September 12th through November 15th*  
*Fall Early Literacy Programs*

**Baby Jumble** - 12 to 24 months:

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

**Nursery Rhyme Time** - 24 to 35 months;  
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Library Jumble** - 3 to 5 year olds:

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

*Third Sunday of the Month, beginning in*  
*September | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.*

**Grupo ñ**

An immersion, enrichment program for advanced fluent Spanish speakers, 8 years old and up with a focus on literacy and culture. A combination of games & activities and for those kids who want to go the extra mile, a chance to present their special project.

*Thursday, October 4 | 7 p.m.*

**How to Break Up with Your Clutter**

If you have trouble letting go, then this is the program for you! Come hear a humorous take on how to part with the things you no longer use. Overcome common obstacles to getting organized, presented by Organizing Humorist™ and bestselling author of Keep This Toss That Jamie Novak.

*Sunday, October 14th | 2 p.m.*

**Free Early Halloween Tricky Tray for Kids of All Ages**

*Saturday, November 3rd | 1 p.m.*

**Jewelry Making with Perthea Brown for Teens and Adults**

**Teen Crafternoons** will begin once a month starting in the September, check the library website for details.

## Fanwood Library Improvement Project

The Board of Trustees, the building committee and the staff have been working hard with our architect John Veisz, of FVHD Architects & Planners, to finalize a plan that meets all of the goals expressed by the public. The design opens the library to people of all ages and abilities, offers more and better spaces, supports current and emerging technology, and transforms the building into a sustainable community asset that will serve Fanwoodians now and well into the future.

The final design will be shared with Council and the public in September and we will then move forward to have all the materials required to be ready to apply for the state's matching funds in the fall. This one-to-one match is made available through the NJ Library Construction Bond Act that passed last November. Stay tuned for new developments!

## MuseumPass

Passes for the Grounds for Sculpture and New York Transit Museum were added to the popular MuseumPass program. Free passes and discounted tickets for these and other area museums can be picked up at the Scotch Plains Library. The Friends groups of both the Fanwood and Scotch Plains Libraries jointly support the MuseumPass program.

# Recreation & Arts

## Fanwood Recreation Fall Programs for Seniors

Fanwood Recreation announces its fall program schedule for Fanwood seniors. Most programs begin the week of September 24th and run weekly through the week of December 17th:

<b>Aerobics</b>	<b>Tuesdays, 9-10 AM</b>
<b>Gentle Yoga</b>	<b>Tuesdays, 11-12 AM</b>
<b>Zumba Gold   Section 1</b>	<b>Wednesdays, 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM</b>
<b>Water Exercise (Aquajam)</b>	<b>Wednesdays, 11:30 AM-12 Noon</b>
<b>Gentle Yoga</b>	<b>Thursdays, 9-10 AM</b>
<b>Zumba Gold   Section 2</b>	<b>Fridays, 9:15-10 AM</b>
<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Fridays, 10:15-11:15 AM</b>

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. The times and dates listed above are subject to change.

To register online and pay by credit card, please go to [fanwoodrecreation.org](http://fanwoodrecreation.org). Or, if you prefer to pick up a registration form and pay by check, please go to Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 N. Martine Avenue. Forms will be available after Labor Day.

## Fanwood Recreation Fall Programs for Children

Fanwood Recreation's fall lineup of after-school programs offers a fun, exciting mix of the old and the new. Coming back are such favorites as LEGO Club, Babysitting Certification Class, and Junior Golf.

New additions to the schedule include Fashion Sewing, and more programs are still being added.

Plus, for our youngest athletes, USA Sport Group offers Parent & Me Sports Squirts, Total Sports Squirts, and Soccer Squirts.

Most of these programs will begin the week of September 24th, although some of the sports programs will begin earlier. For more information about them, including detailed descriptions, dates, times, prices, and age group, go to [fanwoodrecreation.org](http://fanwoodrecreation.org), where you can also register and pay online for these programs.

## Fall Performance Series

The Fanwood Performance Series is unlike any other. Located at the Kuran Arts Center, surrounded by historic presence, this cultured and inviting atmosphere brings an exciting mix of talented, contemporary musicians to share their unique gifts with audience members select Saturday evenings this Fall season! Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m. Suggested, respectful donation is \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students).

The hardworking sub-committee of the Fanwood Arts Council has been keeping the dream of having professional, vibrant live acts play in Fanwood since 2009, especially the Series' Directors, David Blechinger and Brian Celardo.

