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**HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH...**In a recent tour of the borough, Fanwood Republican Council candidates, former Councilman Dr. Chester Lindsay and Joel Whitaker, were looking at the work that had been done on the Martine Avenue Bridge. "Much to our dismay we found on the Borough Public Works lot, sixteen 55-gallon drums, clearly marked 'Hazardous Waste' and dated July 5, 1995. The drums of hazardous waste are the property of New Jersey Transit." Dr. Lindsay said this situation is unacceptable and that "New Jersey Transit should be able to find a facility for their hazardous waste, six weeks after it has been used." Mr. Whitaker said, "New Jersey should remove the hazardous waste immediately to insure the health and safety of its citizens and especially of our children."

## Residents Complain About Noise from Businesses On Waverly Place and Jerusalem Road

*Want Area to Be Rezoned for Residences, Although They Are Told All Existing Businesses Must Be Allowed to Continue, Since They Would Predate Any New Rezoning*

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY  
Specially Written for The Times

Several residents of Waverly Place in Scotch Plains voiced their displeasure to the Township Council, over what they claim is excessive noise coming from businesses on Waverly Place and Jerusalem Road. Some residents vowed that unless the area is rezoned residential they will continue to put pressure on the council during its regular meetings.

In other business, the governing body during its only regular meeting in August approved three ordinances and several resolutions. The ordinances approved are as follows:

- An ordinance prohibiting left turns during school days from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School driveway on Westfield Road. The ordinance is effective immediately.
- An ordinance excluding trucks over four tons from the entire length of Westfield Avenue. Delivery trucks are exempted. This ordinance is also effective immediately.
- An ordinance establishing a salary range of \$14,000 to \$42,000 for a Municipal Court Administrator. The services of the Court Administrator will be shared with Fanwood.

The council approved several resolutions including one between Scotch Plains and Local No. 87 of the

## Planning Board Allows Homes On Hetfield

*Two Lots of 6,000 Square Feet Approved Over Some Objection*

By SUZETTE STALKER  
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The Scotch Plains Planning Board, during its regular meeting Monday, adopted a resolution memorializing its approval July 18 of a minor subdivision application by Mastrocola Family Limited Partnership.

Officials granted the partnership permission to subdivide property it owns at 1060 Hetfield Avenue, demolish an existing two-family house, reconfigure the lots and construct two new single-family dwellings.

Applicant Frank Mastrocola, who appeared before the board during a public hearing June 20 and again on July 18, said that the 12,000 square feet of property would be divided into two lots of 6,000 square feet.

The houses to be built on these lots would be put up for sale to the public, the property owner confirmed last month.

Several neighbors had voiced concern during the public hearings that the proposed subdivision and subsequent home buildings would create over-saturation of people on the lots, alter the style of the neighborhood and lead to storm water problems.

Board members voted unanimously in favor of the application after determining that the subdivision, which would turn the property from a non-conforming to a conforming use and create new residential homes, would enhance the community, and that it would not cause overcrowding because there would be approximately the same amount of people living on the property as with the two family home

Policemen's Benevolent Association. Police officers will now work four days and be off for three days. The work day will be 10 hours. This new work schedule will be implemented as soon as possible. The three-year contract between the township and the police expires on December 31.

A resolution awarding the A and A Gomes Construction Company a contract for improvements to Deer Path in the sum of \$179,765 was approved by the council.

Councilwoman, Mrs. Joan Papen, introduced a resolution supporting Assembly Bill No. 1203 and Senate Bill No. 1323.

These bills, she said, deal with the busing of private and public school children. Existing law provides that children who live less than two and a half miles from school may not be bused even if those children's parents offer to pay.

Mrs. Papen stated, "This legislation is in the best interests of our citizens, involves no extra cost to the taxpayers and is not a mandate."

The resolution passed unanimously 4-0. Councilman Robert Johnston was absent.

Miss Alta Hicks and Miss Wellene Hicks of Waverly Place along with Bryce Street of Waverly Place spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting regarding an alleged noise problem in their neighborhood.

According to the residents, businesses in the Jerusalem Road and Waverly Place areas work from early in the morning until late at night. Those establishments named as being sources of noise include a brickyard, Checchio Construction and Oliver Howarth and Sons and an unnamed auto body shop. It was not made clear at the meeting who was making the noise on those properties.

The Hicks sisters and Mr. Street claim drinking occurs every Friday night at the businesses accompanied by loud noise.

The property of the brickyard was especially singled out as a fire hazard due to an accumulation of wood, branches and other waste.

Mr. Street and the Misses Hicks left an audio tape for the council to listen to and left a petition with 30 signatures complaining about the noise.

