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## ESCAPADE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN



"Escapade", featuring the sounds of the last three decades of popular music, as well as the golden oldies, is the fifth in a series of outdoor concerts presented free to the public by the Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee (SPCAC) on the Village Green, right next to the Municipal Building on Park Avenue. Green-goers are asked to bring blankets or lawn chairs to the July 25th, 8:00 p.m., performance. If it rains, the performance is cancelled. Tonight's performance will feature Chuck Bower and the Stardusters, a country and western band, and the Dancing Squares. The official information number for SPCAC is 757-1885.

### ATTENTION S.P. RESIDENTS: REAL ESTATE & SEWER CHARGES DUE AUGUST 1ST

The Tax Collector of Scotch Plains has stated that real estate bills for third quarter 1985 and 1985 sewer charge bills are due August 1, 1985. The validity of taxes is not affected by failure to receive a tax bill. All persons are put on notice to inquire for a tax bill if you do not receive one. Claim of non-receipt of tax bill does not relieve taxpayer of tax or interest charges.

### JAYCEES TO AID FIGHT AGAINST MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees have announced that on Saturday, July 20, Debra Rosler, Miss Union County for 1985, will join the Jaycees in an effort to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The MDA fundraising drive will be held at the Fanwood Train Station from 9:00 a.m. to noon in conjunction with the Jaycees' regular monthly newspaper recycling drive.

### FANWOOD MAYOR KURAN TO HOLD INFORMAL LISTENING POST

There will be no Listening Post held at the Borough Hall during the months of July and August. The Listening Post hour will resume on September 21, from 10:00 AM to Noon, in the Municipal Purpose Room of the Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood. However, at the invitation of the proprietor, Mayor Kuran will hold an informal Listening Post on July 20, from 10:00 AM to Noon at The Corner Store. During those hours any citizen may meet with the Mayor to discuss items of concerned interest.

### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE TIMES?

If you have any ideas for features, columns or information you would like to see in future issues of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood TIMES, send your suggestions to THE TIMES, 1600 E. Second St., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. We will appreciate and consider your thoughts.

## Scotch Plains/Fanwood join forces for recycling center

Scotch Plains Mayor Gabe Spera and Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran recently met to sign an inter-local service agreement. This agreement is a condition required by the State of N.J., Dept. of Energy, Office of Recycling, to receive a grant of \$16,117 for a joint recycling center. The State also requires that there be evidence of support from local groups to provide sufficient personnel to handle the project.

The Jaycees, a local service group, has operated a successful recycling project at the Fanwood Railroad Station for many years and has worked with the Fanwood Planning Board for approval of the North Avenue site. The establishment of a permanent recycling



Left to right - top row, Craig Miller, chairman of the Recycling Committee of Scotch Plains; Len Bryzowski, member of Jaycees and Scotch Plains Recycling Committee; Dave Pickering, Fanwood Councilman and member of Recycling Committee. Front row: Irene Schmidt, Scotch Plains Councilwoman and liaison to Solid Waste Recycling Committee; Mayor Patricia Kuran, of Fanwood and Mayor Gabe Spera, of Scotch Plains.

site is a culmination of years of effort.

Service groups and organizations are in-

vited to become a part of this important under-

taking. For further in-

formation, contact Craig Miller at 322-6700 through the Township Manager's office in Scotch Plains.

## Solid waste is everyone's concern

by Sharon Pachler

Your garbage hauler's bill serves as a warning. Increasing rates reflect the severe problem New Jersey faces in the area of solid waste disposal. County officials are being urged toward innovative planning (resource recovery) and residents encouraged to revise their habits of removing waste (recycling). We cannot simply complain to one another and accustom ourselves to the higher costs because there is no getting comfortable with rates that never stop rising - which is what could happen. Population and garbage increase, landfills close, refuse is carted farther away, prices climb.

The problem is not new - just worse. In the mid '70's, poorly maintained and regulated landfills were causing water and air contamination. Passage of the 1976 Solid Waste Management Act was the first step in developing efficient, cost-effective methods of refuse disposal. The

provisions of the act created 22 solid waste management districts and placed responsibility at the county level. It encouraged county waste disposal and made resource recovery the goal of each county. Resource recovery involved the conversion (by burning) of raw garbage into steam and then, if taken a step further, into electricity. The by-products of this mass incineration would require fewer, smaller landfills.

In 1979, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection established the N.J. Advisory Committee on Recycling to look into the development of a comprehensive recycling program. The outcome of their investigation was "Recycling In The '80's", a report adopted as the state recycling plan in September 1980 and the basis of the Recycling Act of 1981.

The N.J. Recycling Act aimed for a 25% decrease in household and business garbage going into dumps by

1986 through recycling of various materials. County and municipal governments were to set up voluntary recycling programs funded by a small surcharge on dumping in N.J. Under this act, grants are offered for the development of municipal recycling programs. Of the 34 grants awarded state-wide, Scotch Plains and Fanwood were the only two towns in the county to receive such funding, according to Tom Atkins, Scotch Plains Municipal Administrator. The \$16,000 joint grant will be used to develop a North Avenue newspaper and glass recycling center and to purchase a trailer, making recycling more convenient.

Recycling, however, is only a part of the solution. By 1982, few counties had looked into the possibilities of resource recovery, done siting studies for new landfills, or decreased their garbage flow. Nevertheless, the N.J. D.E.P. began closing landfills

which had either reached capacity or had not met environmental standards. A slowly growing population using more disposable products combined with less landfills touched off the crisis situation we have today. Nearby landfills closed and disposal charges increased to cover the expenses of transporting garbage longer distances to business landfills (NJ Municipalities, Apr. '85). Waste Management Associates, Inc. of Rahway found that hauling garbage to remote locations involved more fuel consumption, tire and equipment wear and manpower, all adding to the residents' cost burden.

Of the 75 remaining N.J. landfills, 13 receive approximately 95% of the state's waste. Edgeboro Landfill in E. Brunswick had had a five year life expectancy prior to the closing of Edison's Industrial Landfill Reclaiming Site in September 1984. Edgeboro (in Middlesex Please turn to page 2