

week when curb-side collection is made of unwanted household and garden items. A dumpster service is supplied in the Spring and Fall at the Public Works Yard on Plainfield Avenue. Township residents can take unwanted items to the Yard free of charge on Saturdays, from 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The Road Department uses special equipment to clean the storm sewer catch basins regularly. Since an ordinance bans leaf-burning, residents may pile their leaves along the edge of their property in the Fall, and road crews use leaf-suction equipment to gather them. Weather permitting, the department services every street in the Township every ten days until snowfall. The Road Department also cares for trees planted on Township property. Most of these trees are located between curb lines and private property lines.



"Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School"

"Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave." — Lord Brougham

EDUCATION

The first school of which there is any record was organized by the "Scotch Plains Baptist School Society" around 1768. A piece of land and a building along Park Avenue were deeded by William Darby for school purposes, the only cost being the sealing and delivery of the deed—four shillings (96 cents). Some time in the early 19th century, the town took over its operation. Grades were added and new buildings constructed as needed, and six high school students graduated in 1898. Some sharing of facilities was practiced between school districts to accommodate varying needs. By 1931, Scotch Plains offered a comprehensive high school program that included college preparatory, commercial, and general divisions. In 1962, by public referendum, the school district became a regional district, formalizing with Fanwood what had been an essentially regional operation since 1870. Since the Board of Education is elected and the budget is approved by public referendum, the district is designated under state law as a Type II regional school district. There are six elementary schools, two junior high schools, and one high school in the district.