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21ST ANNUAL FANNY WOOD DAY SET FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH

The Borough of Fanwood is proud to announce our 21st annual Fanny Wood Day. The celebration will take place on Sunday, September 18th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Fanwood. People of all ages and interests are invited to attend.

This year's Fanny Wood Day will feature live entertainment, a classic car show, vendors, and a wide variety of activities. The event will include kid-friendly events such as a water balloon toss, scavenger hunt, and pet parade. Also returning from last year are the contests such as the pizza, ice cream and cream pie-eating contests.

The classic car show will be dedicated to the memory of classic car enthusiast, Don Wussler. Wussler was a dear friend of the Fanwood community who passed away this year. The show will feature classic cars of many different makes and models and will start at 11 a.m. on South Avenue, just east of Martine Avenue. There is no charge to enter a car in this show. Day of show attendees are welcome, however it is suggested that you pre-register your vehicle to help with planning.

The 6th annual Fanwood Photography Contest will be held in tandem with the borough's annual Fanny Wood Day celebration. Photographers of all ages are invited to submit up to three of their best images. While there is no requirement that submissions be of Fanwood subject matter, local scenes related to Fanwood will be one factor in the judging along with originality, emotional content and presentation.

Submissions must be framed and wired for hanging. Entries should be dropped off at Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 N. Martine Avenue, before 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 8 to be eligible.

Registration forms and event details are available at fanwoodnj.com.

Here is the day's schedule:

- 11 a.m. Car Show, Vendors & Kids' Areas Open
- 11:30 a.m. Scavenger Hunt Begins
- Noon Opening Ceremony
- 12:15 p.m. Fanny Wood Day Photo Contest Winners Announced, sponsored by Unity Bank
- 12:30 p.m. Best Dressed Pet Parade, Sponsored by K-9 Resorts
- 1 p.m. Live Entertainment
- 1:30 p.m. Ice Cream Eating Contest
- 2 p.m. Live Entertainment
- 2:30 p.m. Water Balloon Toss
- 3:30 p.m. Pizza Eating Contest
- 4 p.m. Cream Pie Eating Contest Sponsored by Mara's Café



Photos of Fanny Wood Day 2015.

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COLLEGE CLUB OF FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS ANNUAL CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains has annually produced a calendar that provides dates of the school holidays, testing periods, closings, concerts and activities (such as PTA meetings, music boosters, sporting events, Rep Theatre, etc.) for all the Scotch Plains Fanwood public schools (elementary, middle and high school) and parochial schools (Union Catholic and St. Bart's). The calendar also provides listings of the local Houses of Worship, contact information for all clubs and organizations, and advertisements from our local businesses in the community. It is a great way to stay in touch and not miss the exciting opportunities throughout the year. The College Club welcomes all to attend the free monthly speaker presentations held at the Chelsea in Fanwood; the speaker topic and dates are posted in the calendar.

The mission of the College Club is to support the education of the young women in our community and 100% of the profits from these calendars go directly into the scholarship fund to be dispersed yearly. This past May, the College

Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains awarded a total of \$27,750 in scholarships to 10 local students, 6 of whom were high school seniors who graduated this past June and 4 of whom are currently attending college. Please help support our mission and this worthy cause.

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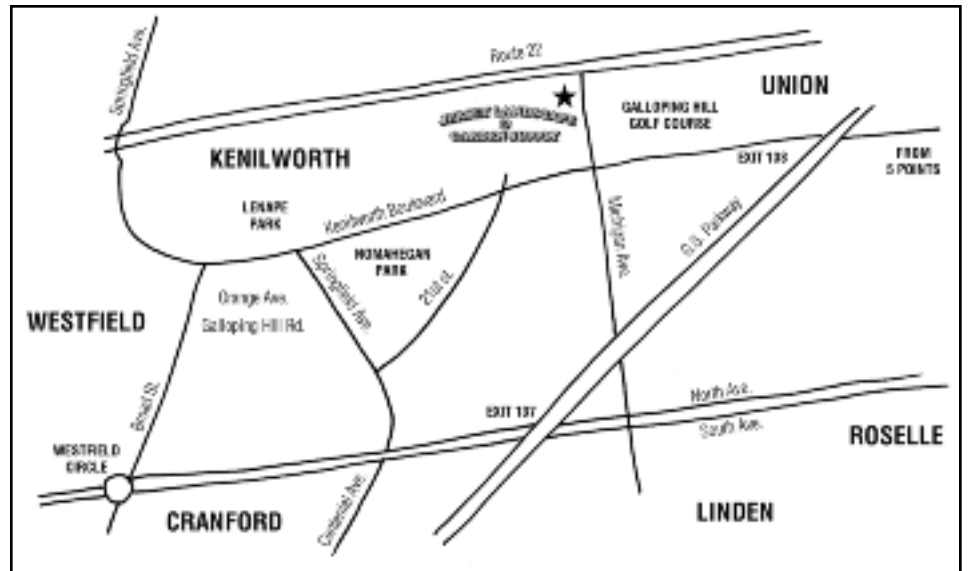
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This program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities and produced by the American Historical Theatre.

