

DWC Addresses Consultant, Parklets and Public Arts Plans

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WESTFIELD — The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) Board of Directors met July 22 via Zoom to discuss the hiring of a consultant, the guidelines for installing parklets in front of restaurants and the public arts plans for the downtown.

One of the first orders of business for the board was to hire a consultant to “do an evaluation of what the consumer wants today and also six months from today,” as board member Lew Kimble said. The motion passed unanimously to accept the MGB consulting proposal. The consultant will start in August to fact-find and interview people to get a sense of “what Westfield is, has been and wants to be,” Executive Director Bob

Zuckerman said.

The landscape of the downtown has changed during the pandemic with the creation of parklets, sidewalk extensions intended as spaces for people to sit and eat. Currently, the downtown has one in front of Vicki’s Diner and Cosimo’s, one in front of Ferraro’s and one in front of Rock ‘n’ Joe and 16 Prospect. Mr. Zuckerman said others have been requested, and said there is a need for guidelines to better determine who should qualify for a parklet. The DWC recommends which establishments should get parklets to the town. Ultimately, the town has the power to grant the parklet.

The guidelines, which were approved by the board members, include the qualifications that the adja-

cent spot next to the establishment cannot be reasonably used for tables that seat four or more people while also leaving four feet of access space on the sidewalk, that a single parklet takes up no more than two parking spots and that businesses agree to help beautify the parklet. The town is responsible only for placing a concrete barrier around the parklet, so it is up to establishments to spruce up the area with trees, plants and lights. The conditions also establish that preference will be given to restaurants that serve dinner, have table service and have liquor licenses.

Boxwood coffee shop requested a parklet, and the board agreed to recommend one. Although it does not serve dinner, have table service or have a liquor license, the board members said it was important to support the business. Mr. Zuckerman said that the Boxwood owners want to serve lunch again but that it would not make sense without more available seating. Board member Michael LaPlace said he thinks the parklet is important to Boxwood, especially due to its location.

“I think we should do whatever we can to help Boxwood because we have so many vacancies on that block,” Mr. LaPlace said. “We really need an anchor there.”

The downtown will have a few more empty storefronts. Ann Taylor closed its doors as one of 1,200 brick-and-mortar stores. Brummers also is closed after 116 years of sweet service. Omaha Steaks also closed. New in town is Westfield Creamery. A tattoo studio also will be opening on Prospect Street, and a pop-up fried ice cream stand is opening on Quimby Street.

The board members went over the newest developments with Quimby

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Cranford Board of Edu. Resumes In-Person Meetings

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CRANFORD — For the first time since March, the Cranford Board of Education held its meeting in person. Clad in masks and spaced six feet apart, members of the board their own folding tables and a large container of antibacterial wipes.

Superintendent Scott Rubin, Ed.D., said the district currently is fine-tuning its plans for reopening in September. As previously reported in *The Westfield Leader*, the district has revealed three possible plans for the reopening of schools in September, including one all-virtual plan and two plans that account for varying types of in-person instruction. Mr. Rubin said the district put out three possible plans because it was told to “be ready to pivot” as New Jersey’s Covid-19 situation may change in the upcoming weeks. A decision will be announced by Friday, July 31, and the district will communicate this to the community via a video message and letter. Parents will have until Saturday, August 8, to decide whether to send their child(ren) to school in September; however, the district will try to be as sympathetic as possible to families, said Mr. Rubin, and will do what it can to accommodate.

Two Cranford residents shared their thoughts on reopening. Mark Zucker, a retired doctor, said he hopes the district is considering the recent spread of Covid-19 among children. He pointed to the almost 8,000 pediatric cases in Florida in the last week. Dr. Zucker also mentioned the coronavirus spread in Major League Baseball, which has abundant financial resources and has implemented precautions such as taking temperatures of players on arrival.

Jamie Anderson, a registered nurse, suggested that children be encouraged to not only wash their hands, but their faces as well. She also said that the district’s plan to take tempera-

tures and have families fill out symptom questionnaires will weed out those children who are already ill, so they do not come to school. Ms. Anderson additionally said it is necessary for students to be able to see their teachers’ facial expressions and suggested that the district look into providing clear face shields and medical-grade clear face masks. Another suggestion Ms. Anderson made was to hold the first day of school virtually to allow students to see their teacher’s whole face.

In other business, the board approved a partial payment to transportation companies, but the exact sum will be negotiated by the district’s business administrator, Robert Carfagno, in the coming weeks. The

Garwood Passes Bond Ord. for Sidewalk Repair

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GARWOOD — At their July 23 meeting, members of the Garwood Borough Council voted unanimously to pass on second reading and following a public hearing a bond ordinance to appropriate \$225,000 for sidewalk replacements and improvements within the borough.

It is stated within the ordinance that local and county grants have been applied to the cost to subsidize the project.

According to Borough Engineer Michael Disko, there are streets and sidewalks that have been looked at for improvements based on surveys and file records. These include streets and sidewalks that have received safety complaints. Councilman Marc Lazarow had previously stated that there is an 11-person advisory committee that also looks at streets and

curbing that need to be updated within the borough.

Officials noted that sidewalk replacements will be done at 284 locations within Garwood.

It was said that some trees had been planted in the right-of-way area of streets many years ago, and they need to be removed because their roots displace curbs and sidewalks. It was noted that after grinding the old trees down, new trees will be planted in their place but not in the right-of-way area.