2018 sponsors of the Performance Series include Ahre's Coffee Roastery, Snapple Beverages and Nick's Pizza. Light refreshments may be available courtesy of these generous sponsors. Visit [www.fanwoodperformanceseries.org](http://www.fanwoodperformanceseries.org) for additional details.

### SAVE THE DATE

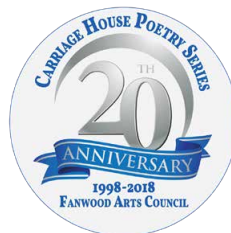
*Performance Series events will take place on the following nights:*

**September 8, 2018**

**October 13, 2018**

**November 10, 2018**

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall Poetry Series



Readings are always located at the Patricia Kuran Arts Center, 75 N. Martine Ave. Admission is always graciously FREE to the public.

### 2018 FALL POETRY SERIES

#### SCHEDULE

**September 18, 2018**

Nicole Cooley &  
Matthew Thorburn

**October 16, 2018**

Monster Mash!  
Details TBA

**November 13, 2018**

*20th Anniversary Celebration!*  
Special details TBA. Please  
note: this reading will be  
held the week BEFORE  
Thanksgiving.

**December**

Winter Hiatus, No reading

Fresh off it's Summer hiatus, your favorite "Carriage House Poetry Series" Fall edition will welcome riveting new talents and conclude with a highly anticipated 20th Anniversary celebration that is sure to put "poetry in motion"!

Adele Kenny, director of the program since its inception, invites all to celebrate 20 years of imagination, creative spirit, contemporary vision and the delicate beauty of communicative art through poetry!

Scheduled readings begin at 8 p.m., after which the mic opens to audience members who may want to share a piece of their own in fellowship with a friendly and receptive community.

## Election Day 2018

This November, Fanwood voters will be heading to the polls on Tuesday, November 6th to participate in this year's general election. Polls around town will be open from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Specific polling locations for Fanwood's seven voting districts can be viewed at [www.fanwoodnj.org/departments/administration](http://www.fanwoodnj.org/departments/administration). Registered voters may also vote by mail in the general election. Applications to receive your vote by mail ballot can be found at that website.

Please note, if you have not registered to vote before October 16th, you will not be able to vote in the general election this year. If you have any questions about this process or how to register to vote, you can contact the Municipal Clerk at 908-322-8236 ext. 123.

This year, there will be a local vote held for seats on the Fanwood Borough Council. Councilman Jack Molenaar will not be running for reelection this



year and we thank him for his endless dedication and service to Fanwood for all of these years.

Erin McElroy-Barker, a social worker who works for Rutgers/Robert Wood Johnson, will be running for her 2nd term as a Democratic Councilwoman. Also running on the Democratic ticket is Trisha Walsh-Pierce, a New York City public school teacher and frequent volunteer for many of Fanwood's signature events, including Earth Day, the 5K, and the annual holiday tree lighting. Trisha's late brother Bruce served on the Council for 12 years. Brian Walter, a Fanwood resident who is a chef by trade and former local business owner will be running for Council as a Republican. Be sure to come out and exercise your right to vote on November 6th!

## Handyman Program



The Fanwood Handyman Program is designed to assist Fanwood seniors in making minor, non-emergency repairs to keep their homes in good condition so they may live safely in their own homes. Some of the repairs include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ **Repairing screens and windows**
- ✓ **Repairing shelves, railings, locks and door handles**
- ✓ **Installing fixtures and switches**
- ✓ **Help with moving heavy objects**
- ✓ **Installing/checking smoke and carbon monoxide detectors**
- ✓ **Minor painting, electrical or plumbing**

Eligible seniors pay only the cost of materials. The program is funded through a Community Block Grant.

To apply, call Eleanor McGovern, 908 322 8236 x 123.



## December 2018 Save the Dates

**December 9th**

**Holiday Tree Lighting  
& Celebration**

3-5 p.m. Fanwood Train Station

**December 15th**

**Santa Parade**

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fanwood, NJ

*Winter will be here before we know it!  
Be sure to save these dates in your calendar as  
a part of our annual holiday celebrations here  
in Fanwood.*



## *Around Fanwood* A postcard from our town



**Rescue Squad President Ed Winsor makes one little girl happy with a balloon  
at National Night Out 2018**