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What's Happening in Fanwood on Memorial Day Weekend:

May 26: The 8th Annual Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Concert - 6:30 p.m.

This year's concert, "A Tribute to Fallen Heroes," will be presented by the Westfield Community Band on Sunday, May 26, 2019 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on the Alan Augustine Village Green adjacent to the municipal building in downtown Scotch Plains. Along with the musical performances will be a series of readings from several of our community's veterans.



May 27: Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony - 9 a.m.

The Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. outside the Fanwood Memorial Library. Mayor Mahr, the Borough Council, local veterans groups and public officials will join residents to remember those who gave their lives and continue to sacrifice for our country today.

May 27: Memorial Day Parade - 10:45 a.m.

The Memorial Day Parade begins at 10:45 a.m. and will start in downtown Scotch Plains and make its way into Fanwood on Martine Avenue to LaGrande Park. The Grand Marshals are Fanwood's own Joseph Schott and Joseph Murano; both veterans of World War II.



8th Annual Ladies Night Out

The 8th Annual Ladies Night Out will be held on Thursday, June 6, from 6 - 9 p.m. in downtown Fanwood! The annual event is sponsored by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce which represents Fanwood businesses. The event will feature many of the Borough's downtown businesses plus some others visiting from around the region. The goal even't goal of bringing walk-in traffic to businesses in the Borough's downtown has helped contribute to significant growth over the past several years. We hope you will join us this year!

Fanwood's Annual Summer FanJam Returns for a 3rd Year!

The Third Annual Summer FanJam is back and thousands of people will come together for a day of food, fun, and great music on Sunday, June 30 at LaGrande Park. Running from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., enjoy a day of great music, festival foods, a marketplace of vendors, and a classic car show. There will also be rides and interactive activities for kids.

Show your Fanwood spirit by bringing the whole family out to this great community event. The FanJam is brought to you by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. We hope to see you there! For more information, visit facebook.com/FanwoodFanJam.



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Fanwood Police Launches Operation Watch

The Fanwood Police Department is partnering with private residences and businesses in the Borough for Operation Watch. This program is intended to let our officers know where private surveillance cameras are in town in case a crime occurs. It is not intended for active surveillance, and officers will not have direct access to homeowners' cameras. Those who register a camera will be contacted if a crime occurs in the vicinity of that camera. For more information, visit fanwoodpolice.org/operation-watch-camera-registration-form/.

4th Annual Rockin' for Autism the Best One Yet!



On Sunday, April 28, Fanwood hosted its signature Rockin' for Autism fundraiser at LaGrande Park! Organized for a fourth year in a row by a local family, the day long event featured an outdoor rock concert hosted by the Borough and co-sponsored by several

local businesses donating goods, volunteers, money, and facilities.

This year, event attendees were treated to the biggest Rockin' for Autism concert, yet! The show was headlined by the BStreet Band - the Original Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band performing hits from none other than New Jersey's favorite rock and roll icon.

The driving force behind this event is Mallory Banks, 17, who began organizing fundraisers at age 9 on behalf of her brother Ethan, who has autism. Originally beginning with bake sales, the event has grown over the years into a regional event that attracts several thousand people to LaGrande Park for a day of food, fun, and great music by local performers.

Mallory's father Jeff is a Fanwood Councilman, and her mother Gina, a tutor, are also heavily involved in the event's planning and execution. Together, the Banks family has raised over \$50,000 for Autism New Jersey. Learn more and donate to the cause at rockin4autism.org.

New Voting Machines Are Coming to Fanwood!

The Union County Board of Elections will be using new voting machines in Fanwood for the June 4 primary. For a tutorial on how to use these new machines, visit unioncountyvotes.com/how-to-vote/ and select Fanwood.



Learn More About the Fanwood Property Revaluation

The Borough of Fanwood is responding to an order from the Union County Board of Taxation to conduct a revaluation of all residential and commercial properties. The new Tax Maps were approved by the State of New Jersey and the revaluation of properties has commenced. Inspections take place on weekdays and weekends during the day and early evening and are conducted by licensed professionals from Realty Appraisal Company. For more information on the revaluation, visit fanwoodnj.org.



Mayor's Message

BY FANWOOD MAYOR COLLEEN MAHR



Dear Fanwoodians,

Happy Spring! It has been lovely spending more time outside at our wonderful Borough Parks thanks to our Department of Public Works' efforts to keep our fields and buildings in excellent condition. This year you'll find the park buildings have gotten new floors, paint and bathroom stalls. I'm very thankful for the effort of our exemplary staff.