It was estimated that the project would cost approximately \$2,000 for each of the 284 addresses targeted on 3rd Avenue from Oak Avenue to Cedar Street. This calculates to an overall cost of \$500,000 without the matching grants. It was reported that the project will be done in stages.

In other business, members of the council and Mayor Sara Todisco discussed the landscaping ordinance scheduled for a second reading and final approval at the governing body’s Thursday, August 13 meeting. This ordinance will require landscapers who wish to work on properties within Garwood to register themselves with the municipality.

Members of the council and Mayor Todisco said that more and more landscapers have been flooding borough sewers by blowing debris from lawns into the street and therefore clogging sewer drains. Officials also noted that because of the increase in landscaping services with unmarked trailers or trucks, it has been increasingly difficult to communicate with landscapers to inform them of local ordinances to bag debris and not blow it into the street.

The governing body further discussed how a \$30 registration fee

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HITTING THE BOOKS...These patrons were among some of the first to enjoy the Westfield Memorial Library’s reopening on Monday. The building is now open for book browsing and checkout only.

WHS, College Students Use Ingenuity to Succeed

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WESTFIELD — Dog walker. Babysitter. Intern. Before the summer of 2020, teens might have thought of picking up one of these jobs for their summer break. With the pandemic, job opportunities flagged. Ingenious Westfield teens, however, are using their talents and abilities in new ways to keep busy, earn money and help the economy.

Westfield resident Mackenzie Smith decided to fill a need and take advantage of her experience while home from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The political science and psychology major realized, “There are some activities and events that cannot take place distantly and swimming is one of them. I saw that almost all camps [in our area] were canceled, taking away the opportunity for young swimmers to learn and develop.” She said in online communication, “I spoke with a couple of parents and they were worried about their children’s safety around the pool as the necessary learning and practice was not occurring.” Mackenzie’s nine years of experience as a competitive swimmer and five years of experience as a lifeguard gave her a way “to help worried parents and bored kids while also earning some money for school next year.” She explained she regularly gets tested for the Covid-19 and socially distances herself at her clients’ pools.

“I see the young swimmers I help in the pool improve almost daily, and it has been an amazing experience,” she said.

Andrew Zanfagna, a rising sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania, also has used his ingenuity to fill a need in the community. According to the finance major, going to the grocery store in March was a hassle for his two client bases. “Many people were working from home and did not have the ability to wait in line to shop for food. They did not want to take their children into the stores with them, either,” he said. The other client base involved high-risk people leaving their homes and facing the possibility of exposing themselves to the virus. He said he knew many grocery stores have services that allow online shopping. “I quickly realized, however, that

Trader Joe’s in town does not offer such a service, and my business was born.”

COVID Concierge began simply

as a grocery store shopping and delivery business but it has evolved. COVID Concierge now offers a shopping and delivery service for any store in Union County. If you need it, Andrew can shop for it and drop it off contactless right at your front door. In a phone interview with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, he said he works at all hours of the day. Not only does he pick up items, but he stands in lines in stores to return items for clients. “Some days, I have three orders to fill, and sometimes it’s only three days a week,” he said. He is paid through Venmo or personal checks and promises his cli-

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ALPHABET SOUP...Rising Westfield High School senior Emily Berger creates and sells personalized wooden letters for people of all ages. She researches colors, hobbies, schools and preferences to customize for each client.

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TO THE RESCUE...Following a motor vehicle accident on West Broad Street on Sunday evening, one patient was flown by helicopter to the trauma center at UMDNJ in Newark. The helicopter landed at the Union County Vo-Tech High School on Raritan Road.

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A special thanks to our entire staff, but especially, Rob Connelly, Michael Bartiromo and Kim Prata, for all their hard work to get the new site up and running. Thank you for subscribing.

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GOOD TO SEE YOU...The Cranford Board of Education holds a socially-distanced, in-person meeting on July 27.



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Freeholders Discuss Covid, Business Funding, Ballots

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COUNTY — The county freeholders met July 23 via Zoom to discuss Covid-19 updates, resolutions in county departments and two ordinances.

Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella said the drive-through testing center at Kean University has been essential to the county’s ability to control the spread of the coronavirus. He said more than 30,000 tests have been administered. As of July 26, Union County has had 16,359 positive tests, according to the New Jersey Department of Health.

The county’s Covid-19 relief program for small businesses launched July 16 to distribute \$2 million of federal money to local businesses. Mr. Mirabella said 762 businesses applied in one week. Due to the high demand, he said, the county is adding an additional \$2 million to the program and will prioritize businesses of vulnerable groups — minorities, women, people with disabilities and members of the LGBTQ community.

Director Debbie-Ann Anderson of the Department of Human Services explained one of her department’s 13 resolutions. The department wants to enter into an agreement with a hotel in Totowa, N.J., to house homeless people in the county. She said many motels and hotels in the county refused to house homeless people because of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the pandemic itself has put a strain on families. Ms. Anderson said that the last time she checked, the county had approximately 550 families, over 2,000 people, experiencing homelessness.

“We’re at capacity,” Ms. Anderson said. “Due to Covid, there’s just unforeseen numbers of homeless population throughout Union County.”

