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portant facility in any community. In Scotch Plains, new park  
 ements have recently been dedicated. Plans are now on the  
 drawing boards for new county and community parks. In this issue,  
 the focus is on the parks, present and future, for Scotch Plains. Good  
 recreation facilities are a community asset. Know what's going on  
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L to R: Jerome "Monk" McDevitt, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, Betty Wilson, Deputy Commissioner of the N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection, Mayor Anne Wodjenski and Robert Griffin, Deputy Mayor and Councilman, participate in ribbon-cutting. A group of Highland dancers contribute to the gala affair.

## Board Ups Pay Rate For Sub. Teachers

The Board of Education spent almost an hour last Thursday evening discussing the "crisis" which exists here in obtaining substitute teachers. After various suggestions and proposals for amendments, the Board finally voted to raise the pay for substitute teachers from \$20 to \$25 per day.

The motion to raise the pay came from Superintendent of Schools, Reigh Carpenter, who cited a serious situation in acquiring sufficient substitutes for classroom teachers, partly because the local district pays a daily rate considerably below that of some surrounding districts, and "because the limited available substitutes has caused conflict within the contractual obligations with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association."

As various Board members suggested new approaches to paying substitutes, including paying more for holders of B.A. degrees, requirements that all substitutes have B.A. or B.S. degrees, evaluating substitutes, etc., Carpenter stressed the seriousness of the situation and the need to act quickly on an emergency basis. He said the district is already in a crisis stage, without enough substitutes. Already this year, assistant principals have had to man classrooms, he noted. The weather will turn cold, compounding the absences and dearth of substitutes, he predicted.

The district spent \$99,000 for substitutes last year. Raising the rate sounds like a simple motion, said board member Vincent Shanni, but it represents an expenditure of \$25,000 more. He wanted to table, demanding that the Superintendent put a price tag on the increase. Carpenter

insisted that there is no way for him to tell how many substitutes or salary money for them will be needed. The fact that the district spent \$99,000 last year does not necessarily mean that \$125,000 will be spent this year. An emergency has existed with subs for some time, Carpenter said, urging immediate action.

An amendment, which would have set the \$25 figure only for substitutes with a degree, was defeated. Shanni then attempted to introduce an amendment which would have required all subs to have a degree to qualify for the \$25, but that too was defeated. It was pointed out that the district often appoints people to the substitute list during their senior year, when they have completed studies but expect to receive diplomas in June.

The Board moved to submit  
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## Dates Set For Bd. Of Ed. Meeting

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has set several dates for meetings of interest to the general public. Included among them is a meeting, on Thursday, November 3, Terrill Junior High, 8 pm, when the Ad Hoc Citizens Committee on School Closings will present its report to the Board of Education.

Sunday, November 6 has been chosen as the date for a budget work session, which will run from 1 to 5 pm. No public input will be permitted at the work sessions.

On November 14, the Board meets at Terrill Junior High for a budget session, with opportunity for public input on the 1978-79 school budget.

## It's College Night Tonight At SPFHS

College Night will be held tonight, October 27 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Representatives from more than 90 colleges and universities will be present to describe their schools to interested parents and students. Sponsored by the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains and the high school Guidance Department, College Night is planned to provide an opportunity for parents and students to spend an evening talking with college admission officers or their representatives. Information on programs available,  
 admission

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### Calendar

Thursday, October 27 —  
 College Night, SPFHS  
 Auditorium, 7:45 pm.

Monday, October 31 —  
 Halloween Parade, Scotch  
 Plains, beginning from  
 Municipal Bldg., Park  
 Avenue, 6:30 pm.

Halloween Parade, Fan-  
 wood, beginning from  
 Library, 7 pm, thence to  
 LaGrande Park.

Board of Education,  
 Budget Work Session.  
 Presentation of All  
 Priorities, Administration  
 Bldg., 8 pm.

Tuesday, November 1 —  
 Scotch Plains Township  
 Council, Regular Monthly  
 Meeting, 8:30 pm, Municipal  
 Bldg.

Board of Education,  
 Presentation by PTA  
 Presidents Committee, 8 pm,  
 Administration Bldg., Plain-  
 field Ave.

Board of Education, Open  
 Budget Work Session, 9:30  
 pm, Administration Bldg.,  
 Plainfield Avenue.

## Many Parks On SP Drawing Boards

BY JOAN T. MONAHAN

"Recreation was once considered a sophisticated frill, but now it is an essential commodity that a town must offer its residents," according to Richard Marks, who heads the recreation department for Scotch Plains. Although the local Recreation Commission has been singled out for a national award two years in a row (1976 and 1977) for the excellence of program and facilities, the recreational leaders aren't resting on their laurels. The combination of increased national emphasis upon fitness, increased leisure time, and the availability of Green Acres funding for development as well as acquisition of lands has sent the Recreation Commission members to the drawing board, designing recreational improvements for today and tomorrow.

Here's a rundown on what's afoot in the way of new and improved parks for Scotch Plains...

**Ashbrook** - The Union County Park Commission has plans for development of 38 acres of county land in Scotch Plains, in the Ashbrook Reservation off the Martine Avenue extension. The park envisioned by the county would include overnight camping, baseball and softball courts, four, all-weather tennis courts, a picnic area, playground facilities, and shuffleboard for senior citizens. The development of such a complex is fourth on the Park Commission's priority list and would be financed as part of an \$800,000 total package of developmental monies for which the county has applied.

Scotch Plains is keeping a watchful eye on the Ashbrook

project, particularly in light of recent developments which indicate the demise of the County Park Commission. The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission has been provided with an opportunity to react to the concept and has indicated approval and encouragement for all facilities except family camping. It is felt that the area is not rural enough for camping. The local Commissioners also urged a higher priority for Ashbrook Park. Richard Marks cited the fact that local taxes go to Trenton, and are redistributed back through the county, but the county hasn't spent a penny in park development in Scotch Plains in recent years.

The earliest possible date indicated for funding for Ashbrook would be next year.

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## Halloween's Just Around The Corner

Start to build those creative costumes! Buy a pumpkin for decorating! The day of spooks and goblins (and angels and space men, too) is just around the corner! The two towns have been gearing up for their big day and have released plans for two separate Halloween celebrations.

In Fanwood, the parade, led by the Blue Raiders Marching Band, takes off from the Fanwood Memorial Library at 7:00 pm. Costumed participants may gather at the library to organize in parade ranks at 6:30 pm. The

parade travels across Martine, down Marion, to LaGrande Park, for costume judging. Categories are: Prettiest, Spookiest, Funniest, and Most Original, judged in age groups

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