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## Update on solid waste recycling ordinance in Scotch Plains

The Scotch Plains Solid Waste/Recycling Ordinance is currently in the process of being updated to include additional state-mandated materials for both its residential and non-residential recycling programs. Nonresidential establishments include, but are not limited to, offices, commercial

businesses, industries, and institutions (schools, religious, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.). The vast majority of local businesses have been recycling newspaper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars and white office paper for several years. For the nonresiden-

tial sector, these materials will continue to be recycled as well as the following items:

- mixed paper (junk mail, magazines)
- PET and HDPE, numbers 1 and 2 plastic
- ferrous/non-ferrous scrap metals
- roofing material/asphalt roof shingles
- wood waste, asphalt, concrete, masonry
- steel cans
- vehicle batteries
- used tires
- food waste in any facility serving 500 or more meals per day
- grass, leaves, and brush

Letters have been sent to all hauler and recycling firms servicing area commercial establishments notifying them of these additions. If your business generates any mandated material, it must be collected separately from trash and recycled at a certified recycling facility. Recycling tonnage information must then be reported, either by you or your hauler, to the Recycling Coordinator on **NO LESS THAN A QUARTERLY BASIS.**

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## Fanwood Planning Board approves affordable housing plan

The affordable housing plan which the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) ordered Fanwood to develop was approved by the Fanwood Planning Board at their regular monthly public meeting held on Thursday, July 23. This plan was developed by Council Housing Committee members Chairperson Maryanne Connelly, Andrew MacDonald and David Berger in conjunction with professional planner, Richard Priess. The plan will now be voted upon by the Borough Council at a special Borough Council meeting on Thursday, July 30.

On May 6, COAH established Fanwood's fair share number to be eight. The COAH decision also gave Fanwood the option of entering into a Regional Contribution Agreement (RCA) for up to 50 percent of its fair share number. This means that Fanwood may pay an agreeable municipality to take four units. A public hearing was held on June 24 at which time several residents spoke out in favor of utilizing the max-

imum number (4) RCA's allowed by law.

The plan developed by the Housing Committee transfers three (3) housing units through regional contribution agreements and calls for five (5) affordable housing units to be built in Fanwood. The plan also calls for the rezoning of lots on Terrill Road, Midway Avenue and LaGrande Avenue to allow for higher-density development.

Under such rezoning, six (6) units could be built on Terrill Road, three (3) of which would be low-income units. Midway would be rezoned to accommodate seven (7) units: six (6) single-family homes and one (1) low-income duplex. The Terrill Road site (2.65 acres) is owned by Michael McCabe of Middletown. Midway (1.2 acres) is owned by the LaGrande Midway Partnership. Barbara Steinfeld of Watchung is the principal (50 percent) owner. The remaining 50 percent ownership is comprised of seven individuals.

The plan also allows for eight (8) full-priced townhouses to be built on LaGrande Avenue in return for the developer donating \$40,000 to \$50,000 toward the regional contribution agreement. This property is owned by the La Grande Square Partnership, Robert Rau of Warren and Richard Bower. The additional funds needed to transfer Fanwood's obligation would need to be raised through a minimal increase in property taxes.

Although the plan was approved by a 6-1 vote, several residents among the approximately 35 in attendance, criticized the Housing Committee for not transferring all four (4) units out of town and for permitting higher densities. Referring to the June 24 public hearing, resident Dave Diken stated "the public overwhelmingly supported the use of RCA's to protect the integrity of our neighborhoods." Another resident stated that the "town council must be suffering from a severe

case of amnesia."

"I would be remiss if I did not comment on the statements made here this evening," said Council President Maryanne Connelly. Connelly said that she "resented the comment that the Council is in a state of amnesia." Referring to references made about the RCA agreement proposed, Connelly also took issue with the suggestion that "the builders have bought off the town council."

Councilman Andrew MacDonald supported Council President Connelly's statements and added "I would be remiss if I did not vote for this plan." MacDonald continued calling COAH "a monstrosity." "We should accept this plan as written or I can assure you, we will be opening a Pandora's Box. The state has held a gun to our heads for too long. I hope that the other members of this Board vote for this plan," said MacDonald.

Also voicing his support of Connelly's statement was Planning Board member and former Borough Councilman Bruce Walsh. Walsh praised Fanwood for being "the one town in the entire state that stood up and fought COAH." In addition to Walsh, those Planning Board members who voted in favor of the plan were: Chairman Karl Eschle, Donald McCormack, Andrew MacDonald, Linda Bykowski and Jan Swider. Greg Cummings cast the only 'no' vote. Mayor Stender was absent from the meeting.

If the Borough Council approves the plan at the July 30 meeting, it will then be forwarded to COAH in time for the August 4 deadline given to the Borough. COAH will then review the plan. If it meets with COAH's approval, the plan will receive substantive certification. According to a COAH spokesperson, this review process can take "anywhere from a few months to a number of months depending on the complexity of the plan and if there are any objectors."

## Andrew Schulman makes seventh appearance at Village Green concert



ANDREW SCHULMAN

Internationally known guitarist, Andrew Schulman, will make his 7th appearance at the Scotch Plains Village Green concert series on Thursday, July 30 at 8:00 pm. Mr. Schulman had concert tours this past season in Russia, England and Italy and was a frequent guest artist at Lincoln Center and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Mr. Schulman performs exclusively on the eight string guitar which is a perfect vehicle for Renaissance and Baroque music and ideal for expanding the modern repertoire. The program on Thursday evening will feature music by Granados, Tchaikovsky,

Bach, Joplin and the Beatles.

His new Centaur recording is entitled "Lullabies, Reveilles and Siesta!" In addition to two solo recordings released on the Centaur label in 1989, Mr. Schulman has recorded "Live from N.Y. and Woodstock" on the Abaca label.

Mr. Schulman's many radio and TV credits include guest appearance on WQXR-FM, WNCN-FM and NBC-TV. In case of rain this free concert will be held in the Scotch Plains Courtroom. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for their comfort. For further information, call 322-6700 ext. 220.

## URGENT - URGENT to all users of Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Center

Effective immediately the Recycling Center will no longer accept plastic containers except for bottles such as those for soda, for milk or water, or for detergents. Unfortunately, the market for other types has disappeared.

To determine if plastic bottles are of the correct material for the center to accept, users are requested to check the following criteria-Only plastic containers originally holding liquids are acceptable. Boxes, bags and bottle caps are NOT accepted. All containers should be checked for the familiar triangular recycle logo and the number within the triangle must be either 1 or 2. No other plastics can be recycled at the center at this time. PLEASE DO

NOT BRING OTHER PLASTICS TO THE CENTER. Your cooperation is earnestly requested.



The Center will continue to process other materials including aluminum, glass bottles, cardboard and corrugated cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper, "tin" cans, used motor oil, and used clothing and blankets.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association regrets the reduction in the types of plastic handled at this time and hopes that in the future it will be possible to recycle various types not now acceptable.