

1950's

Population	USA	FANWOOD
	150,697,361	3,228

Mayors of Fanwood

RICHARD P. HATFIELD 1954-1957
CHARLES T. TODD 1958-1961

Life in Fanwood

The smell of burning leaves in the borough streets was a sure sign of the coming winter . . . the public works department closed Russell Road for the children to sleigh ride down from North Avenue to Paterson Road . . . the A&P was on the corner of South and Martine Avenues . . . the long 110 car freight trains would stall on the uphill grade in the Fanwood cut, the stalled engine would signal with it's whistle for help and the helper engine would push them over the hill into Westfield . . . Forest Road Park was a swamp and children would ice skate there in the winter . . . a miniature golf course was located in Fanwood on the current A&P sight on South Avenue . . . shopping at the IGA Food Market on Martine Avenue . . . eating at RO-RO's roadside stand on South Avenue where Fish N Chips is now . . . both drug stores in town had soda fountains.

Tunes of the Times

Getting To Know You — Silver Bells — Mona Lisa — Autumn Leaves — C'est Si Bon — Jailhouse Rock — My Favorite Things — Hey Good Lookin' — Doggie In The Window — Love Is a Many Splendored Thing — Wake Up Little Susie — Climb Every Mountain.

Movies and Actors

Ben-Hur — All About Eve — The Bridge Over The River Kwai — From Here To Eternity — On The Waterfront.
Humphrey Bogart — Marlon Brando — Joanne Woodward — Susan Hayward — Ingrid Bergman.



Hoppels Pond was a favorite family ice skating pond for many winters. It was located at the present site of the high school on Westfield Road.

Signs of the Times

1950

Korean War begins and General Douglas MacArthur commands U.S. troops

1951

Fanwood Memorial Library constructed the first borough owned building built since the borough's inception

1953

Major renovation of the Fire Hall on Watson Road, Borough signs 99 year lease to maintain the building

1957

Maple Tree Inn, site of present Exxon car care center on South Avenue is the center of Fanwoods Political and social life

1959

Alaska and Hawaii become the 49th and 50th states.