The freeholders looked at General Ordinance 815-2020 for final reading at this meeting. The ordinance amends the Union County waste management plan to allow a new recycling plant in Linden to use organic waste to produce renewable natural gas, liquid digestate and “a marketable soil amendment” that will be processed on-site to produce liquid organic fertilizer.

Jim Potter, president of RNG Energy Solutions, said the project would restrict the amount of methane released into the air and utilizes an emission-free technology. The state-of-the-art plant would cost \$220 million and would require the work of 400,000 union construction workers. Once open, the plant would hire 21 full-time employees and 30 to 40 ancillaries. Mr. Potter said that construction would take 16 weeks and that he hopes to begin the work in the third quarter of 2022.

“As a Linden resident, this is just one of the parcels in the Tremley Point area that were left looted and underutilized for a significant period of time,” Freeholder Christopher Hudak said. “It’s a very good thing to see that area rejuvenated.”

The freeholders voted unanimously in favor of the ordinance. Now, the amendment goes to the Department of

Environmental Protection, where the department has 150 days to grant approval.

Garwood resident Bruce Paterson spoke during the public comment section to question the need for Resolution 2020-531. The resolution, which was approved, amends Resolution 2020-437 to provide additional printing service from Royal Printing Services for “outer envelopes, return envelopes, special remittance, and provisional ballots to accommodate the large number of Vote-By-Mail ballots anticipated in the Presidential 2020 General Elections due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.” The amendment also accounts for 10,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots needed for the Primary election. The total cost of the budget with the resolution is \$2,834,704.

“I have no idea who gave him this go-ahead to spend this money,” Mr. Paterson said. “Union County elections has so many documented screw-ups with this process and contractor. This is what happens when you funnel money, millions of taxpayers’ money, not because he’s cost effective or competitive but just because he’s politically connected. Definitely sounds like he should be investigated for possible criminal action,” he remarked.

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi said the costs are necessary mainly to prepare for another primarily Vote-by-Mail election in November. One item included in the cost was for 10,000 Vote-by-Mail applications for the Primary, but otherwise the request for funding is in anticipation of a majority Vote-by-Mail General Election. Vote-by-Mail ballots require three specially-made envelopes, which contributes to the high cost. Ms. Rajoppi said county clerks from all over the state will meet with Governor Phil Murphy this week to plan for the General Election.

“We are urging him to do a choice, a voter’s choice,” she said. “We’re also looking for legislation in the future to make the Vote-by-Mail process easier. The legislation was not drafted for an all Vote-by-Mail election; it was meant for an occasional Vote-by-Mail ballot. So it doesn’t speak to ease the access.”

All resolutions from each department were approved. The next Union County Freeholder meeting will be at 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 13.

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district stopped using transportation and busing on March 16 when schools closed, therefore not paying companies because services had stopped. However, according to Mr. Carfagno, the district accepted money from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and to adhere to the spirit of the law, districts must “negotiate in good faith” and pay a percentage of the contracted cost to offset the financial losses of their transportation companies.

Mr. Carfagno said he hopes to negotiate at or below 65 percent in order to help cover fixed costs such as rent and insurance. The contracts for the 2019-2020 school year will stand at 100 percent from September until March 15. The negotiated rate will serve as the companies’ payment from March 16 to June 30. He said the district will be saving roughly \$130,000.

Zakiya Atkinson will be the new supervisor of fine arts. Ms. Atkinson received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Temple University, her Master of Arts in Dance Education from New York University and currently is a doctoral student at the Teachers College of Columbia University.

The next meeting of the Cranford Board of Education will be on Monday, August 24.



Photo courtesy of Jeannie Arida

TIME HOP...Who says graduates don’t grow on trees in Westfield? Proud alumni from the Class of 2020 return to Franklin Elementary School to recreate a 2010 third-grade pose (inset). Pictured, from left to right, are: Christina Arida (Westfield High School), William Arida (Seton Hall Prep), Sara Saber (Westfield High School) and Anna Saber (Westfield High School).

Mountainside Reports on the Reopening of Schools

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MOUNTAINSIDE – Listening to a very detailed presentation, members of the Mountainside Board of Education met on July 28 to hear specifics of how the borough schools would re-open in September. Superintendent of Schools, Janet Walling, gave a report outlining parameters set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and enhanced by administrators of the district.

Ms. Walling noted in her presentation that the NJDOE is requiring all schools within the state to open for in-person learning to some capacity. She also noted that while coming up with the re-opening plan for Mountainside, many community members were consulted including members of the Westfield Health Department, community leaders, teachers, administrators and parents. She also noted that she had met with superintendents throughout Union County to help with the plan.

The borough, as reported, will be open for in-person learning five days a week for four hours a day. The library and cafeteria will not be open. However it was noted that Maschio’s Food Service will be open on both schools sites to provide grab-and-go lunches. Students in the Beechwood and Deerfield schools will eat a snack in their classrooms daily. In addition it was said that gymnasiums will also be closed.

Ms. Walling stated the lockers will be closed and not utilized in the hallways as well as in the locker rooms. It was stated that physical education classes will be held outside, weather permitting, and that students will be asked to wear loose fitting clothes and sneaker-type shoes to school as students will not be

changing for gym.

It was reported that face covering will be required by all students, staff and visitors over the age of two and that class sizes have been decreased allow for the proper social distancing of desks within each classroom.

It was stated that hand sanitizing stations were installed throughout the schools and that handwashing breaks will be incorporated within the schedule.