Miss Alta Hicks said she has kept

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detailed records as to when the noise starts and stops. Miss Hicks said she would like the area around Waverly Place and Jerusalem Road rezoned for residential uses only and the commercial uses relocated.

She said, "Rezoning is the only way you are not going to hear from us anymore." Councilwoman, Mrs. Irene Schmidt, pointed out that, even if the area was rezoned, those uses existing today would be "grandfathered" in. Mrs. Schmidt stated, "It is not possible to relocate the businesses." The councilwoman went on to say, "This is our first notice of any problem." Mrs. Schmidt speculated the revision of the Master Plan might include the Waverly Place-Jerusalem Road area. Mayor William E. McClintock, the council, Thomas E. Atkins, Town Administrator, and Donald T. DiFrancesco, the Township Attorney said they will review and evaluate the complaints of

the Misses Hicks and Mr. Street and get back to them at the first available opportunity. The matter has also been referred to the fire, police, health and public works departments.

A resolution saluting members of Scotch Plains Branch No. 4102 of the Letter Carriers was accepted by Miss Elizabeth Mulligan, President. Scotch Plains letter carriers and letter carriers all over the country conducted a food drive for the needy.

Letter carriers collected 30,000 pounds or 15 tons of food which was donated to St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church for distribution. The Scotch Plains branch collected as much food as five surrounding communities.

The Reverend John L. Lester of St. Bartholomew's thanked the letter carriers and the "great generosity" of Scotch Plains residents.

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## Officers Domanoski, Drewes and White Promoted To Lieutenant, Sergeant and Corporal Respectively

*Proposed Borough Law Would Make Convicted and Paroled Child Molesters Register With the Chief of Police*

By SUZETTE STALKER  
Specially Written for The Times

An enthusiastic crowd of about 40 people filled the Fanwood Borough Council chambers last Wednesday evening to witness the council's adoption of resolutions confirming the promotions of three local police officers. Fanwood Police Chief Anthony Parenti and fellow officers were among those on hand to offer congratulations.

Council President, Mrs. MaryAnne Connelly, in giving the invocation following the

pledge of allegiance, set the tone for the law enforcement ceremony by encouraging those in attendance to "yearn for justice and work toward it."

Mrs. Connelly, welcoming each of the officers and their families in turn to the front of the room, recited each resolution highlighting their respective accomplishments as long-time members of the Fanwood force.

Officer Donald F. Domanoski, a 17-year member of the Fanwood Police De-

partment, was promoted to Lieutenant, and was joined for the council's presentation by his wife and two children. He will serve as Commander of the department's Operations Division.

Officer Howard Drewes, a life-long borough resident and also a member of the Fanwood Police Department for 17 years, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He will continue as a member of the force's Detective Bureau.

The new Sergeant was cited

by Mrs. Connelly for his "many courageous acts" and numerous commendations which he has received during his years of service. He was accompanied last week by his wife and their two children.

Officer Edward J. White, Jr., an eight-year member of the Fanwood Police Department, was promoted to Corporal and will remain with the force's Patrol Division in his new position. Joining him for the council's presentation were his

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## INTERIM TAX ASSESSOR APPOINTED

# New Fiber Optics System For Township Said to Allow For 500 Cable Stations

*Proposal for Bike and Walk Trail to Run Through North and South Sides Of Scotch Plains and Through Fanwood Received Warmly by Councilmen*

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY  
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A new fiber optic technology available from Bell Atlantic which, when the township is hooked up, will enable residents to select from among 500 cable television stations, Scotch Plains officials announced at Tuesday night's meeting of the Township Council.

In other business during the governing body's agenda session, a township resident presented the council with a proposal for bike and walk trails which will link the North and South sides of Scotch Plains and will run through Fanwood.

The council appointed Charles Femminella as its interim Tax Assessor. Mr. Femminella has been serving in the post since July 20. He is President of Certified Valuations, Inc. of Randolph. His firm performed the township's revaluation which took place in 1983.

Mr. Femminella will serve no more than two months, and interviews are being conducted to fill this post. He has been a certified Tax Assessor for over 25 years.

Mr. Femminella said he does not desire the position on a permanent basis due to his many other obligations. As a result of the temporary nature of the appointment, Mr. Femminella will receive no benefits.

Officials noted that 64 per cent to 65 per cent of taxes paid by Scotch Plains residents go to the Board of Education with 18 to 19 per cent going to the county and 17 per cent of the revenues going to the township.

Township officials told the governing body that this year's municipal audit has been sent to Trenton for review by state officials. The review is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Officials reported Roselle Park, Chatham and Hillsborough are contemplating joining the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund. The fund has been operating successfully for almost one year.

Officials termed the July 28 bond sale a success; they netted the township \$4,356,000.

