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Scotch Plains-Fanwood Celebrates Memorial Day



New cub makes appearance at Terry Lou Zoo. See pages 8 and 9 for a look at other local businesses.

Fanwood donations would pay tribute to veterans

The Borough of Fanwood has initiated a fundraising effort to honor three residents who gave their lives in the Vietnam War.

Your contributions will enable Charles Burns, Edward Klaniacki and Eugene Hendricks names to become a permanent part of the magnificent New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel. The cost is \$250 each for their names to be engraved in one of the paving stones lining the sides of the Memorial Walkway and entered in the Memorial Hall Registry.

Councilman Kevin McGonigle urges all Fanwood residents to make a donation to this worthwhile endeavor. All contributions may be sent to either Councilman McGonigle or Eleanor McGovern, c/o Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, N.J. 07023.

Troop 111 sponsors Flea Market May 29th

Troop No. 111 Boy Scouts of America (BSA) of Scotch Plains/Fanwood will be sponsoring their annual Flea Market at the Fanwood Train Station (North Avenue) on Saturday, May 29, 1993 (rain or shine). The market -- from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm -- has vendors selling everything from garage sale items to fine arts/crafts items. The Troop No. 111 Scouts will be selling breakfast & lunch.

This troop is one of most active and longest-standing scout groups in all of central New Jersey. They have a successful record of camping, civic/community, educational and fun activities over the years, with a group of boys, which at present, are working hard to all become Eagle Scouts. The troop meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm at the McGinn School in Fanwood.

Previous flea markets have been a great success for the vendors as well as shoppers, seekers and strollers!! VENDORS INTERESTED IN RESERVING SPACE SHOULD CONTACT ART GRISI AT 908-654-3608. The many Scouts of Troop No. 111 thank the community for all of their support in the past and invite you again to the Memorial Day weekend event on Saturday 5/29/93.

Fanwood Council presents proclamations/awards

A number of proclamations and awards highlighted the May 12th Fanwood Council meetings.

New flags for the monument and library were presented by the American Legion Post 209. Eric Hoyer, an Eagle Scout, was commended for his work on the environment, and as a role model for other young people. Irene Jetter, a former crossing guard, was honored by the Optimist Club.

Mayor Linda Stender proclaimed May 15th as

fourth Clean Community Day for residents to come together to pick up litter and plant flowers in the business section. Greg Cummings, of the Environmental Commission, brought decorated coffee mugs to the Council, which were given to the volunteers on Clean-up Day.

Ruth Wegmann of the Fanwood Rescue Squad received the Governor's Volunteer Award for her 30 years of service. There were 300 applicants for this award and she was the first person in Union County to receive it. Wegmann was also the first woman on the Fanwood Rescue Squad, and among her major ac-



Greg Cummings presented Clean-up Day coffee mug to Mayor Linda Stender.

complishments, she saved the life of a baby thrown out of a car. She has been Secretary of the Squad, and a volunteer at Runnells. Mayor Stender proclaimed May 21-28 as Fanwood Rescue Squad Week, when the Annual Fund Drive begins.

Councilman William Populus announced that the Downtown Development Committee will have an intern for three months to survey stabilizing the business area.

The auditors were pre-

sent and reviewed the budget. The Capital Budget is \$355,000, earmarked to general improvements. There is a need for a 911 emergency phone system; however the Council urges the legislature to delay while the municipalities study this because of the anticipated costs to the Borough (around \$75,000). Reconstruction of Second Street is planned, with a substantial contribution of state

funds. The Capital Budget had its first reading. The Municipal Budget cannot be passed now, because there has been no State approval yet. A Resolution for Temporary Emergency funding was approved. It is anticipated that the local tax rate would go up 4 cents, from \$1.22 to \$1.26 per \$100 of assessed property value.

There was a Second Reading for an Ordinance to exceed the cap by 1.5% because of additional mandated ex-

penses undertaken, and there was a good deal of discussion about cat licensing. While the Board of Health was more in favor of this, the Mayor and Council were doubtful. It was felt that most cats were indoors anyway, and the others may be hard to find!

There was notification by Governor Florio of an environmental grant award of \$2200 to study the Nature Center and assess natural resources.

Nancy Eisenbarth was appointed Historic Preservation Commissioner to work on the 1995 Centennial Book on the History of Fanwood. Ms. Eisenbarth has done

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Proposed Scotch Plains budget increases by 4%

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Council next Tuesday evening at the Municipal Building at 8:30 p.m., a public hearing of the new municipal budget will be held.

The proposed budget has an increase of about 4% over last year. Most of the increases involved are non-discretionary and are either mandated by the state or by employment contracts.

This increase, along with the district Board of Education budget, which

was passed last month, and the Union County budget means that the average home in Scotch Plains, which is assessed at \$113,300 will have an increase of \$193. The percentage breakdown is 64½% for education, 18% for the county and 17½% for the municipality.

The total monies involved are education: \$25,138,186; county: \$7,350,000; Scotch Plains: \$6,812,558. Some of the increased municipal costs are

health insurance and worker's compensation, residential Spring clean-up, fire hydrant rental and debt service. The complete budget was published in last week's issue of THE TIMES.

Mayor Joan Papen, in her notice to the taxpayers stated, "Our revenues were healthy this year as we took in more than normal construction fees due to the present housing construction in the municipality. We have been able to utilize some of this

surplus to offset much of our mandated expenses and still maintain a safe balance for the municipality."

Tom Atkins, Township Manager, said that the consistency of the budget and its conservative planning is one of the reasons Scotch Plains has an AA rating from Moody, the highest a community of its size can receive. He added that 1992 was a particularly good year in collecting delinquent taxes and helped the Surplus (Fund Balance).