As is tradition, the first Fanwoodian of the year preceded the Memorial Day Parade. This year I want to recognize the two Fanwood Grand Marshals: World War II veterans Joseph Schott and Joseph Murano. We are delighted to recognize them for their service and I hope to see you as we acknowledge their contributions during the May 26th Memorial Day Concert, at the 9 a.m. Fanwood Memorial Service the following day and of course, leading the Memorial Day Parade, starting at 10:45 a.m.

We also want to honor members of our community currently serving. If you or a family member is currently deployed, we would like to recognize them with a Service Flag. Please let my office know if you want a Service Flag for your family member by emailing mahor@fanwoodnj.org or calling 908 322 8236 x 121.

In other news, downtown construction is nearly complete with plenty of fun summer events and programs right around the corner. It is just thrilling that upon completion of our redeveloped downtown, Fanwood has been named one of the top 15 real estate markets in the state! With a 5.7% increase in home value, we are enjoying DOUBLE the national average in growth. It is very rewarding to see that our hopes for a revitalized downtown are paying off for residents!

You have probably already seen the news that Union County will be rolling out new voting machines for the June 4th primary election. I urge all of you to go to the the Union Coun-

ty Board of Election website for a video demo of the new machine so you are not surprised on election day. You will also see dates for in-person training. Having taken the training myself, I assure you it is far easier than it looks, and I think it's more legible than the old machines too, so I will see you at the polls!

And right after the primary I hope to see you at Ladies Night Out on June 6. This is a terrific way to get acquainted with new merchants, sample the local eateries and have a fun night on the town with the girls!

Last, but definitely not least, I want to thank all the Borough volunteers for their hard work every day. No matter which board, commission or committee you serve on, your impact is felt by all of us and we appreciate your contributions to our daily life.

Best wishes to you all for a relaxing and safe summer, and I look forward to seeing you all on Memorial Day.

Memorial Day 2019

Fanwood is ready to roll out the Red, White and Blue for Memorial Day, a signature celebration of patriotism in our Borough!

The festivities begin with our official ceremony at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 27, at the Fanwood Memorial Library. Join Mayor Colleen Mahr, members of the Fanwood Borough Council, local veterans groups and our police, fire and rescue squad personnel as we remember those who gave their lives and those who continue to sacrifice for our country today in the armed services.

After our ceremony of remembrance, please join your neighbors and friends for the Memorial Day Parade. Beginning at 10:45 a.m., the procession will start in downtown Scotch Plains and make its way into Fanwood on Martine Avenue to LaGrande Park. This year's Grand Marshals are Fanwood veterans Joseph Schott and Joseph Murano; both of whom served in World War II.

Mr. Schott and Mr. Murano will also be honored at the May 26 Memorial Day Concert at the Alan Augustine Park in Scotch Plains



at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own folding chair and listen to patriotic music as well as pay tribute to fallen and living war veterans.

The Borough of Fanwood would like to recognize our residents who are currently serving with a service flag. If your family member is on active duty, you may request a flag by emailing mahor@fanwoodnj.org or by calling 908-322-8236, extension 121.

Bring your folding chair and come out early to get your spot along the parade route. Be ready for a day full of sun, festivities, and fun. We'll see you there!

2019 Poetry Series Schedule



The Carriage House Poetry Series is an enduring Fanwood tradition. Entering its 21st year, the series is back at the Patricia Kuran Arts Center at 75 North Martine Avenue with an impressive lineup this season.

As always, admission is FREE to the public! Schedule of readings begin at 8 p.m., after which there will be an open mic session for audience members who want to share an original piece or two with members of their community.

For any further updates and additional details, visit carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com.

May 15, 2019	Judith Christian & Elaine Koplow
June 18, 2019	Maria Giura & Penny Harter
July & August	Summer Hiatus - No Readings
September 17, 2019	Darla Himeless & James Arthur
October 22, 2019	"Wax Museum" Annual Autumn/Halloween Reading - Details TBA
November 19, 2019	21st Anniversary Celebration "Zen Night" with Ray Cicetti

Fanwood 2019 Performance Series Marks 10 Years of Great Music!