The report also noted that teachers are encouraged to provide lessons outside when possible and that disposable face masks will be available to any student needing one.

Students and staff are asked to stay home if they are sick and parents are asked to do a daily screening for their children before sending them to school.

In addition it was noted that the buildings will be sanitized daily by electrostatic backpack sprayers and that the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) units filters have been freshly changed.

Finally it was noted that touchless soap dispensers have been installed and that the number of students allowed in the bathroom at one time is limited.

In addition it was noted that all busses will be sanitized in between bus routes and that all bus drivers are required to wear face masks. In addition windows will be open during bus routes.

Ms. Walling stated that the plan will also go under continued monitoring and that if there were to be any emergency closures, it would be done through the Department of Health.

School is now scheduled to open on Thursday, September 3.

The next regular Mountainside Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25.

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SCOTCH PLAINS
Thursday, July 16, a resident of Village Park Court reported being a victim of fraud. The victim received an email requesting gift cards be sent to an unknown subject. The matter is under investigation.

Saturday, July 18, Vincenzo Fiore, 39, of New Haven, Conn., was arrested during a motor vehicle stop and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI). Fiore was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Sunday, July 19, Ralph Novotny, 58, of Warren was arrested and charged with DWI during a reported road-rage incident and investigation. Also arrested was Sheldon Evans, 37, of Middlesex. Evans was charged with simple assault. Both were transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, July 19, Samantha Ghanem, 32, of Middlesex was arrested and charged with defiant trespassing. According to police, Ghanem refused to leave the municipal building after being told to several times. She was processed and released.

Tuesday, July 21, Elmer Zuniga, 18, of Plainfield was arrested on charges of hindering apprehension and possession of marijuana during a pedestrian stop. Zuniga was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Tuesday, July 21, Horlf S. Legerme, 27, of Scotch Plains was arrested on active warrants out of Clark during a motor vehicle stop. Legerme was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Wednesday, July 22, Chantel F. Rodriguez, 30, of Roselle was arrested on active warrants out of Rochelle Park and Jersey City during a motor vehicle stop. Rodriguez was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Wednesday, July 22, a New York resident reported a road-rage incident on Park Avenue. During the incident the suspect, described as a short, heavyset black female, exited her motor vehicle, assaulted the victim and stole her cell phone. The matter is under investigation.

Sunday, July 26, Bryan M. Holder, 41, of Newark was arrested on an active warrant out of Irvington during a motor vehicle stop. Holder was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Sunday, July 26, Joshua C. Williams, 37, of Roselle was arrested on an active warrant out of Roselle during a suspicious-person investigation. Williams was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Governor Issues Guidance For Reopening of Schools

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AREA — Governor Phil Murphy released a statement July 24 to give “clarifying guidance” in allowing parents to choose full-time remote learning for their children for the 2020-2021 school year. The statement came a month after the New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) released its guidance document for reopening schools for the upcoming school year.

The statement included “the core elements of guidance” for reopening, like universal eligibility for all students to participate in remote learning full-time. The statement also highlighted schools’ need to set clear policies for remote learning and for transitioning from remote to in-person learning. School districts must communicate effectively with families and report data to the state DOE about student participation in remote learning. The statement also emphasized that students who choose to participate in all-remote learning must receive the same quality of education as any other student, including adhering to the same policies regarding student attendance and length of school day.

“My office and the Department of Education are committed to working with our families, educators, and administrators as we navigate the unique challenges that the 2020-2021 school year will bring,” Gov. Murphy said in the statement. “Today’s guidance will allow parents greater flexibility to make the choice they feel best suits the needs of their families.”

In an email to the Westfield Public Schools community, Superintendent Margaret Dolan, Ed.D., said the district’s guiding principles are to prioritize the health and safety of students and staff, adhere to official

guidance from the state and public health officials, provide emotional and instructional consistency for students, commit to Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and support for students in need, ensure quality instruction and assessment to meet content standards for all students at each grade level, and communicate clear expectations for staff, students and families.

“To say the process is complex is to state the obvious,” Dr. Dolan said in the email. “We are committed to communicating our plans and expectations as clearly as possible at a time when little is clear. None of us likes living with this uncertainty. My goal is to provide you with factual updates in a timely manner.”

Dr. Dolan went on to say the school district is preparing for a learning model that combines in-person and online education. The district will present its reopening plans in early August to give parents and students time to prepare.

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ents that he will get their order to them within 24 hours. He may be contacted at aczanfagna@gmail.com.

For the past few weeks in June, Westfield teen Matt Sirotky ran socially-distanced play dates for children. He said, “it has been a great way to keep myself entertained and provide kids with a new and safe way of having fun. I brought the equipment for each group of kids that got together, and I facilitated fun activities to keep them entertained while still maintaining six feet apart.” He said he enjoyed his business until he got a counseling job at a day camp that opened on July 13.

Lindsay Sherman, a recent Westfield High School graduate, is putting her senior project to work. In March, she started making hair scrunchies, and in May she started selling them.

“I created my business because my senior project for English class was to do something I’ve never done before (I chose starting a business and sewing),” she said in an online interview with *The Leader/Times*. She confessed that she had never used a sewing machine until March. “My skills are at a beginner level, but strong enough to create these cool accessories!” She sells her products through Instagram (@scrunchiesbylindsay). “I’m saving money for college supplies for textbooks,” she explained. “But I’m also donating a portion of my proceeds to The Trevor Project which is an organization that provides help for LGBTQ+ teens in need of support.”

