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COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7

The Fanwood Council agenda meeting has been cancelled for Thursday, March 3 and rescheduled for Monday, March 7 at the upstairs meeting room at the Community House in Fanwood.

The regularly scheduled Council meeting for Wednesday, March 9 has been moved up to 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. to accommodate a special meeting with Union County engineers and N.J. Department of Transportation engineers regarding the Terrill Road bridge renovation project.

WSPF-TV TO TELECAST GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, March 3, WSPF-TV will telecast the Union County Girls Basketball Tournament championships at 7:30 p.m. on cablevision Channel 34.

Also, on the same channel, Ed. II News will be seen Saturday, March 5 at 2 p.m.

PTA "SPRING SOIREE" DINNER - DANCE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

There are a limited number of tickets available for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School PTA "Spring Soiree" dinner-dance to be held Friday, March 18 at the Westwood in Garwood at 8 p.m. The dance is for the benefit of the high school Scholarship Foundation.

The cost of the affair is \$15 per ticket. For reservations call Martha Hafer (889-4114) or JoAnn Grote (322-6829).

TROOP 203 TO HOLD PAPER DRIVE

Boy Scout Troop 203 is holding their next paper drive on Saturday, March 5. The drive will be at St. Bartholomews Church, 2033 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains in the rear parking lot. Hours are 8 am to 2 pm.

Cost of camp-outs, field trips, equipment and other necessities to assist the boys in their growth in scouting are met entirely on proceeds of their drives. Your donation of old newspapers and aluminum will be of great help and will be deeply appreciated.

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC. TO HOST BD. OF ED. REPS.

The Southside Scotch Plains Property Owners Association will meet on Wednesday, March 16th, 8 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1571 South Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has accepted an invitation to be guests at the meeting. The public is welcome.

LAST CALL FOR DOG LICENSES IN FANWOOD

You still have one more week to purchase your 1983 dog licenses in Fanwood.

Bring proof of your pet's rabies inoculation (certificate) to the Borough Clerk's office Monday through Friday, 9-5 p.m. or on Saturday, to the police desk, 9 to 1 p.m.

After next week, police will be issuing summonses to those dog owners who have not yet obtained a new license. In addition to the \$6 license fee, you will have to pay \$10 for the summons.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 130 TO HOLD PAPER DRIVE

Swamped with newspapers? Boy Scout Troop #130 to the rescue. Their next Paper Drive will be Saturday, March 5th at Shackamaxon School. You can drop off your papers at the school parking lot from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (or later, if you load them into the truck yourself).

PLEASE BUNDLE! For bulk pickups, call 233-5710 before Saturday. Thanks for your help in funding this program.

Planning Board continues proposed firehouse hearings

by Liz Gautier

The Fanwood Planning Board held its third session of public hearings Tuesday, March 1, to hear testimony on the Borough Council's proposal for a new firehouse to be constructed adjoining the present municipal complex on Martine Avenue.

The application for site plan approval which was originally approved by the Board in December, 1981, was negated by Superior Judge Milton A. Feller in Dec. 1982, when the Fanwood Junior Woman's Club, neighbors on Watson Road and then-Councilwoman Patricia

Kuran appealed the Planning Board's decision.

Borough Attorney Frank Blatz called several principals to the stand who were involved in either the planning and design of the plan, or will be affected by the firehouse location.

Testimony has been taken from architect Richard Barry, Borough Clerk Dan Mason, Fire Chief Russ Hamill, Police Chief Anthony Parenti, Rescue Squad President Bill Crosby and Borough Engineer Carmin DeVito.

At the February 24 hearing, Robert Kraus, attorney for the Watson Road residents,

presented a nine-point program of changes and additions to the present site plan that his clients would like to see implemented. Most of the program was

concerned with adding shrubbery to hide new construction, the movement of street lights and siren, widening of Watson Road on the

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Community Education coordinator named



Left to right, Selma Kaufman, Dr. Robert Howlett and Dr. Elena Scambio review a proposal for creative uses of school facilities.

A major problem in today's complex and specialized society is finding means by which individuals and communities can identify their problems and seek practical solutions to them. A challenge in community problem-solving is achieving effective utilization of human, physical and financial resources to meet both individual and community needs.

Community education is gaining increasing acceptance at the local, state and federal levels. It seeks to involve citizens as well as civic, business and lay leaders in decision-making.

Community schools offer lifelong learning and enrichment opportunities in education, recreation, social and related cultural activities with the programs and services coordinated and developed for all citizens.

Every community is a vast storehouse of personal talent, physical and human potential, professional expertise and public and private resources. Often these enormous assets re-

mainly untapped of their potential. By expanding its functions, the school has access to a valuable resource pool. Identifying and coordinating human skills, financial assets and physical facilities can go a long way toward eliminating costly duplication of services.

The District Comprehensive Planning Committee (D.C.P.C.), an on-going member citizen's committee appointed by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, has been charged with monitoring enrollment, projecting availability of classroom space, and studying and recommending alternative uses for school space.

Over the last twelve years, school enrollment has declined from a peak of 8,000 in 1970 to 4,514 in 1982. Several schools have been closed, and part of Evergreen School has been converted to administrative offices.

While enrollment projections have been remarkably accurate so far, projection is not an exact science. At this time, national trends and predictions in-

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Fire hydrants up for community adoption

During and after a "Blizzard of '83", fire hydrants are often difficult to locate because they are either covered by the snowfall itself, or by the plowing and shoveling which follows the storm.

In the event that a fire should occur, valuable minutes would be lost while the responding firemen try to locate the hydrant

and then connect their hoses to it. This delay in getting water to the fire would result in unnecessary damage and an increased risk to the firemen.

After the recent

"Blizzard of '83", members of the Fanwood Fire Department spent approximately 70 man hours clearing the hydrants of Fanwood, so that they would be available in the event of a fire.

The Fanwood Fire Department is asking that residents adopt the fire hydrant in their neighborhood and make sure that after any snowfall, the hydrant is clearly visible, and is dug out so that not only can the firemen get to the hydrant, but so that all of the hydrant ports are thoroughly cleared so

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Rossi retirement dinner ticket sale brisk

New Jersey State Senator Donald DiFrancesco and Union County Prosecutor John Stamler will be the guest speakers at the retirement dinner for Scotch Plains Chief Michael Rossi on Saturday, March 19 at the Sulphur Springs restaurant in Berkeley Heights.

Chief Rossi will retire April 1 after 37 distinguished years with the Scotch Plains police department. The dinner, which starts at 6:30 p.m. with an open

bar cocktail hour, will be attended by friends and fellow officers who have been associated with the Chief during his 44-year residency in Scotch Plains.

Ticket sales for the dinner are "brisk", according to Det. Carl Sicola and Sgt. Marshall Nelson, co-chairmen for the affair. The cost for dinner and open bar cocktail hour is \$37.50 per person, and reservations can be made by calling the police department at 322-7100.