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## The Glad Rags featured on the green



THE GLAD RAGS

"The Glad Rags", well-known for their special brand of jazz, ragtime and country music, will be featured at the fourth concert of the Summer Village Green Series on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains on Thursday, July 23 at 8 pm. Special guest appearing with the Glad Rags will be well-known Dixieland trumpeter, Bob Leive.

This family band is comprised of Fred, Patty, Chris and Liz Fischer. Long time residents of Scotch Plains, the Glad Rags have been featured in clubs, concerts, schools and church programs for many years. Featuring Patty's dazzling banjo

playing, supported by Fred's keyboards, Chris' drums and Liz's guitar, the Fischers specialize in harmonized vocals and foot stomping instrumentals. Fred is choral music director at Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison. Chris, Fred's son, is a recent graduate of the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford in Connecticut.

In case of rain, this free concert will be moved indoors to the Town Hall Courtroom. Spectators are requested to bring lawn chairs or blankets for their comfort. For further information, please call 322-6700, ext. 220.

## Fanwood taxpayers delay of tax bills

Even though tax payers do not receive a tax bill for the third quarter of 1992, they are still required to pay their taxes no later than August 10, 1992 so as not to incur interest on late payments. THE QUESTION IS, HOW MUCH?

You can take your second quarter payment and pay that amount and then pay the difference when the new tax bills are received, or you can add \$75.00 to the second quarter amount and any coverage would be applied to the fourth quarter taxes that are due November 1, 1992.

Please be aware that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood

finished the 1992 Budget in a timely manner but had to wait for approval by the State of New Jersey, which we just received, and for Union County to calculate the tax rate for the Borough. We are waiting for the County to compute that rate so that the tax bills can be prepared and mailed out. We still do not know when that will occur.

You should also be aware that the municipality depends on these tax payments to function efficiently for the Fanwood taxpayers so we urge you to make your decision on how to pay your bill and do so in a timely manner.

## Residents invited to participate in National Night Out

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On Tuesday, August 4, 1992, Chief Robert A. Luce invites the residents of Scotch Plains to join millions of citizens and law enforcement agencies across the nation in supporting a unique crime and drug prevention event called "National Night Out". National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by Public Service Electric and Gas Company. The event is expected to involve approximately 9,000 communities from all 50 states, United States Territories and military bases around the world. In all more than 25 million people will participate in the 9th National Night Out!

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, (2) generate support for participation in local anti-crime efforts, (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations; and to send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back against drugs and crime!

On August 4, 1992, from 8 pm to 10 pm neighborhoods are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outdoors on porches, lawns and front steps. Neighborhoods are encouraged to participate in Block Parties, Cookouts, Youth Events, and flashlight walks in support of National Night Out.

Law-abiding citizens are certainly the majority in our nations war against crime and drugs. Unfortunately however, we tend to be a silent majority! On National Night Out each year, we encourage neighbors to come out, get to know each other and their local police officers a little better, and realize that we have strength in numbers against crime and drugs. We can make our community safer by using those numbers to our advantage!

Remember on Tuesday, August 4, 1992 to turn on

your lights, Lights ON means Lights Out for Crime and Drugs! So let's have our neighborhoods give Crime and Drugs a going away Party!

### FANWOOD

In recognition of the ninth annual "National Night Out," Chief Anthony J. Parenti announces that the Borough of Fanwood will again participate in this crime prevention program.

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 1992 between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Residents are requested to show their support by staying at home during the evening and leaving their outside lights on.

Doing so will:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
  2. Generate support for and participation in local anticrime programs.
  3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community relations.
  4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods nationwide are organized and fighting back.
- Participation by Mc Gruff, the crime fighting dog, will again be a feature of the evening. Mc Gruff is sponsored by the Fanwood Police Department and the Family And Community Together team. Transporting Mc Gruff as he monitors participation by Fanwood residents is through the

courtesy of the Fanwood Fire Department.

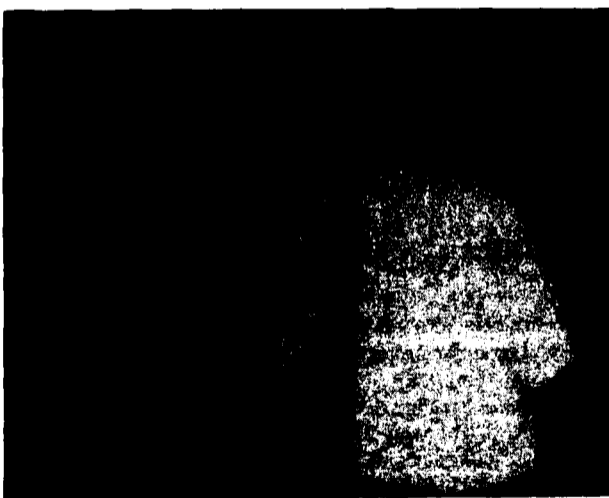
A random drawing will be held at the end of the evening to award prizes to three Fanwood residents who Mc Gruff observes are home and showing their support for National Night Out.

To be eligible for prizes residents are required to complete a registration form and return it to the Fanwood Police before 6:00 p.m. on August 4, 1992. Registration forms are available at Irma's Bag, 39 S. Martine Ave., and Scotchwood Pharmacy, 44 S. Martine Ave., or at Fanwood Police Headquarters.

Mc Gruff asks that all residents who are not going to be home to participate

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## Fanwood Chief Parenti appointed to State Task Force



Police Commissioner Maryanne Connelly congratulates Fanwood Police Chief Anthony J. Parenti on his appointment to a State Task Force.

Earlier this month, Attorney General Robert Del Tufo appointed Fanwood Police Chief Anthony J. Parenti to a special task force to study high speed police chases involving juvenile car thieves. The need for this task force came about because of the alarming rate at which police cars are being intentionally rammed by teenagers in stolen cars.

This new 'phenomenon' of ramming police cars is a life-threatening crime which endangers both the police and public. It also costs police departments and taxpayers thousands of dollars annually in wrecked and damaged police cars. According to

police officials throughout the state, juveniles are stealing cars for both joyriding purposes and for crashing into police cars causing the officer's airbag to release. Chief Parenti also believes that teenagers have something more than 'joyriding' in mind when they steal cars. "They also sell those cars to get drug money," said Chief Parenti.

The Chief sees the purpose of the task force as two-fold: 1) to reduce the specific problem which in turn will reduce auto thefts in general and 2) to develop specific policies and procedures to be utilized in dealing with police chases. Chief

Parenti stressed the need to create a safer environment for both the public and police.

A 36-year law enforcement veteran, Chief Parenti has been Chief of the Fanwood Police Department for the past 17 years. He is the founder of the N.J. Police Traffic Officers Association and has been its president since 1974. Seeing the need to gather information and study procedures regarding police chases, Chief Parenti developed a form which is also being used by other police departments in Union County.

Coincidentally, on July 17 a bi-partisan bill that seeks to have juveniles who use a stolen car to commit a serious crime as adults was announced. Senators Ronald Rice (D-Essex) and Joseph Bubba (R-Passaic) planned to introduce the bill in the Legislature earlier this week. This bill is aimed at stiffening penalties against juvenile car thieves. Rice stated that N.J. has the second highest number of car thefts in the nation. Police officers throughout the state have agreed that the judicial system must come up with a plan to stiffen sentences against juvenile car thieves.