Rising senior at Westfield High School Emily Berger got involved in her small business because of her love of art. She started with customizing wooden initials for her high school golf team’s senior gifts. She individualized the initial of the college each player would be attending in the fall.

“I ended up really loving the process and the creative side of it, so I decided to make it into a small business. Soon after, I began not only making college-themed letters but any design (sports, shows, hobbies, etc.) as well,” Emily explained. She orders wooden letters from Michael’s art supplies, researches the school for colors, mascots and slogans. Then she sketches everything out freehand. Lastly, she says, “I go in with paint pens and acrylic paint and fill in my pencil sketches.” Emily markets and sells mostly on Instagram (@theletterfactory) and Facebook at The Letter Factory. She shared that the money she raises is primarily for spending money in college and replenishing her craft supplies. “However, until the end of July, I am compiling a portion of the profits to be donated to coronavirus relief charities and the Bail Project.”

This pandemic may have caused financial chaos for many, but these enterprising young people are learning to make the best of it for themselves and others.



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Street. For the time being, the street will be a one-way from Central to Elm seven days a week. The other side is closed to traffic and acts as a pedestrian plaza, complete with two DWC tents, lights and planters. There is space for programming, like live music on the weekends, and outdoor dining for Quimby Street businesses. “I’m very optimistic we’ve finally found the right mix, the right balance for Quimby,” Mr. Zuckerman said.

The Westfield Downtown Pizzeria netted double the profit of last year’s race, Mr. Zuckerman said. The money will be used for downtown beautification. One thing to look into is covers for the concrete barriers on Quimby Street, Mr. Zuckerman said. He said the money could also be used for planters, art on vacant storefronts and other ideas from the design committee.

Board member and Councilwoman Dawn Mackey reviewed what the town was doing for public art in the downtown area. She told board members to keep an eye out for butterflies, designed by Westfield residents, popping up around town in the next few weeks for the town’s 300th anniversary. She said that, “this is the year we’re committed to visual enhancement as opposed to events.” The public art commission is identifying nooks to decorate and energize some of the neglected parts of the town, Ms. Mackey said. The design committee will hang banners honoring Westfield’s 300th anniversary in the next few weeks, board member Peg Lockwood said.

The next DWC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, at 7:30 p.m.



NEVER TOO YOUNG TO HELP...This youngster helps out at Saturday’s Feed Our Neighbors drive-through food collection event. The event, run by the Cranford United Methodist Church, collected five vans of donated food and delivered to St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth.

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U. of Delaware Recognizes Spring Dean’s List Honorees

NEWARK, Del. — Ninety-six local students have been named to the University of Delaware Dean’s List for the Spring 2020 semester.

Students from Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside and Westfield are as follows:

Jillian Alvarado of Westfield, Alison Balkan of Cranford, Chloe Beauchamp of Westfield, Lee Beauchamp of Westfield, Christopher Boutisikaris of Westfield, Elizabeth Brown-Cordero of Westfield, Katherine Brown of Westfield, Christopher Bruno of Mountainside, Julia Burk of Westfield, David Burns of Westfield, John Butera of Westfield, Jacqueline Callahan of Westfield, Max Carle of Westfield, Haley Carter of Cranford, Isabelle Cohen of Westfield, Peter Cohen of Cranford, Nicole Cristiano of Westfield, Jenna Daniel of Westfield, Christina Di Bella of Westfield, Lauren Fazio of Westfield, William Fazio of Westfield, Lucy Fetsko of Cranford, David Fonseca of Cranford, Karen Forbes of Westfield.

Sofia Gonzalez-Nolde of Garwood, Nicolas Guerrero of Westfield, Alexandra Gulla of Westfield, Alexa Habib of Westfield, Jack Hall of Mountainside, Brittany Hogan of Cranford, Jon Iosso of Cranford, Patrick Jarosz of Cranford, Lauren Kamienski of Westfield, Mark Kudla of Westfield, Emily Labrozzi of Westfield, Kristen Liloia of Cranford, Kamryn Lombardi of Westfield, Olivia Luzzi of Westfield, Erin Malley of Westfield, Grace Markham of Cranford, Kelly Mcauliffe of Cranford, Emily McGann of Westfield, Megan Melillo of Westfield, Michael Meola of Cranford, Robert Morris of Cranford,

Olivia Mueller of Westfield, Benjamin Quintolo of Cranford, Amanda Radick of Mountainside, Erin Readie of Cranford, Christopher Remley of Cranford, Nathaniel Reyes of Westfield, Amelia Ritter of Westfield, Avery Roland of Mountainside.

Alexandra Sacher of Westfield, Ethan Saia of Mountainside, Alexa Saldida of Mountainside, Lauren Santarelli of Cranford, Meghan Santarelli of Cranford, Matthew Schiff of Westfield, Hailey Senkarik of Mountainside, Jacob Snover of Cranford, Sydney Swingle of Westfield, Aaron Tavasi of Westfield, William Testa of Cranford, Kate Uray of Mountainside, Eric Varakian of Westfield, Lia Varga of Westfield, Tessa Verga of Westfield, Crista Vilasoa of Mountainside, Noah West of Cranford, Justin Witwick of Cranford.