A bike and walk trail linking the north and south sides of Scotch Plains and running through Fanwood has been proposed by township residents, Mrs. Marcia

Anderson and Mrs. Jane Dougherty, Chairwoman of the Recreation Commission.

The projected path would run from Ashbrook to Farley Parks. The council said it hopes the project will be funded with grant money. Mrs. Anderson will report

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## Did Suspects In Robbery Do Others?

*Fake .45 Caliber Gun Found on Man, Police Say*

Scotch Plains police are trying to determine if two men arrested and charged with holding up a Shell gas station on Route No. 22 are connected to four other gas station robberies.

According to published reports, three men in a small white car pulled into the gas station around 1:30 a.m. on August 14 and after asking for gas requested cigarettes.

One of the three men allegedly followed the attendant who was going into the building to get the cigarettes at which time the suspect brandished a gun and stuck it in the attendant's face and demanded money. The three men fled with an undetermined amount of cash.

Police, who were contacted by the attendant, observed a car on Front Street that matched the description given by the attendant and began a pursuit. The suspects reportedly abandoned the vehicle on Saint Ann Street and fled on foot.

One of the suspects was caught near a brook and the other was captured hiding in a car on Hunter Avenue. A third suspect remained at large despite an extensive search which included the county sheriff's K-9 unit.

Arrested were Joseph L. Boyd, 20, and Harry Caver, 23, both of Plainfield. Police charged them with armed robbery and possession of a firearm for unlawful purposes. Both are being held in the Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

A .45-caliber automatic fake handgun was recovered by police in addition to a small amount of cash.

## Anti-Plan Group to Show Film on Outcome Education

The grassroots organization named People Realizing Outcome-Based Education (PROBE) has been formed in response to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Strategic Plan. The primary mission of the organization is to educate the community about Outcome-Based Education. As a service, the group will loan copies of the plan to community members, so all can become better acquainted with the school district's plan.

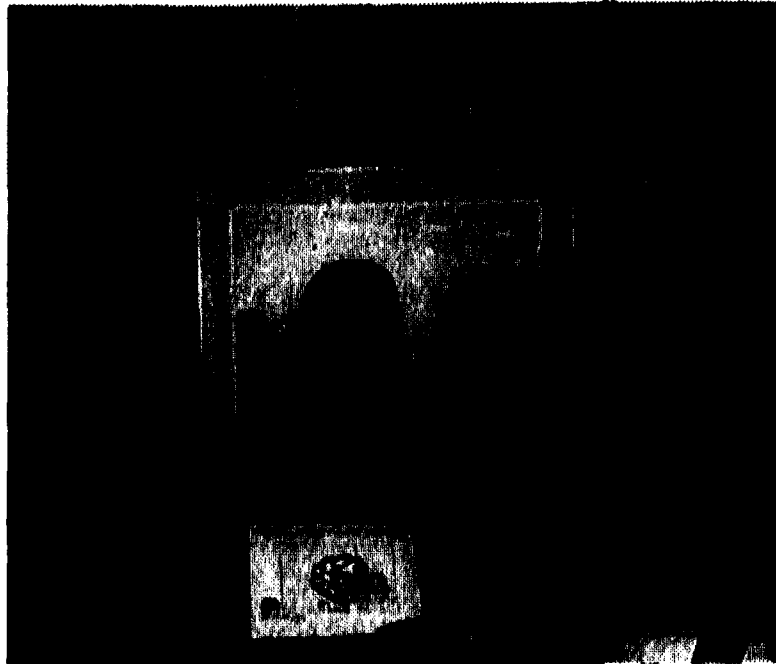
To date, all meetings have included only members of the group, but on Tuesday, September 6, at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Library, the organization will show the film "Who Controls the Children?" at 8 p.m. This film was produced by the Pennsylvania

Parent Commission — another organization which is educating communities about Outcome-Based Education.

A second screening is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, also at the Scotch Plains Library, at 8 p.m. Community members are welcomed on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Members of the group have been accused of taking parts of the plan 'out of context' by school administrators and board members. In the same breath, these individuals have stated that they 'labored over every word.' The plan does not read like a text where something could be taken out of context, but instead is a collec-

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**NOW AVAILABLE...**The College Club of Scotch Plains and Fanwood has announced the availability of the 1994-1995 Community Date Calendars. This year's calendar is dedicated to Fanwood's Centennial anniversary to be held next year. A drawing of the Fanwood Train Station by Fanwood resident Christine Librandy, second from left, a junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, was chosen for the cover. Also pictured, from left to right, are Miss Ginger Kachko, Club President; Fanwood Mayor, Mrs. Linda S. Blander, a club member, and Mrs. Maureen O'Toole, Calendar Production Chairwoman. The calendars are available for \$4 each.

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