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Tour offers Council close-up of community



Pictured above from left to right are: Councilwomen Irene Schmidt and Jo-Anne Spatola, Mayor Joan Papen, and Councilman Gabe Spera as they ready to board the bus to tour the community.

Scotch Plains Council members, along with Township Manager Tom Atkins, took their annual bus tour of the municipality last Saturday. This regular January event allows local officials an overview of progress made on renovations over the past year and assists in organizing upcoming projects. The trip was of particular importance this year as plans are being made to put together a six year Capital Improvement Plan. Council's review of the township's infrastructure included stops at senior citizen sites, leaf composting sites, and an inspection of the past year's road repair work. Sanitary sewer conditions were examined as were renovations made to Scotch Hills.

Residents interested in the Council's findings and plans for 1989 are invited to give Mayor Joan Papen a call the first Wednesday of every month during the filming of Channel 3's "Meet the Mayor" program where she will be ap-

pearing along with the mayors of Garwood and Kenilworth at 8 p.m. This monthly call-in format can be utilized by any resident with questions about municipal issues. The program phone number is: 636-5333.

Three injured in 4-car collision

In a chain-reaction collision on Terrill Road in Fanwood Monday morning, four vehicles were damaged causing three people to be taken to Muhlenberg Medical Center for examination and treatment.

According to Fanwood Police, a car traveling north on Terrill Rd. driven by S.F. Milosy, 79, of Scotch Plains, struck the rear of the last of three cars stopped at the traffic light on South Avenue. The impact on this car

driven by Deborah Neuscheler, of Edison, then caused the involvement of the other two vehicles, driven by Frank Lucarelli, of Linden and Susan Calv, of Edison. Milosy's car then struck a utility pole which broke and fell on the top of his car.

The Fanwood Rescue Squad took Milosy, Calv and Neuscheler to Muhlenberg Medical Center where Milosy and Neuscheler were admitted.

Fan. chairperson updates recycling/trash removal

Although the institution of curbside recycling pick-up in neighboring Scotch Plains could have decreased participation considerably at Fanwood's Community Recycling Center, the site continues to handle a massive flow of re-usables at its North Avenue facility. Fanwood's Recycling Committee Chairperson, Kathy Mitchell, feels that this is largely due to Scotch Plains residents who have continued to support the various service organizations manning the site.

Mitchell noted that enthusiasm by service groups working at the site has not leveled off despite a drop in revenues from the paper market. These groups receive a financial return when recyclables are sold to vendors. Down this month to \$10 a ton from \$18 in November, Garden State Paper, the borough's contractor for removal of newsprint, attributes this loss of revenue to a recent glut on the market.

Mitchell and her committee are now discussing the possibility of accepting "P.E.T. containers" - low density plastics, such as soda bottles as opposed to

milk cartons or bleach bottles. She has been talking with recycling coordinators from Summit and Cranford where voluntary collection of plastics has been successful. Referring to the recycling of plastic items, Mitchell said, "I've wanted to do this for a long time. And this summer, with plastics washing up on the beaches, I decided to look into it."

Although the collection of plastics would then be removed from the solid waste stream and the borough receive tonnage credit, there is no monetary benefit for removal of plastics at this time.

Those visiting the Center, which is open on Saturdays from 9 to 1, will note the addition of a Goodwill Industries bin which accepts clothing, shoes, curtains and blankets. This opportunity to recycle usable household items has brought more of a total recycling concept to the borough.

Another positive addition to the Center is Alan Ebersole, site supervisor, who Mayor Pat Kuran feels has greatly improved efficiency on site. One of Ebersole's contributions

has been to decrease the facility's \$9,000 a year trash disposal cost to approximately \$25. By removing the dumpster and initiating an educational program for site users, receptacles are taken home by residents instead of left behind. He also opened up a second traffic line and added new directional signs to speed up and improve operational flow.

On a related aspect of the solid waste problem, Mayor Kuran is presently

determining the viability of going out for bids on trash removal in Fanwood in an attempt to reduce the cost of this service to homeowners. If this proves unsuccessful, Council will then look into other alternatives such as municipal pick up of non-recyclable solid waste. According to the Mayor, Fanwood, along with 12 other Union County communities including Scotch Plains, continues to pay the highest rates for trash removal in the country.

Contract vote tonight!

A revised salary contract for schools Superintendent Robert Howlett is on the agenda for the public meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education tonight. The previous vote on April 4 of last year was voided by Superior Court Judge Lawrence Weiss saying the Board of Ed had a duty to give more specific notice of its intentions when it scheduled the meeting at which the salary was approved.

No details of the revised agreement were given.

Retirement Dinner to honor Lt. Thomas Culp

In November, Police Lieutenant Thomas E. Culp retired from the Scotch Plains Police Department after 26 years of devoted service to the

citizens of Scotch Plains. Tom has resided in Scotch Plains since 1959 and was appointed to the Detective Bureau from 1971 until 1973. In July 1973 he was

Market research survey nears completion

The High School's DECA Chapter is nearing the completion of its community wide market research survey on behalf of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Chamber of Commerce. The students' research included visiting all businesses in Fanwood and Scotch Plains interviewing business owners and managers on their expectations of the Chamber of Commerce and each business district. "The response to our questionnaire has been overwhelming and, on the whole, very positive," said DECA president, Brad Rezza. "Very few businesses neglected to complete the questionnaire." DECA students are now in the process of taking a non-random phone survey among the residents of both communities.

The purpose of both

surveys is to determine ways of improving the business districts of Fanwood and Scotch Plains. DECA vice president, Keith DiFiore explains, "the second goal of this project is to create a better understanding of the Chamber of Commerce among businesses and residents through a public relations campaign." DECA wants the business owners to know that the Chamber of Commerce wants to work with and for them.

DECA students will be reporting the results of the surveys to the Chamber on Tuesday, January 24, at a luncheon meeting at the Stage House Inn in Scotch Plains. For more information or suggestions, DECA is urging interested parties to call them at the high school at 889-8600 any day between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

promoted to Sgt. and was then promoted to Lieutenant in March 1984.

Tom is married to Jean Brown Culp and they have three children: Marlene,

Lisa and Tom. They also have three grandchildren: Charles, Jeane and Christopher. Since retiring from the Scotch Plains Please turn to page 13.