Students named to the Spring 2020 Dean’s List from Fanwood and Scotch Plains are as follows:

Caroline Babis of Scotch Plains, Madeleine Bebout of Fanwood, Gianna Cassara of Fanwood, Sydney Clasen of Fanwood, Paige Crandall of Scotch Plains, Mikayla DeLorenzo of Scotch Plains, Emma Duggan of Scotch Plains, Lauren Eck of Scotch Plains, Matthew Fox of Scotch Plains, Matthew Johnson of Scotch Plains, Jennifer Kirian of Scotch Plains, Emma Kowalczyk of Scotch Plains, Ava Laverty of Fanwood, Owen Martin of Fanwood, Amanda McGrath of Scotch Plains, Ryan Peterson of Scotch Plains, Molly Pritchett of Scotch Plains, Jack Quinones of Fanwood, Evan Scharf of Scotch Plains, Emily Smulewitz of Scotch Plains, Chelsea Tavares of Scotch Plains, Nicole Tavares of Scotch Plains, Connor Walsh of Scotch Plains, Kelsey Werkheiser of Scotch Plains, Natalie Zimmermann of Scotch Plains.

To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean’s List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

Olivia Scheuermann Achieves Dean’s List At U. of Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Olivia M. Scheuermann of Westfield has been named to the Dean’s List in the University of Notre Dame’s College of Science for outstanding scholarship during the Spring 2020 semester. Ms. Scheuermann is a 2017 graduate of Westfield High School.

Students who achieve dean’s honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

Fahrenheit, Lampert Earn Highest Honors At McDaniel College

WESTMINSTER, Md. — Jacqueline Fahrenheit of Scotch Plains and William Lampert of Westfield have each been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the McDaniel College Spring 2020 Dean’s List with Highest Honors.

Highest honors are earned for a semester grade point average of 3.90 or higher; high honors for a grade point average of 3.70 to 3.89, and honors for a 3.50 to 3.69 grade point average.

McDaniel College, founded in 1867, is a four-year, independent college of the liberal arts and sciences offering more than 70 undergraduate programs of study, including pre-professional specializations and student-designed majors, and over 20 graduate programs. For more information about McDaniel College, visit mcdaniel.edu.

Jillian Lapidus Named To Albright Spring Dean’s List

READING, Pa. — Jillian Lapidus of Scotch Plains has been named to the Spring 2020 Dean’s List at Albright College. Ms. Lapidus earned this honor regardless of all classes transitioning online after Spring Break due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Ms. Lapidus studied Digital Communications dur-

ing the Spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, Albright students must earn a GPA of 3.75 or better while taking a minimum of three letter-graded courses during a semester.

Founded in 1856, Albright College offers a flexible curriculum that encourages students to combine and cross majors to create individualized academic programs. Close faculty mentorship and multiple experiential learning options create opportunities for Albright graduates to exceed their own expectations.

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NEW BEGINNINGS...Emily O’Neill of Garwood celebrates her graduation from The Wardlaw+Hartridge Lower School. Wardlaw+Hartridge teachers and administrators joined families in making this year’s virtual commencement special for students moving up.

W+H Fifth Graders Honored During Virtual Graduation

AREA — Fifth graders at The Wardlaw+Hartridge School in Edison moved up to Middle School during the Fifth Grade Virtual Moving Up Ceremony on June 9.

The program began with a “Now and Then” slideshow of images, followed by photos of the 26 graduates with their congratulatory yard signs. It also featured Sarah Alves of Springfield and Julia Machado of Scotch Plains singing “America the Beautiful.”

Head of School Andrew Webster offered welcoming remarks. Silvia Davis, Lower School head, followed with her message, which concluded

with a quote from Dr. Seuss reflecting on how the Lower School graduates are “off to great places.”

Special additions to the virtual program included a series of throw-back concert performances from the students in their younger years, and inspirational words from fifth-grade teachers Tim Head and Liz Schultz.

Fourth-grade teacher Ellen Ritz read the names of the graduates as they received their diplomas virtually. The program concluded with a collage of photos set to music by Erin Maciorowski, Lower School STEM teacher.

Emerson College Announces 2019-2020 Graduates

BOSTON, Mass. — Emerson College awarded 959 undergraduate degrees May 10 for the Class of 2020. The college is committed to holding a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 in person when it is safe to do so, on a date to be determined.

Neill Lynskey of Cranford received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Arts Production.

James Mezzo of Mountainside, who graduated in December 2019, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Arts Production.

The college launched an Emerson 2020 Celebration website to honor graduates’ achievements, with more than 800 submissions from students, families, alumni, faculty and staff, including photos, videos, audio submissions and text. The website seeks to reflect the many facets of the Class of 2020 and the wider Emerson community — its creativity, daring, thoughtfulness, irreverence and humor.

Video submissions include well wishes from well-known alumni and celebrities in the entertainment industry, including actors Jennifer Coolidge, Henry Winkler and

Victoria Russell Among U. of Utah Graduates

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Victoria Russell of Mountainside graduated from the University of Utah on April 30.

Ms. Russell, whose major is listed as Chemistry MS, was among the 8,628 graduates who were honored during the university’s first-ever virtual commencement due to the coronavirus pandemic. The 151st general commencement can be viewed at attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/commencement-2020-recap/.

The graduating class of 2020 includes students who graduated in Summer 2019, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020. Students in the Class of 2020 ranged in age from 18 to 69 and earned 9,280 degrees. Graduates represented 50 United States states and 59 foreign countries.

