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FW Redevelopment Projects Underway on South Avenue

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FANWOOD — Several redevelopment projects are under construction or are in the advanced planning stages along South Avenue in downtown Fanwood, as illustrated by the photographs on this page.

The Borough of Fanwood is a fully developed residential town of 1.3 square miles and slightly more than seven thousand inhabitants. The borough has virtually no industry in its tax base. In its business district, redevelopment is aggressively underway.

With the approval of three major projects, one currently underway (across from Chelsea Assisted Living Home on the corner of First Street and South Avenue), the borough is pioneering many improvements that it hopes will forever change and enhance future prospects.

The Mattress Factory on South Avenue has a new façade that holds a new factory and showroom inside.

K-9 Resorts Daycare and Luxury Hotel is a recent addition to the borough.

The old Dunkin' Donuts on the corner of Martine Avenue and South Avenue will soon be replaced by an improved, larger one (pictured above) so it can better serve its ever-growing clientele.

The renditions shown to the left depict three separate projects on South Avenue that have advanced within the approval process. Upon completion, these three-story structures will serve as multi-use developments that will provide commercial, residential and retail opportunities. The project at 300 South Avenue is currently under construction with demolition of the old building now accomplished.

The artists' renderings shown are of the future projects scheduled for 222, 234 and 300 South Avenue. All are within two blocks of each other. The borough expects these redevelopments to fully enhance the appearance of the downtown, especially since this is some of the first major new construction the borough has seen in 30 years.

For further information, please see Mayor Colleen Mahr's letter to the editor on page 4 of this edition of *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*.



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SOUTH AVENUE VISION...Artist renditions illustrate redevelopment plans for South Avenue in Fanwood. Pictured, from top to bottom, are: 222, 234 and 300 South Avenue.