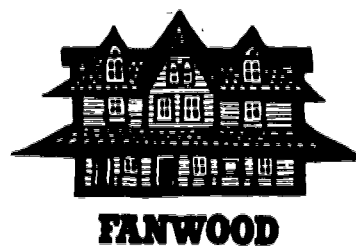


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BD. OF EDUCATION TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Education is planning a special meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, at Evergreen School, to review bids and possibly to take action for the lease of available rooms at Shackmaxon elementary school.

Last month the Jewish Community Center successfully bid to lease one wing of the school.

FINGERPRINTING & VOTER REG. AT FAN. DEMOCRATIC FLEA MARKET

As part of their ongoing community service program, the Fanwood Police Department will have their fingerprinting apparatus at the Democratic Flea Market at the R.R. Station in Fanwood on Saturday, July 13th.

The fingerprinting of children will take place from 10 a.m. to noon in the Community House. Also a voter registration table will be available to register citizens for the November election.

JAYCEES RECYCLING PROGRAM SET FOR AUG. 20

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees will sponsor their monthly recycling program at the south side of the Fanwood Train Station from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on August 20. Newspaper and glass will be collected. Newspapers are requested to be bundled, and the glass separated according to color. Magazines, cardboard and paper bags cannot be accepted.

This project helps to support the many community oriented activities of the Jaycees. For more information on the Jaycees, call Len Brzozowski at 889-6242.

PHYSICALS SCHEDULED FOR FROSH FOOTBALL

Reminder - physicals and equipment issue will be held for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School freshmen football players in the nurse's office, Tuesday, August 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the school.

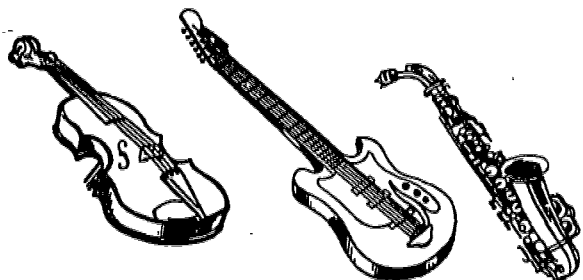
Players must pick up eligibility and physical forms prior to that date at the athletic office. Make-up physicals will be held Friday, Sept. 9 at 8:15 a.m.

If there are any conflicts or problems, call Coach Jim Scala, 232-1327.

REWARD OFFERED FOR STOLEN GOLF PLAQUE

The Scotch Hills Junior Golf Association Club Champion Plaque has been stolen from the clubhouse. When the thief returns it quietly to its rightful place - no questions will be asked.

Anyone else knowing its whereabouts and assuring its safe return to SHJGA will be rewarded. Just leave your name and the plaque with golf course personnel or an officer of S.H.J.G.A.



MUSIC ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Tonight at 8 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH & FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINCOLN GARDENS CHOIRS

Bring your chairs/blankets. Rain location: high school auditorium.

Taxpayers and merchants question tax value of D.R.

by Liz Gautier

Over 100 Fanwood residents and merchants jammed the municipal building council chambers Monday night for what was termed an "Informational Meeting" to discuss the progress and plans for the borough's Downtown Redevelopment project.

A panel of three principals, Project Director Dan Mason, consultant Fred Michaeli of Planners Diversified in Summit and borough attorney Frank Blatz joined five members of the Downtown Redevelopment Committee (DRC) to outline the history and present status of the project.

The Mayor and council have determined the two-acre plot in the center of the business district "an area in need of rehabilitation"

and the Planning Board's public hearing on Aug. 25 will be the first in a series of procedural steps to determine the area bounded by South Avenue, Second Street, LaGrande Avenue and the municipal parking lot behind the stores on Martine Avenue to be a "blighted" area.

Many of the residents were concerned that their tax bills would increase and not decrease with the anticipated revenues from the shopping mall would bring. One resident said her taxes had increased "two and one-half times" in the 10-year period she has lived in Fanwood, and asked why, with the addition of new businesses in town such as the racquet ball club and the funeral home, her taxes

had not gone down.

Blatz told the au-

dience, "If you break it

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Another tree to grow in Scotch Plains



Scotch Plains Mayor Lawrence Newcomb (center), smiles while George Pluhar (left), manager of Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club, presents a check to Herb Thompson, chairman of the Scotch Plains Downtown Beautification Committee. This is to underwrite the cost of a tree to be planted in the central business district.

The Downtown Beautification Committee, as the first step towards revitalizing the business area, is involved in a program of planting trees and is asking the various organizations in town to sponsor the planting of a tree.

Increase in garbage rates may be less, not more

by Liz Gautier

Several garbage disposal companies who service the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area have petitioned the Public Utilities Commission for rate increases. Public hearings have been scheduled through the Office of Administrative Law to hear comments from the public regarding these proposed increases.

Some of the companies requesting increases are Argenta (27.4%), Hamlette (63%), Sciosia Disposal Service (28.5%), Thomas D. Colavito (13.1%) and Fanwood Disposal (20%). The above companies will be appearing on Monday, August 15 at 7 p.m. in Edison at the Edison Municipal Complex, Rt. 27.

In addition, a public hearing will be held

Wednesday, August 17 at 8 p.m. in the Westfield Town Hall, E. Broad Street, Westfield, for Fanwood Disposal Service (who is requesting an additional 41.5%) and Home and Industrial Service.

Local officials have been duly upset because of the increases, some of them the second within the year. Scotch Plains Township Manager Tom Atkins said, "Without analyzing all the factors, requests for these increases are exorbitant, way out-of-line and I don't see any way possible the petitioners can justify the amounts they are seeking...or even close to it."

According to Frank Gasiorowski, of Gasiorowski & DeMassi in Fanwood, attorneys for several of

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Village Green performance to feature Gospel Choirs

The choirs of St. John's Baptist Church of Scotch Plains and the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset will combine in song on the Village Green on August 11, at 8:00 p.m.

St. John's Choir President Hope McLean describes her choir's singing as, "mostly gospel, but we have done some contemporary." Under the direction of St. John's Choir Director, Eugene Brown, the Scotch Plains group performs in many original works before they are record-

ed, due to Brown's contacts in the musical field. Additionally, those familiar with gospel music will recognize the works of Keith Pringle, the Hawkins family and James Cleveland.

The performance is sponsored by the Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee. Inclement weather moves the Thursday events to the auditorium of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Westfield Road in Scotch Plains. Bring your chairs.

FLAG SQUAD TO HOLD CAR WASH

The members of the Flag Squad section of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Marching Band will be holding a car wash on Saturday, August 13. Bring your car to the Chevron Station on the corner of North and Hetfield