This class is the first to graduate from the university since it was selected as a new member of the Association of American Universities — an invitation-only, prestigious group of 65 leading research institutions.

James Maier on MAC Academic Honor Roll

READING, Pa. — James Maier of Mountainside recently was named to the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Academic Honor Roll after competing for the Alvernia University Golden Wolves Men’s Lacrosse Team.

Mr. Maier was one of 214 student-athletes to represent Alvernia University on the honor roll by excelling in the classroom with a semester GPA of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

He currently is studying occupational therapy at Alvernia and is a graduate of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

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Grade 8

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Grade 8

Honor Roll

Agar, Oliver; Altman, Samuel; Aslam, Sophia; Bas, Victoria; Biedermann, Ava; Carvalho, Zachary; Chacon, Daniel; Chalke, Aditya; Chelak, Alexander; Chermak, Nina; Clark, Emma; Cohall, Ethan; Collins, Allison; Colon, Ricardo; Corsba, Steven; Dizon, Julia; Doblas-Martin, Miqueas; Donofrio, Isabella; Dunn, James; Finn, Kate; Frantzeskakis, Aris; Gauthier, Genevieve; Gordon, Madison; Hickey, John; Jean, Matthew; Jimenez, Lena; Karamete, Melissa; Kermanshahi, Katherine; Kiefer, Alexander; Kobori, Michael; Koellhoffer, Ryan; Korr, Zachary; Lehman, Andie; Levin, Matthew; Link, Jacqueline; Logozzo, Michael; Lorenzo, Sebastian; Might, Danielle; Miranda, Julia; Miranda, Pedro; Moreland, David; Munasqui, Juan; Ng, Bryan; O’Brien, Sean; O’Connor, Ava; Paris, John; Pearson, Christian; Perialis, Athena; Petrassi, Noah; Pinho, Elena; Pinto, Sofia; Preucil, Zachary; Prip, Erica; Rau, Davis; Reilly, Anne; Robertson, Anna; Sandberg, Colin; Schutzer, Max; Serme, Yusuf; Singer, Jack; Singman, Owen; Swiat, Evan; Tanemori, Ryuichi; Victorino, Maxwell; Vitorino, Rebecca; Waller, Naomi; Wellnitz, Christopher; Wiggins, Caleb; Wilson, Zechari; Wright, Jackson

Grade 7

Distinguished Honor Roll

Andersen, Alana; Angel, Joshua; Avni, Gali; Bauer, Evan; Bell, Avery; Bloch, Alexa; Boado, Vince Edward; Braun, Samuel; Brown, Connor; Bruder, Jolie; Cabral, William; Clark, John; Cohen, Savannah; Concannon, Liam; Conway, Sophia; Cortes, Riley; Cotroneo, Charlotte; D’Alessandro, Kaitlyn; Dang, Mahika; Dayon, Priscilla; Debowski, Natalie; Deignan, Keira; DiSarno, Sophia; Doherty, Quinlan; Dong, Jessica; Donnelly, Carson; Drennan, Emily; Duan, Benjamin; Ebert, Alexander; Epp, Zachary; Epstein, Emma;

Epstein, Ethan; Ferguson, Garrett; Ferrero, Enzo; Fisher, Michael; Flores, Daniel; Foster, Elle; Furey, Lauren; Fussman, Sophia; Gaffney, Olivia; Galella, Christopher; Gallo, Marcella; Gao, Garrett; Gasson, Emily; Gerckens, Nicole; Gialalone, Ella; Gilerson, Eric; Golub, Chloe; Gonzalez, Daniel; Goodman, Amanda; Guglielmo, Kate; Heuck, Jordan; Henderson, Brody; Heuel, Addison; Hill, Jack; Hobbie, Sarah; Hoffman, Leah; Hourie, Alyssa; Hughes, Mallory; Jansveld, Luka; Jemison, Anna; Jenner, Lyla; Katz, Chloe; Khera, Eshaan; Kim, Sydney; Klingelhofer, Heidi; Koetje, Grace; Koslowsky, Maya; Kylish, Anna; Lagatta, Gemma; Laguna, Alexandra; Laitman, Gabrielle; Lawrence, Olivia; Lee, Madelyn; Lentzner, Kyra; Liu, Charlotte; LoGrippo, Francesco; Malanowski, Grace; Mamlet, Amelia; Marino, Olivia; Marmarou, Victoria; Marquet, Alexa; Marro, Ignacio; Martin, Lila; Maya, Paulina; McKeon, Aidan; McLaren, Luca; Mendoza, Jorge; Mercado, Gabriella; Miles, Elizabeth; Mokrzycki, Abigail; Molen, Sara; Morey, Elena; Muller, Sabrina; Murphy, Danae; Nair, Shreyas; Nematadzira, Canya; Oligino, Isabella; Palit, Archit; Panora, Sofia; Pardes, Jake; Pardo, Gabriella; Pastore, Sienna; Perez, Charles Kevin; Pietrewicz, Tyler; Polito, Brian; Pravlik, Drew; Prieto, Charles; Purse, Katherine; Qin, Claire; Ramdath, Hannah; Raphael, Jaslene; Rever, Samantha; Reyes, Livia; Rubenstein, Noah; Samet, Morgan; Schael, Sienna; Schiffano, Oliver; Shah, Aanand; Silecchia, Sophia; Silva, Samantha; Snyder, Julianna; Solomon, Cassie; Srebnik, Tessa; Stinton, Abigail; Sullivan, Emma; Summer-Brason, Alina; Sutcliffe, Spencer; Tacktikos, Madison; Thornton, Olivia; Tomasso, Dominic; Toth, Audra; Vaccaro, Hailey; Velkov, Sonya; Vesuna, Bianca; Waibel, Owen; West, Connor; Whitlock, Riley; Wilkerson, Jaden; Williams, Amanda; Wilson, Brady; Wilson, Megan; Wood, Sofia; Xi, Alice; Yaqub, Ziyang; Young, Wes; Yu, Chloee; Zafra, Samuel; Zorrilla, Paiton

