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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FORMED IN FANWOOD

The Fanwood Beautification Committee has recently been formed to improve the appearance of the borough. Planters, placed on downtown Martine and South Avenues, were the first project of the committee.

The committee receives no borough funding, but solicits donations from community service groups. Any individual wishing to become a part of this committee is invited to attend a meeting Thursday, June 27, at 8:00 P.M., in the Fanwood Community Building. Future projects will be discussed, and everyone is welcome to contribute ideas.

SPECIAL SOCCER LEAGUE FORMED BY S.P./F. ASSOCIATION

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association announces the formation of a special soccer league for the summer months. A league will be run for 18 to 25 year olds aimed particularly for collegiate level players.

Teams are being formed for eight-a-side play at School One, in Scotch Plains, starting Monday, July 8. Insurance and field reservations are being authorized by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association in cooperation with School One.

Space is available for both teams (15 players per roster) and individuals. Interested soccer players are asked to call Bill Kraus at 322-5499 in the evenings and 953-7579 during business hours. Registration is \$100 per team, and rosters should be finalized by July 1. Don't delay if you are interested in some fine soccer competition for the summer.

LOCAL SENIORS URGED TO RETURN QUESTIONNAIRES

The newly-revised Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, chaired by Harold McGraw, is holding regular meetings. However, the work of the committee (which is dedicated to studying and attempting to fill the needs and desires of the senior population of Scotch Plains), cannot be effective without necessary data.

This information will be assessed once all questionnaires which have been disseminated through local churches and direct mailings are filled in and returned. Therefore, all residents who have a copy of the questionnaire "in hand" are urged to take a few minutes and fill it in and return to the Municipal Building.

Any senior who has not as yet received the questionnaire may obtain one by calling the Recreation Office at 322-6700, Ext. 29-30. Your cooperation in this important segment of the Advisory Committee's responsibility will be greatly appreciated.

TIMES DEADLINE MOVED UP

Because of the Independence Day, July 4 holiday, copy for July 4th issue of THE TIMES should be submitted no later than Friday noon June 28.

RUNNELLS HOSPITAL SEEKS CANDY STRIPERS/JR. VOLUNTEERS

John E. Runnells Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights seeks Candy Stripers/Junior Volunteers for its summer program for boys and girls age 14 to 18.

Candy Stripers/Junior Volunteers will serve on nursing units and assist with activities for hospital residents. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Contact the Volunteer Services office 322-7240 ext. 450, 451 for an appointment for an interview.

S.P. Council hears views on school busing problems

by Sharon Pachler

The agenda of Tuesday night's Township Council meeting in Scotch Plains was changed to accommodate the many residents present wishing to speak out on several school busing problems. The issues in question dealt with private bus rate increase, dropping of routes servicing Coles and McGinn Schools, and mileage re-measurement resulting in a number of children no longer eligible for free public busing. The group in attendance had brought these problems to the Board of Education two weeks ago where it was suggested they go to township officials.

Sara Waters started the assembled group's goals to Council members: changing mandated mileage limits from 2½ to 1½ miles for high school students and from 2 to 1 mile for grades K through 8; attaining the Board's help in negotiations with Brunner Bus Company; relieving the problem of no available buses faced by McGinn and Coles School families; and having every kindergarten child bused if parents feel it necessary. "These are our youngest children - the most vulnerable."

Resident Lauren Freedman stated "whether we live 1½ or 2 miles (from the schools), our children's safety is the major factor. This world is not the same one we grew up in - children didn't disappear then..and speed limits were 25 mph, referring to missing child statistics and the danger of walking along Raritan and Cooper Roads.

Ken Matfield requested "some political leverage" by way of a Council resolution asking the Board to consider the safety of the children.

Councilwoman Jo Anne Spatola suggested the group do some lobbying with legislators in Trenton. "There is more than one avenue for you to pursue. The points made (by representative speakers) are valid. The onus is on the Board of Education at this point. They have it within their power to tighten the radius."

Mayor Gabriel Spera concluded the lengthy discussion by stating that "the decision rests with the School Board. We can help you apply pressure...Any way we, as a Council, can help - we will."

During the remaining portion of the meeting, several property owners on White Oak

Road and Hilltop Road commented on a proposed ordinance which would finance curbing and storm sewers on these roads. Although there were mixed feelings among residents regarding need and assessment costs, the majority was in favor and a plan to ap-

propriate \$25,000 for this project was approved. Township Administrator Thomas Atkins reported on the sale of \$1,580,000 in municipal bonds which took place June 24. Union Counties Trust came in with the lowest bid at an interest rate of 7.2%.

Rob Salm receives Eagle Scout Award



ROBERT J. SALM

On Monday evening, June 10, Boy Scout Troop 33, of Fanwood, "therapy" dog at the convened an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at

struction of a dog house to be used by the "therapist" dog at the Westfield Convalescent Center. The Court of Honor began with the presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by the invocation by Troop 33 Committee member, John W. Salm, of Fanwood, and a welcome by Scout at Oratory Catholic Master, Bill McManus. Robert Maravalli, Assistant Pastor of Fanwood Presbyterian Church, was the principal speaker.

Rob was introduced for his Eagle Award by Advancement Chairman, Fred Kramps, and presented by Scout Master, Bill McManus, and fellow Troop 33 Scouts, Chris Evans, who has just completed his first year at the United States Air Force Academy, and Ron Kramps, who will be a Senior at SPFHS supervised the construction of a dog house to be used by the "therapist" dog at the Westfield Convalescent Center. The Court of Honor began with the presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by the invocation by Troop 33 Committee member, John W. Salm, of Fanwood, and a welcome by Scout at Oratory Catholic Master, Bill McManus. Robert Maravalli, Assistant Pastor of Fanwood Presbyterian Church, was the principal speaker. Rob was introduced for his Eagle Award by Advancement Chairman, Fred Kramps, and presented by Scout Master, Bill McManus, and fellow Troop 33 Scouts, Chris Evans, who has just completed his first year at the United States Air Force Academy, and Ron Kramps, who will be a Senior at SPFHS supervised the construction of a dog house to be used by the "therapist" dog at the Westfield Convalescent Center.

Forecast is for clear savings at Fanwood Sidewalk Sale

Bargains galore is what you'll find at the Fanwood Sidewalk Sale being held on Saturday, June 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is being sponsored by the Fanwood Merchant's Association and promises to be the biggest sidewalk sale held here in years. Participating merchants, along South Martine and South Avenue, will display selected goods at irresistible prices. Among those offering these terrific bargains are Fanwood Hardware, Irma's Bag, A Novel Place, Scotchwood Pharmacy,

Bill's Cycle Center, Florida Fruit Shoppe, Paper Pantry and Scotchwood Florist. Mark the date on your calendar for a day of fun shopping, with savings from 10% to 90%! Get out early and browse through store after store of friendly people and great buys.

There is plenty of free parking, including the train station lot at the corner of South and Martine Avenues.

In the event of inclement weather, the rain-date will be Saturday, July 13.

Fanwood - it's the fun town to shop!

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