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School Election workers are needed

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education is in need of School Election workers for the annual School Election to occur April 7. Workers will be employed from approximately 1:30 to 9:30 pm; and the rate of pay is \$5.77 per hour.

Anyone interested in such employment must be a registered voter and cannot be employed by the Board of Education. Workers are also asked to participate in a one and one-half to two-hour informational workshop prior to the election. Workshops will be conducted Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday April 2, at 10 am and 1 pm at 2345 South Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Those who would like to become election workers or substitute workers are asked to call Mrs. Marlene Wirth at the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, 232-6161 ext. 22.

Chocolate bunny sale

The Fanwood Fire Company is sponsoring a chocolate Easter Bunny sale. The Cost is \$3.00 per bunny. Call any member or Bill Crosby - 322-6766. The sale will be on until Easter.

PTA COUNCIL CANDIDATES NIGHT TUESDAY, MARCH 31 8:00 P.M.

Evergreen School Multi-Purpose Room

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Spring Clean-Up or not? ...that is the question

Scotch Plains is the only community in Union County that still has a "spring clean-up", the service that removes residents' accumulated junk ranging anywhere from old mattresses to discarded stoves and washing machines.

Whether or not to continue that service was the subject of a debate this past Tuesday evening at the regular Township Council meeting.

Councilman George Brown pointed out that the service, if used this year, will cost \$179,000, an increase of approximately \$30,000 compared to last year. The cost for the year in taxes would come to an average of somewhere between \$20-\$25 per household (or to put it another way, around 7 cents a day).

Councilwoman Joan Papen was in favor of the "clean-up" saying that last year's cost was already in this year's proposed budget so that the only additional cost would be the increase. Mr. Brown countered by saying that whether or not it was budgeted, if it were eliminated, it would save taxpayers the \$179,000. Councilman Alan Augustine was in favor of keeping the service while Mayor Irene T. Schmidt thought it too costly and should be eliminated.

Councilman Bill McClintock hoped that if Mayor Schmidt's plan to make home garbage removal a township service (which could not be adopted until 1993), then the township could have an arrangement with the garbage removal firm that



won the township contract which would also include "spring clean-up".

Mrs. Papen contended that it was too late to discontinue the service this year because residents had already made plans to discard their unwanted

"junk" and would have a difficult and expensive time in getting rid of it. She cited some costs that the local scavengers charge for that type of removal service. Large items ranged from \$25 to \$100. *Please turn to page 4*

Fanwood residents continue to fight proposed monopole

Approximately 150 Fanwood residents attended the March 19 Fanwood Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting held at the Park Middle School. Although the meeting began at 8:10 with other matters on the agenda being heard, discussion on the controversial Cellular One monopole proposal did not begin until 8:45. At that time, Board member Warren West stepped down, citing "professional conflicts." Alternate member Janice Shacktill will take West's place on this matter.

Robert Garofalo, the attorney representing Cellular One, began by asking Zoning Board Chairman John Celardo if the Board had received the independent planner's report. A professional planner had been hired by the Board at Cellular One's expense to study the proposal. Celardo responded that the Board had not yet received the report, but that it was "forthcoming." He told Garofalo that he would probably receive a copy by "mid-week."

The first resident called upon to ask questions of Cellular One's engineer, Christopher Resavy, was former Fanwood Councilman Bruce Walsh. Walsh, an attorney, stated that he was representing himself as a resident "as well as several other residents." He named Margaret Groskinsky, Mr. & Mrs. George Mederer and Greg Cummings. Contacted after the meeting, Walsh stated that

he was offering his professional services "pro bono" (without cost). Both attorneys went back and forth in a quasi-cross-examination style directed to Resavy. The focus of their questioning concerned possible "benefits" the monopole would provide to Fanwood.

Resavy specifically noted the 911 emergency service and back-up communication that the installation of the monopole

would provide. Walsh asked Resavy if he remembered using the term, "mandate from F.C.C." (Federal Communications Commission) at the prior meeting. The engineer responded that he did remember using the term and that Cellular One had a mandate to provide service to specific areas within five years of receiving their F.C.C. license and that "Fan- *Please turn to page 15*

Memorial Day Parade Committee needs you!

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Committee has been planning for the Annual Memorial Day Celebration scheduled for Monday, May 25. The theme set by the committee is "AMERICA ON OUR MIND" and all civic groups are invited to participate by entering a float or preparing to march. The committee will again present trophies for the best float and costumed marchers.

Invitations have been sent to community groups and organizations. If you have not received a committee form, please contact the Office of the Scotch Plains Town Manager at 322-6700.

The committee is looking for a country western or rag time band to perform in the parade. Please contact Dr. Ann Walko, chairperson at 527-2175 or 889-4487 for additional information.

With the help of community leaders and participants, the committee will be able to continue the tradition of the past. The committee, comprised of Ann Walko, Chairperson, Don Cababe, Ray Manfra, Thurman Simmons, Joe McCourt and Don McCaully of Scotch Plains and Alice Gould, Dick Bard and Kevin McGonigle of Fanwood are looking forward to the community's participation in this annual event.