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'HELPING HANDS' NEEDED TO ASSIST SCHOOL CHILDREN

There will be a public meeting Thursday, May 12, 8:30 p.m. to inform the community and answer any questions on the Helping Hands Project. The meeting will be held in the Court Chambers of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building. Linda Etherington of the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club will speak and representatives of the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Police Departments will be on hand to answer any questions.

The aim of the Helping Hands project is to assist children with any problems they may have enroute to and from school. Injury or illness are obvious reasons for the aid of a responsible adult. In addition, a child may seek refuge if they're being followed or approached by a stranger.

Help us help the children of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Attend the Helping Hands Public Meeting.

DIABETES AND BLOOD-PRESSURE SCREENING MAY 12TH

The Fanwood Board of Health in cooperation with the Visiting Nurse and Health Services will conduct a free blood pressure and diabetes screening session. The screening session will be held on Thursday, May 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Fanwood Municipal Building located at 75 N. Martine Avenue, Fanwood.

Note: Those individuals who wish to be screened for diabetes must fast twelve hours prior to the blood test, with the exception of water.

RABIES CLINIC SET FOR FANWOOD DOGS & CATS

The Fanwood Board of Health will conduct a clinic for the inoculation of dogs and cats against rabies, on May 16 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. As this is a three-year vaccine, only dogs who were inoculated in 1976, or prior years, will be accepted. Cats are also accepted.

The clinic will be held at the Fanwood Borough Garage, which is located near the corner of North and So. Martine Aves., opposite the Memorial Library. There is no charge for this service.

S.P. TO SPONSOR RABIES INNOCULATION CLINIC

Scotch Plains Township through its Department of Health will conduct its annual Rabies Inoculation Clinic on Thursday evening, May 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Northside Firehouse. The vaccine is for dogs only. Revaccination is not necessary for three years, except for dogs age 3 months to 11 months, which require revaccination the subsequent year.

All dogs must be accompanied by an adult who can handle the dog. 1983 Dog Licenses @ \$6.00 may be obtained at the clinic.

JUNIORS CONDUCT BOOK SALE AT FANWOOD LIBRARY

Here is your chance to get some books for your summer reading. The Fanwood Junior Woman's Club will conduct the Fanwood Memorial Library's annual book sale on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale will take place on the library lawn; in case of rain, the sale will be held inside the library.

Hardcover books will cost 50 cents and paperbacks will be 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00.

Book donations are needed to make the sale a success. Books will be accepted at the library through Saturday, May 14.

All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the library.

Squad safety and accidents concerns at Listening Post

At the Listening Post held on May 7th in the Council Chambers of the Township of Scotch Plains, Councilman Gabe Spera and Deputy Mayor Irene Schmidt spoke to residents.

Two calls were received regarding the difficulty of obtaining stickers for the Environmental Center when residents work full time. Currently, stickers are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Public Works Office on Plainfield Avenue.

A solution to this will be discussed at the next Agenda Meeting of the Council.

A concerned resident told of observing an individual who is a member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad as she was responding to a call. It was her concern that the individual's personal safety was jeopardized as well as response time lost because of

the lack of a more obvious signaling device to urge motorists to give her the right-of-way. The resident recommended the use of blue emergency flasher lights by squad members. This will be taken up with the Rescue Squad.

Two residents from the area of North Avenue and Promenade expressed concern for the number of accidents which have occurred at that intersection. They feel that eastbound motorists should be alerted to cars which have stopped and signaled to make a left turn. Their comments and recommendations will be forwarded to the Traffic Safety Officer for his review.

A resident expressed concern for the hazardous traffic conditions which are present in front of the high school at 2:30 p.m. dismissal. He requested that a uniformed officer be

present at that time because of the heavy volume of traffic. This request will be forwarded to the Traffic Safety Officer for his recommendations.

A resident of the Westfield Avenue vicinity discussed the possibility of hazardous traffic conditions once construction

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S.P. proclaims May Rescue Squad month



The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is celebrating 45 years of service to the community. Mayor Larry Newcomb and the Scotch Plains council has proclaimed the month of May to be Rescue Squad month. As the Squad is conducting their annual drive for funds, the governing body urges every resident in the township to give generously so that the volunteers can carry on this much-needed community service.

Above, left to right, Squad President Ed Sorge (left) and Squad Captain Ray DeMarco watch Mayor Newcomb sign the proclamation.

Applications due for Memorial Day Parade

Only 18 more days to M-day - Memorial Day, and the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade committee is putting together what promises to be, the biggest and best parade in the twin communities' history.

Under the "Marching Along Together Again" banner, the theme for this year's parade, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars declare the

parade to be in honor of the veterans of the Vietnam War.

To help the Committee plan the parade, please get your organization's "confirmation" to Scotch Plains Manager Tom Atkins as soon as possible. "Confirmation" forms are available in the Manager's office.

Remember - only 18 more days to insure your spot in the Memorial Day Parade!

Park Avenue resurfacing set for Tuesday, May 17th

Good weather permitting, next Tuesday, May 17, the Union County Road Department will start resurfacing Park Avenue in Scotch Plains between East Second Street and Mountain Avenue. The resurfacing is expected to take place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to avoid commuter traffic.

Chief Robert Luce reminds the shoppers

that ample free parking is available behind the stores on Park Avenue and in the Municipal lot by City Hall. He asks the cooperation of

shoppers and merchants during this reconstruction period which is expected to last three days.

If the Road Department encounters bad weather, the project will be moved back.

Jolen Realty apts. bogged down again

by Sheila Peace Zipern

In the continuing saga of the little guys (homeowners) against the big guys (developers), last Thursday the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment met once again to discuss the site plan review of a project planned by Jolen Realty. The Union developer plans to construct 320 multi-family garden apartments in a flood plain area on Lambert's Mill Road and Rivervale Drive, bordered by Conrail's Lehigh Valley Railroad line.

A group of Winding Brook Way residents whose back yards slope down to the edge of Jolen's property claim its site plan application violates the

town's 1977 storm water control ordinance which forbids building a flood plain. They also charge it's in violation of New Jersey's storm water management regulations. The protestors, fear construction will add to the serious flooding and drainage problems in the neighborhood. During heavy rains the Robinson Branch of the Rahway River backs up, flooding back yards and residents feel the proposed complex would add to their woes. Speaking at their meeting, homeowner Marc Friedenberg flatly stated, "That place would be a swamp!"

The applicant's witness, professional

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