Come enjoy Ms. Hanley's portrayal of Annie Oakley and learn more about her life and stories. The program is free and open to the public. The College Club's mission is to support education of our youth, local community and we encourage

you to bring your children, scouts, and community groups to our meeting at The Chelsea located at 295 South Ave, Fanwood, NJ. Refreshments will begin at 7:30 pm with the program to start at 7:45pm.



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SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS BACK TO SCHOOL

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools welcomed back approximately 5,500 students to a full day of school on Tuesday, September 6th. We were particularly excited that our first class of full-day kindergarten students will be joining us. Finishing touches are being made to the additions at Evergreen and McGinn Schools. These additions were financed through our operating budget, which is within the state mandated cap requirements, and our communities will not bear additional costs associated with referendums.

Over 345 kindergarteners will be welcomed into 18 classes across the district. The program is staffed by a combination of returning kindergarten teachers, teachers who asked to transfer to kindergarten, and teachers who are new to our district. They have collaborated throughout the summer to plan for this exciting program focused on student centered learning and guided by the New Jersey Department of Education's Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines.

Our Preschool Program continues to provide services for early childhood learning in a cost effective manner. Tuition is being maintained at the rate of \$3,100 and tuition does not apply to classified and at-risk students. Enrollment is continuous and new students are welcome!

We are celebrating staff who are taking on new roles in our district. Lisa Rebimbas, formerly Park Middle School principal, is now our new Director of Special Services. Dr. Jocelyn Dumaresq, formerly our District English Language Arts Supervisor, is Park Middle School's new principal, and Elizabeth McKenna, formerly English teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School is our new District English Language Arts Supervisor.

During the summer months, many of our

teachers participated in professional development to enhance the upcoming school year organized by Dr. Joan Mast, Assistant Superintendent, and our district supervisors. The SPF Summer PD Academy was well subscribed this year, and teachers from all grade levels engaged in a variety of workshops ranging from Art History for Global Perspectives to Formative Assessment and Co-Teaching Strategies.

This summer the focus was on integrating elementary language arts and social studies, Media Center experiences for kindergarten and first grade, connecting math and literature in primary grades, expanding the middle school Connected Math Program to sixth grade, revising the Full Option Science Program (FOSS) units in kindergarten through grade five, and aligning middle school science with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will be offering a new Advanced Placement course in Environmental Science. Students will make good use of our new greenhouse, donated by Thomas Hargreaves, as they design experiments in plant science. Updated learning resources support our programs and eleventh and twelfth grade students in You and the Law as well as Advanced Placement European History will be using new texts and online resources.

Our new teachers participated in an intensive three-day orientation program and on September 1 and 2, professional development and staff meetings prepared everyone for the new school year. Again this year, a highlight of our opening of school program was our "Teachers Teaching Teachers" workshop that focused on deepening understanding of student engagement.

Under the guidance of Deborah Saridaki, School Business Administrator, and Anthony Miranda, Buildings and Grounds Director, our

skilled buildings and grounds crews and custodians accomplished many summer projects including classroom re-configurations needed for new programs. In addition, roof improvements have been made at Park Middle School and Coles, McGinn and School One. New HVAC units have been installed for Park's second floor and Brunner's second floor. McGinn has a new boiler. Coles and Evergreen have new windows and paving projects were completed at Coles, Evergreen and McGinn.

