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Fanwood Council Sets Date For Hearing On Maintenance Code

Planning Board To Prepare Data For Public Information

A property maintenance code which would require quite stringent housekeeping on the part of both residential and business establishments in Fanwood will be fully explained to the residents at an informal public hearing at Fanwood Borough Hall on November 20. The code is outlined in an ordinance which was introduced by the Fanwood Borough Council last week, but final consideration by the governing body will not take place until the December meeting.

The code establishes standards for painting, repair, landscaping, etc. for business and residential properties. It was drafted by the Planning Board and considered by the Borough Council before initial vote last week, in which only Councilman Van Dyke Pollitt dissented.

In order to better inform the electorate regarding the provisions of the code and its impact on the average Fanwood home or business owner, Councilman John Swindlehurst announced that Planning Board members would prepare a series of informational articles which would be published in future issues of The Times.

To date, three of the four candidates up for election in Fanwood have registered disagreement with at least some aspects of the proposed code. In statements released this week, they detailed their reasons for opposition. Democrats Dick Bonner and Van Towle suggest updating the existing zoning ordinance and enforcement of that code as protection against blight. They also have suggested that the fire code be applied to property maintenance. The Democrats registered blanket opposition to the code, stating that although they favor prevention of unsafe and unsightly conditions, the code is not the answer. Councilman Van Dyke Pollitt, a Republican incumbent, opposed such a code in the residential areas. He'd like to see experience gained in non-

Board Of Education Will Survey Community On Educational Goals

A questionnaire seeking answers to approximately 60 questions on education here will go into the mail in the near future. The survey has been authorized by the Board of Education, with copies to be sent to every registered voter in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The questionnaire aims to establish the objectives and goals for education desired by local residents. It was prepared by the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Education, which is headed by Meyer Freiman, with Board members Walter Siff and Leonia Reilly as members.

At the present time, the Board has requested bids for the printing of the questionnaire and is expecting to award a printing contract in the very near future.

According to Freiman, a community-wide response to the survey should be invaluable in guiding the Board of Education in

residential areas before considering applying the code to residential properties. Pollitt's running mate, Councilman Tony McCall, was out of town and therefore could not be reached for his opinion. McCall voted favorably on the ordinance when it was introduced last month.

The ordinance provides that the Building Inspector be named the Public Officer in charge of enforcement of the property maintenance code. However, the responsibilities of the inspector in insuring the attractiveness of the borough as a whole are not detailed. Question has arisen regarding whether the building inspector only makes inspections upon receiving complaints or general day-to-day inspections. It also is not known at the present time whether officials expect that enforcement of the code can be handled within the present position of the Building Inspector or whether additional employees would be required.

The ordinance provides fines of 90 days in jail and/or \$500 for offenders.

An appeal system is spelled out, whereby anyone affected by notices issued by the Public Officer may appeal for a hearing before him. Should this be unsatisfactory, the aggrieved may carry his appeal to the Board of Appeals, then to the Borough Council, and thereafter to the courts.

servicing the district. He asked that residents cooperate, fill out the form honestly and carefully, and return it within the time limits.

"The survey will be an important factor in our determination of what this school district should be doing in the future," Freiman said.

He noted that the mailing list is just being completed, and it includes names from the most up-to-date voter registration lists in the county. He said a special effort had been made to insure that the questionnaire is mailed to every registered voter.

Group Plans Show Of Concern On Park Ave. Widening Issue

Local Business Men And Residents Urged To Attend Tonight's Freeholder Meeting

The Environmental Action Group of Scotch Plains-Fanwood is providing the major thrust in organization of a mass attendance at tonight's meeting of the Union County Board of Freeholders to demonstrate local concern and opposition to widening of Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The freeholders will meet in the County Court House at 8 p.m., and, in the words of a release from the environmental action group, "local residents and businessmen will hopefully descend in large numbers."

At issue is a Union County Planning Board mandate affecting only a small segment of Park Avenue now, but eventually to call for the widening of the entire length of the street. In submitting plans for the new municipal building to the county planners, as required by law, Scotch Plains officials were notified that while the building was under construction the roadway should be widened by three feet directly in front of the building. Ultimately, according to in-

formation received from the planners, three feet would be added to each side of Park for its entire length.