In 2008, David Blechinger a long time Fanwood resident and member of the the Fanwood Arts Council, presented the concept of a music series to Fanwood Mayor, Colleen Mahr. Mayor Mahr loved the idea, and with her goal to enhance the arts and cultural alternatives in the Fanwood community, approved David's plan. In April of 2009, the Fanwood Performance Series presented its first show at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center; locally known as the "Old Carriage House". With help from local volunteers Lorne and Susan Graham, Dan and Julie Murphy and Brian Celardo, the Fanwood Performance Series is now in its 10th season and attracts both national and international acts to the stage spanning all genres of music. The historic venue offers a truly unique and intimate listening experience. Through donations accepted at the door and a grant from Union County, the volunteer team has been able to install a professional sound system that enhances the experience for both performer and audience. Shows are offered the 2nd Saturday of April, May, June, September, October and November. We look forward to another 10 years of bringing great music to our town. Our tag line truly allows folks to experience "Great performances in an historic setting right in your own back yard!". For more information about the series please check out their website at fanwoodperformanceseries.org, on Facebook at Fanwood Performance Series or email info@fanwoodperformanceseries.org.





The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces its 2019 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 25 and continues every Tuesday evening for eight consecutive weeks (with the exception of Monday, July 2). 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)!

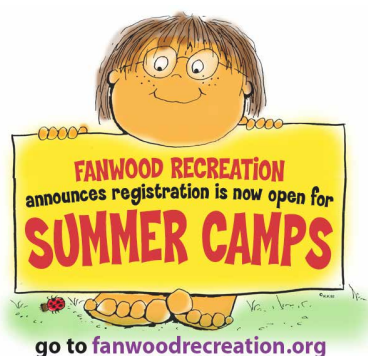
Tuesday, June 25	8:30 p.m.	Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
Monday, July 2	8:30 p.m.	Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation
Tuesday, July 9	8:30 p.m.	Peter Rabbit
Tuesday, July 16	8:30 p.m.	Smallfoot
Tuesday, July 23	8:15 p.m.	Bumblebee (PG-13)
Tuesday, July 30	8:15 p.m.	Ralph Breaks the Internet
Tuesday, August 6	8:15 p.m.	Incredibles 2
Tuesday, August 13	8:00 p.m.	Mary Poppins Returns

*Rain date for all movies is the following evening except for the July 2 movie, which has no rain date. For more information, go to fanwoodrecreation.org or call (908) 370-7092.

Summer Kick-off Party in La Grande Park

The Fanwood Recreation Commission invites you to Fanwood's 12th annual Party in the Park! The Party takes place on the first Free Movie Night of the summer, at La Grande Park, Tuesday, June 25, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. (rain date is Wednesday, June 26).

Enjoy food, music, beverages and more! There will be rides, other amusements, and contests inspired by the free movie of the evening, Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, which will begin at dusk. Please note, small fees will be charged for rides and some food items. Bring the whole family for a great kick-off to the summer!



Summer Park Program

The Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program offers structured programs tailored for specific age groups in a safe neighborhood environment! Certified teachers and experienced counselors lead children in fun-filled activities. Each week includes fun rides, exciting activities, and/or special guests... and more! For more information and to register, please visit fanwoodrecreation.org.

Fanwood Recreation Summer Camps and Programs Schedule

Fanwood Recreation presents its schedule of more than 40 camps and programs for Summer 2019. All grade listings are for children entering those grades in the fall. For more information and to register, please go to fanwoodrecreation.org unless otherwise indicated.

Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program	grades k-6	6/24-8/16 (weekly)
Mining & Crafting Camp using LEGO Bricks	grades K-5	6/24-6/28
Video Game Design Camp	grades 2-8	6/24-6/28
Fanwood Soccer Camp (to register, email coachewingk@gmail.com)	ages 5-10	weeks of 6/24, 7/8, 7/22
Girls Extra Edge Lacrosse Camp	grades K-8	6/24-6/28
Fanwood Junior Tennis Lessons	ages 4-18	weeks of 6/24 thru 8/5 (no 7/1)
Weekly Squirts Multi Sports	ages 3-5	6/26-7/31 (Wednesdays)
Weekly Soccer Squirts	ages 3-5	6/26-7/31 (Wednesdays), 6/27-8/1 (Thursdays)
Weekly Parent & Me Sports Squirts	ages 2-3	6/27-8/1 (Thursdays)
Weekly Senior Soccer Squirts	ages 5-7	6/27-8/1 (Thursdays)
Tweens & Teens Travel Camp	grades 6-9	weeks of 7/8, 7/15, 7/22
Engineering 1 and 2	grades K-2, 3-6	7/8-7/12
Squirts Lacrosse Camp	ages 4-5	7/8-7/12
Senior Squirts Lacrosse Camp	ages 6-8	7/8-7/12
Lacrosse Camp	ages 9-12	7/8-7/12
Boys Lacrosse Camp	grades 1-8	7/15-7/18
English Essay Writing	grades 5-12	weeks of 7/15, 8/12
Squirts Golf	ages 4-5	7/15-7/19
Golf Camp	ages 6-10	7/15-7/19
Junior Robotics Camp	grades K-5	7/15-7/19
EV3 Advanced Robotics Camp	grades 3-6	7/15-7/19
SAT Boot Camp	grades 9-12	7/15-8/21 (Mondays & Wednesdays)
World of Wizardry: Art, Writing & Games	ages 8-13	weeks of 7/22, 7/29
If You Give a Mouse Junior Art Workshop	ages 3-6	7/22-7/26
Pastel Drawing Workshop	ages 7-14	7/22-7/26
Pony Camps	ages 3-6, 7-13	7/29-8/1
Multi-Sports Camp (over 15 different sports)	ages 5-11	7/29-8/2
Squirts Multi-Sports (intro to sports)	ages 2-3, 4-5	7/29-8/2
Anime & Manga Drawing Workshop	ages 7-14	7/29-8/2
Junior Under the Sea Workshop	ages 3-6	7/29-8/2
Junior Scientists Summer Program	grades K-5	7/29-8/2
Creative Kids Summer Program	grades K-5	8/12-8/16
Math, Reading, and Writing Prep	grades K-4	8/12-8/16
Fashion Sewing with Fashion First Workshops	grades 3-8	8/19-8/23
Mystery Camp: Art, Writing & Games	ages 8-13	8/19-8/23
Babysitting Certification Program	ages 11-15	8/19-8/23
Jr. First Responders Program	ages 11-17	8/19-8/23

Borough of Fanwood emergency contact form

The Fanwood Police Department is seeking information for Fanwood senior citizens and disabled residents in case they need special attention in the event of an emergency. The form may be completed by the person seeking assistance or by a friend, family member or neighbor. Fanwood residents are encouraged to submit forms for anyone they know in the borough who might need assistance. All information will be kept confidential.

Fanwood resident's name

Street Address

City, State, Zip Fanwood, NJ 07023

Home phone

Cell phone

Emergency contact #1

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home phone

Cell phone

Emergency contact #2

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home phone

Cell phone

Special circumstances (guide dog, wheelchair, walker, hearing or sight impairment, etc.)

**Mail, or hand-deliver
survey to:**

Fanwood Police Dept.
75 North Martine Ave.
Fanwood, NJ 07023
Attn: Neighbors in Need



Take the Library Everywhere with You This Summer!

Do you know that you can bring the library to your home, office, or beach chair with just a click or two? Just go to fanwoodlibrary.org and click on the ONLINE RESOURCES tab to discover a world of information and entertainment! You can read the New York Times or an e-book, access streaming video through Kanopy or AcornTV, read a magazine or a comic with RBDigital, and take a Great Course with Kanopy! For more information call the library at (908) 322-6400 or come in and we will help you get started.

Connect with Your Community at the Library!

Looking for a great way to have fun, make friends, and enjoy time with your neighbors? There are plenty of great events happening at the Library! For sewing and knitting enthusiasts, the Hook and Needle Group meets on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Want to play a game? Join us for Scrabble on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. You show up with your love for words, and we will have the dictionaries covered. For more information on events visit fanwoodlibrary.org/events.

Programs and Performances Coming to Fanwood this Summer!

Monday Night Programs & Performances Kick-off on Monday, June 24 and continue each Monday on the Library Front Lawn at 7 p.m. through July 29. Just bring a chair or blanket and enjoy! All programs are free of charge and are sponsored by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library.

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES: SUMMER READING CLUB 2019

During the 2019 Summer Reading Club, kids will learn about all sorts of fascinating topics related to exploring outer space as part of the A Universe of Stories program. Young minds will read about astronaut training, the sun, the planets, the Milky Way, and constellations among other fascinating topics! Open to young people, preschool through young adult, with parties, costume creation, book clubs and book blogs, group games, space-related crafts, science experiments, and more! Check out the event calendar at fanwoodlibrary.org/events or call the Children's Department at (908) 322-4377 for further information.

Around Fanwood A postcard from our town



Fanwood's Finest Keeping Our Streets Safe for Fanny Wood Day Fun!