Back-to-School evening presentations are planned for Elementary Schools on September 22, Middle Schools on September 15, and SPFHS on September 29. For a complete calendar of school events for the 2016-2017 school year, as well as a calendar of athletic competitions, please visit our website at www.spfk12.org.



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Shoppers will find children and adult costumes.

The Thrift Shop invites local theater groups and school drama departments to come and search our formal wear and period pieces for your next production.

The Thrift Shop hours are

Tuesday thru Friday 10 am to 2:30 pm
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HARVEST HOMECOMING CELEBRATION AT THE SCOTCH PLAINS FANWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Rotary Frazee House and the Scotch Plains Fanwood Community Garden will host a Harvest Homecoming fund raiser at the Frazee House, the site of the SPF Community Garden, 1451 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, on Saturday October 1st, from 11:00 am to 3:00 PM.

The event will celebrate the success of the new Community Garden, and a return to the land, all of the good things that come from it. It is a salute to the pre- Revolutionary days, when the land was a flourishing farm and community gathering place, owned by Elizabeth and Gershom Frazee. The proceeds will support the non-profit organizations: the continued growth of the SPF Community Garden as well as the continued restoration of the Frazee House.

Activities will include Live Music, Pony Rides, a Petting Zoo, Food Trucks, Face Painting, children's crafts, Square Dancing, and Art from local artists will be available for display and sale, ...and much, much more! A representative from the SPF Community Garden will be present to answer questions about the garden and there will be a farm to table demonstration.

We invite the entire community to attend and bring the entire family. Enjoy the entertainment, food, and learn about the Frazee property and the Community Garden.

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The Fanwood Council and Mayor Mahr named Jennifer Coppock-Huegel the Volunteer of the Month during the regular Council meeting August 15th, presenting her with the traditional framed print of Fanwood's historic train station. Jennifer has been a member of the Library Board of Directors since 2011 and serves on the Board's communications subcommittee. She took part in drafting the Library's 5-year strategic plan which has resulted in a number of improvements as the Library continues to be a vibrant part of our community. The Library Board is one of many volunteer boards and commissions that sets the course for our town in the important areas of planning, culture, education, sustainability, and community engagement. Jennifer is married to Councilman Russ Huegel and they have two daughters.



(above l-r) Volunteer of the Month Jennifer Coppock-Huegel and Mayor Mahr.

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The Thrift Shop at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will be freshly stocked with clothing and house hold items, some brand-new, when it opens from 10:00am on September 8th .

The Thrift Shop, run by volunteers, is located at the rear of the church complex on McDermott Place will be open each Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.

All proceeds from the sale of the gently used clothing and household items are returned to community through non-profit groups.

If your clothing is no longer becoming to you they should be coming to us. Donations will be welcome on Wednesdays from 10am until 1pm. Please no electronics or toys.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

On September 11th, Fanwood Presbyterian Church will hold a "Homecoming Sunday" with a return to two services of worship.

The traditional service will be at 9:30 a.m. with beautiful music by the Sanctuary Choir, directed by Marcello Velame.

From 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., refreshments and fellowship will take place in Westminster Hall along with registration for Sunday school and Music Programs, also information about all committees and groups at Fanwood Church.

The contemporary service will be held for the first time in their new dining room/ chapel location at 11:15 a.m. with the praise band playing. 'We are very excited to be in a more intimate and casual setting and hope you will join us if you like contemporary Christian music' said Rev. David Jahnke.

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SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD MARCHING BAND TO HOST ANNUAL FESTIVAL

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Come to this musical festival at SPFHS Varsity Field and be inspired by 11 NJ marching band performances. The 170-member SPFHS Raider Marching Band will perform their 2016 show The Oath Of Kingdoms and Glory under the direction of Mr. Durand Thomas.

The admission for adults will be \$10.00, \$7.00 for students and seniors, and you'll receive a free program with every paid admission. Food, drinks and a 50/50 raffle will be available all evening.

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(above) Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider Marching Band.



(above) Awards table at the 17th Annual Marching Band Festival held in 2015.

