FAN. FIRE DEPT. ASKS RESIDENTS TO "ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT"

During and after a snowstorm, fire hydrants are often difficult to locate because they are either covered by the snowfall itself, or by the plowing and shoveling which follows the storm. In the event that a fire should occur, valuable minutes would be lost while the responding firemen try to locate the hydrant and then connect their hoses to it. This delay in getting water to the fire would result in unnecessary damage and increased risk to the firemen. This delay in getting water to the fire would result in unnecessary damage and increased risk to the firemen.

After the recent "Blizzard of '83", members of the Fanwood Fire Department spent approximately 79 man hours clearing 27 hydrants, so that they would be available in the event of a fire.

The Fanwood Fire Department is asking that residents adopt the fire hydrant in their neighborhood and make sure that after any snowfall, the hydrant is clearly visible, and is dug out so that not only can the firemen get to the hydrant, but so that all of the hydrant ports are thoroughly cleared so that hoses can be connected to them if it should be necessary.

If at any other time, a resident should observe any problem with a hydrant that could affect the firemen's ability to locate or use a hydrant, they are asked to notify the Fire Department by calling the Fanwood Police Department, at 322-5000.

If every resident helps by adopting the hydrant in their neighborhood, the job of the fire department would be greatly helped, and these residents would be helping themselves, their neighbors and their community.

DECA STUDENTS AND THE PURPLE RIBBON CAMPAIGN ON "FANWOOD FACTS"

DECA students Denise Aversa, Marc Sorkin, Steven Davis, Gregory Muller and Mark Swindlehurst will be the guests of Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran on the "Fanwood Facts" show for March. Some of the history, past projects and goals of DECA will be described by Aversa, Sorkin and Davis. The current project, repainting the first floor interior of the Fanwood Railroad Station, will be discussed by Muller and Swindlehurst.

In the final segment of the show, S.P.F., PTA Council Vice-President Kristi Hawkins will explain the problem with a hydrant that could affect the firemen's ability to locate or use a hydrant, they are asked to notify the Fire Department by calling the Fanwood Police Department, at 322-5000.

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FREE BP SCREENING

The Fanwood Board of Health will conduct a free blood pressure screening from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, and from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6.

S.P. LISTENING POST

The monthly Scotch Plains Listening Post will be held on Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., free. The meeting will take place in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Park Avenue.

SPF-ETV SCHEDULE

The following programs will be aired at 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, February 27 - Wrestling vs. Linden, 4:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 28 - Boys Basketball vs. Hillside, 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, March 3 - Channel 34 News.
- Tuesday, March 4 - Wrestling vs. Piscataway, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 5 - Battle of the Minds #10.
- Thursday, March 6 - Boys Basketball vs. Hillside, 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, March 7 - Wrestling vs. Piscataway.

Arson is determined cause of Mama Rosa’s explosion

A massive explosion that leveled Mama Rosa’s Italian Restaurant and Alfonso’s Pizzeria early Tuesday morning has been declared an arson case.

The Union County Arson Squad was assisted in its investigation by the Scotch Plains Police Department and agents of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The investigation revealed that natural gas was fuel for the explosion that took place, and was introduced by deliberate, premeditated criminal acts that circumvented standard security procedures for the safe operation of the natural gas system utilized in the restaurant.

No one was injured in the 2:41 a.m. blast which demolished two thirds of the restaurant. The front section was damaged beyond repair. In the rear of the building, collapsed walls buried a red van while debris hung from surrounding trees. The restaurant’s front door was found across the street.

Township Building Inspector, Robert LaCosta, declared the building and ordered its demolition.

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Photo by Jim Hoetzel

The awful aftermath of the explosion at Mama Rosa’s Restaurant.

Fire Department investigates debris after Tuesday morning’s explosion.

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Heels and Soles Shoe store owner, Rocco DiFrancesco, shovels up remains of store front windows.

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