The Township Committee appealed to the County Planning Board for elimination of the widening requirement, and when that appeal yielded no satisfactory results, the Committee appealed directly to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Last spring, the freeholders granted a 90-day grace period on the issue and have not taken any action to date. In the township application to the freeholders, it was emphasized that widening only in front of the municipal building would necessitate the destruction of five red oak trees

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Fund Drive Is Underway In Fanwood

Sandra and Michael Raymond, chairmen of the 1972-73 United Community Services campaign for Fanwood have organized a committee of sixty (60) personal solicitors to kick-off this year's campaign.

The goal of the campaign begun this week is \$15,000 as Fanwood's share of the \$375,000 overall goal this year. The campaign covers Fanwood, North Plainfield and Plainfield to support twenty-two (22) community services.

The national slogan this year for the United Way is "Thanks to you it's working." Locally, the campaigners are stressing the pledge of "Your Fair Share." They will be asking for an hours work a month as an individual's "Pledge for the Year."

Fanwood historically has received much more from U.C.S. than it has historically given. The agencies that receive funds from the United Community Services spend a total of \$88,862 in Fanwood. This year's goal of \$15,000, which is almost double the \$9,754 that was received from last year's campaign, will only partially fill the gap between what Fanwood gives to United Community Services and what it receives.

The Raymonds have lived on Burns Way for two years. They have two boys, Mike 4 and Brian 2.

Sandy and Mike both worked on the United Way campaign last year. He works for Talon Zipper Company as Eastern Warehousing Manager.

Asks Traffic Flow Solution

The Environmental Action Group invites all residents to join them in requesting the Board of Freeholders of Union County to grant additional time in seeking a solution to the traffic flow through the two townships. The goal is to prevent the turning of these towns into a large traffic route by the widening of Park and Martine Avenues.

Express your opposition to a decision at this time by writing to: Mr. Everett C. Lattimore, Director -- 214 Hillcrest Ave., Plainfield, N.J., and Mr. Thomas W. Long -- Chairman of Committee Roads & Roads -- 291 Gresner Street, Linden, N.J. Also join the group attending the next meeting of the Board of Freeholders on Thursday evening, Oct. 26th. Cars will leave the Fanwood Railroad Station at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested call Karen Levy, 322-5992 or Judy Wrubel, 889-5730.

These are your towns -- help preserve them.

100th Anniversary For All Saints Church

A year of special events and observances culminating with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of All Saints' Church, 559 Park Avenue, will begin All Saints' Day, Wednesday, November 1st, in the Parish Hall with a covered dish supper and a program on the migrant ministry in New Jersey.

The Rev. Fr. Luis O. Arcacha of Vineland, a native Cuban, who has been active as a worker priest with migrant workers, will speak at the kick-off event. Father Arcacha, who teaches Spanish at Cumberland County College, will bring with him two migrant workers who also will speak.

The migrant ministry and the state of migrant workers was selected by the Church's Centennial Committee, headed by Joseph Guty, as one of the outreach aims of the year-long observance. The committee also is working toward the construction of a free-standing Altar in the Church proper in time for the celebration of the centennial. All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1973.

The kick-off covered dish supper will be followed with a commemorative organ recital November 12th given by John Buzby, Church Organist and Choirmaster. The traditional Church Fair in December also will have an anniversary theme.

A special Sunday School program will be held on March 18 and a Choir Festival is planned for May 20th. On June 10th, 1973, a Youth Folk Mass is scheduled. Events of the Fall of 1973 include a Harvest Festival in late September with all observances pointing toward a Centennial Banquet in November.

All Saints' Church was founded as a mission eight years af-

ter the end of the Civil War through the efforts of the Rectors of Grace Church, Plainfield, and Holy Cross Church, North Plainfield, and Charley Kyte, a resident of Fanwood.

Services were initially held in the School House, a white brick building, that still stands today in Forest Road in Scotch Plains. The cornerstone of the present Church building was put in place in April, 1882 and the stone for the edifice was donated by Charles Sykes whose quarry was in back of the sleepy village.

Worship Services in the new edifice, which boasted a portecochere to protect those arriving by carriage during inclement weather, were first held on November 2nd, 1882.

A Rectory was built in 1923 adjacent to the Church. The Parish Hall was added in 1949 and expanded with the addition of a new front and Church School classrooms in 1963. At that time, the old Rectory was sold and moved to Portland Avenue. Another nearby home had been acquired for a Rectory in 1961. It is at Park Avenue and Church Street.

Nearly 225 families are parishioners of All Saints' Church. The Rev. John Robert Neilson is Rector. He is assisted at Services by The Rev. Carl Bartlett Gracely, a parishioner who was ordained in October, 1971.