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September is Suicide Prevention Month. It's a time when organizations, communities and individuals throughout the nation will bring attention to how each of us can be a part of the solution to end suicide. Can you imagine feeling so hopeless that you'd consider taking your own life? For some what feels unthinkable is optional, and the experience often goes unnoticed and unaddressed. The unfortunate reality is that suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in America; occurs every 12.3 minutes; and, takes the life of approximately 117 individuals on any given day. Those who complete suicide most often suffered in silence and were desperate to end their emotional pain. Experts believe that people don't really want to die, but in a moment choose a permanent solution to solve a temporary problem that felt overwhelming. However, suicide can be prevented and help is available. Therefore, our challenge as a society, neighborhood, family member, friend or concerned individual is to be educated about suicide prevention, and prepared to take action in the event that we find ourselves in the difficult position to assist someone in distress.

It's important to know that we should always take a person serious whenever they suggest they no longer want to live. Also, we must understand that age, ethnicity, gender or economic status does not protect a person from experiencing suicidal thoughts or behaviors. It is always right to tell somebody who can partner with you to keep the person safe whether that be a parent, spouse/partner, adult sibling, teacher, doctor or police officer to name a few. Finally, in a crisis immediately call 911 or the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

There are many opportunities to learn more and equip ourselves with helpful information. A few resources to assist us in our efforts to obtain important knowledge includes: 1) New Jersey Hopeline at 1-855-654-6735 or www.njhopeline.com - includes a live chat option; and, 2) National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org). The list is not exhaustive nor intended to exclude a host of organizations that are invaluable in the effort to prevent suicide. It's simply a beginning step that each of us can take. Suicide prevention is everyone's business. So, speak up, speak out,

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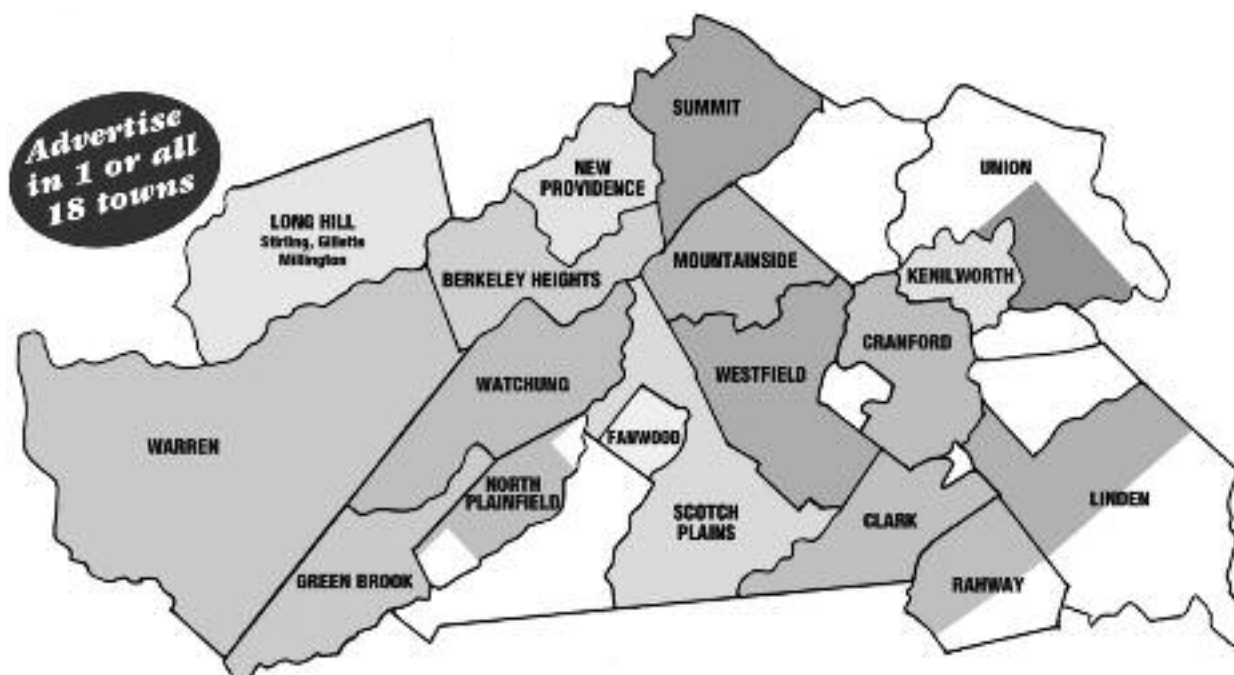
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