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Downtown revitalization topic of Fanwood meeting

Long-range planning and downtown revitalization highlighted the Fanwood Borough Council meeting on Wednesday, June 9th. Councilman Populus introduced Matthew Bauer who will spearhead the project. An intern from Rutgers, Bauer will be here for a period of three months, at no local taxpayers' expense. He holds two Master's degrees and is in a post-doc program at Rutgers.

Matthew Bauer presented a four-part program that will include contacting local business owners, and residents by mail. He will meet with representatives of local institutions, such as Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, banks, schools, and utilities. Bauer will assess community needs by interviewing owners of all

downtown businesses, and interviewing commuters in preparation for developing a survey, and then distributing it.

In an attempt to create solutions by identifying new complementary establishments, Bauer will arrange for appropriate entrepreneurs to consider Fanwood, and plan for development of underutilized downtown parcels of land.

Plans were discussed to organize the 1st Annual Fanny Wood Celebration in late summer or early fall. A Fanwood Economic Development Organization would work for these long-term goals. Since new zoning is coming up, it is important to plan positive implementations, instead of focusing on restrictions. Dr. Bauer will cooperate with the Historical Preservation Commission.

Rutgers considers this a pilot program. It will be monitored by Dr. Mark Lapping, Dean of Blaustein School of Planning and Public Policy.

Mayor Stender, on behalf of the Council and the community, presented a plaque to former Councilman David Borger, commending him for his service to the borough. Leslie Borger accepted the plaque for her husband who has been transferred to the west coast on a new assignment. Mrs. Borger said that Mr. Borger was very sorry to leave, misses everyone very much, and hopes he accomplished some good in his capacity as Councilman.

Chief of Police Anthony Parenti reported on the progress in putting up signs all over town, directing people to the Police

Station. The new designated lanes, making parking easier, will avoid problems of congestion. With the Fourth of July coming up, he reminded everyone that firecrackers are illegal, not to mention dangerous. There are seven excellent candidates for openings on the police force, all of whom have graduated from County College police training, at their own expense.

An invitation was received from the President of the Board of Education to meet Dr. Carol Choye, the new Superintendent, on Thursday, June 24th.

The Plainfield Joint Meeting Ad Hoc Advisory Committee recommended that a Regional Sewage Authority Advisory Committee be

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Youth Group to sponsor June 26th Flea Market

Bargain hunters and dealers - mark your calendars!! St. Bartholomew's Youth Group will sponsor a Flea Market on Saturday, June 26 at the Fanwood Railroad Station from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

In addition to a large assortment of bargains provided by dealers throughout the area, refreshments such as hot dogs, soda, coffee, and donuts will also be available.

Proceeds from the Flea Market will help augment the cost of a week long trip to Denver by members of the Youth Group this August where they will participate in World Youth Day. This is an international gathering of youth who will meet to share and renew their faith. The highlight of the gathering will be a visit from Pope John Paul II.

For additional information and dealer reservations, call 889-4938.

Special Olympics at Trenton State College

On Sunday, June 20, the B'nai B'rith Single Professionals Unit of New Jersey will volunteer as escorts to the participating athletes. Other volunteer positions may also be available. Members and other interested Jewish singles should contact Melanie at (201) 509-9325.

The B'nai B'rith Single Professionals Unit of New Jersey is comprised of men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 throughout North and Central New Jersey.

DECA's "Social Event" was a spectacular success

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter held its 23rd annual Recognition Banquet at L'Affaire Restaurant before a capacity audience of 520 guests, and once again, the Banquet, referred to by many as our community's "Social Event of the Year" was a spectacular success. The fast-paced and highly entertaining evening was planned and organized entirely by the ninety member, civic minded DECA organization, comprised of High School Marketing students. Among the guests were state and local political leaders, local business men and women who worked with the Marketing student during the year, representatives from many civic groups, school administrators and teachers, parents and Alumni. Many awards were given to businesses and individuals who worked with the students



DECA students and teachers were "perfect together" during the fashion show. during the year, and the highlight of the evening was the annual entertaining and colorful fashion show featuring 80 DECA models and a special segment which included 10 teachers modeling

historical clothing of famous characters of literature. DECA students, junior Jennifer Curtin coordinated the fashion show, with English Supervisor Pam Perka coordinating the literature portion of the show.

The second highlight was the annual roasting of High School Principal, Dr. Terry Riegel. After the students honored their Principal, the students explained his penchant for 'searching for mice'. After depicting Riegel as the Pied Piper of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, the 'Riegel Mouseketeer' sang their salute to the Principal.

Many DECA students also were recognized for their outstanding success during the year, in sponsoring over 30 community activities, including a Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the homeless, a toy drive and party for homeless children, raising

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