Grade 7

Honor Roll

Basaldua, Sophia; Bassolino, Audrey; Blake, Sara; Blessington, Isabella; Brodo, Benjamin; Brooks, Avery; Cabral, Logan; Cabrera, Sebastian; Carlucci, Aiden; Carollo, Luca; Chalfant, Lucas; Coyle, Colin; Cunningham, Ashley; Daly, Ryan; Digney, Daniel; Disko, Olivia; Donohue, Erica; Dwyer, Gavin; Dziekanska, Maria; Ebert, Parker; Elfstrum, Jack; Epstein, Benjamin; Esler, Brody; Esposito, Samuel; Faitoute, Allyson; Feuchtwanger, Rachel; Foerst, James; Forbes, Eden; Furrer, James; Gallagher, Claire; Garcia, Danny; Gensler-Canale, Micaela; Geocos, Andrew; Geocos, Thomas; Gilford, Christian; Gilford, Corey; Hill, Dylan; Jasina, Thomas; Jiang, Li; Kopolow, Matthew; Koslowsky, Gracie; Kovacs, Jacob; Lederman, Emma; Linsen, Alex; Lox, Aaron; Lukis, Nikolas; Lung, Ethan; Magherini, Sebastian; Magno, Dwayne; Mantone, Brady; Marotte, Devin; Martinez, Nigel; Martorina, Juliana; McDermott, Jack; McDevitt, Daniel; McKeon, Gavin; Mehta, Maya; Mendoza, Zachary; Meyers, Lincoln; Mockbee, Henry; Moser, Jacqueline; Murphy, Owen; O’Connor, Sydney; Oberstein, Ella; Oliveira, Laura; Phillips Vazquez, Andres; Price, Kathryn; Quallis, Laila; Ray, Alexis; Reed, Ella; Reissman, Max; Reynolds, Connor; Rittenhouse, Gisella; Rogers, Suzanna; Saad, Gulrukh; Shapiro, Phoebe; Sinclair, Ethan; Singer, Joshua; Sontz, Dylan; Sternberg, Anna; Stromsness, Freya; Sun, Will; Tanaka, Kuejiro; Thomas, Lauren; Troup, Annabelle; Urbano, Zoe; Varner, Cole; Wallin, Jack; Wancier, Benjamin; Wang, Stephanie; Williams, Austin; Wilson, Aidan; Zheng, Matthew; Zhu, Ethan

Area Residents Among

Clark U. Graduates

WORCESTER, Mass. — Two local residents received degrees from Clark University on May 24.

Olivia G. Young, of Cranford, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Development and Social Change.

Seth G. Rosenthal, of Plainfield, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Screen Studies and Psychology.

Clark conferred 465 bachelor’s degrees, 379 master’s degrees and 39 doctoral degrees during the university’s 116th commencement.

The virtual ceremony featured musical performances, video montages and messages of congratulations, pride and encouragement that were live streamed on Clark’s website and on Facebook Live. No on-campus public event was held this year in accordance with safety protocols surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beverly J. Licata, 84, R.N., Was Longtime Resident of Scotch Plains

Beverly J. Licata, 84, of Scotch Plains died peacefully at home on Thursday, July 23, 2020.

Beverly was born and raised in New York City, until moving to Brooklyn in 1957. In 1961 she and her husband, Ken, settled in Scotch Plains and have been residents since.

Beverly graduated from New York University School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She was a registered nurse and worked for many years with Dr. Richard Podell at Overlook Medical Center. She also worked for many years with the Community Health Program at Overlook Hospital. Beverly loved her trips to Atlantic City.

Beverly is predeceased by her sister, Shirley. She is survived by her beloved husband of 63 years, Ken; her loving sons, Ken Jr. and his wife,

Susan, and Doug; her loving daughter, Pamela Licata, and her caring grandchildren, Isabel, Jackson and Sabrina. She is also survived by her caring sister-in-law, Barbara Durant, and her husband, Carl.

The family received relatives and friends on Tuesday, July 28, at the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. A funeral service was offered afterward, with the Reverend David Jahnke, pastor of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, officiating. A Committal Service followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Beverly's memory to: St. Jude Children's Research Foundation, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

July 30, 2020

Stephen Jennings Attains Prestigious Eagle Rank

WESTFIELD — Holy Trinity Boy Scout Troop 73 honored six new Eagle Scouts at this year's spring Court of Honor, which was conducted virtually on May 31. Troop 73 has been continuing the celebration by honoring each individual Eagle Scout for his tremendous achievement. The rank of Eagle is attained by only about 4 percent of Boy Scouts. The sixth and final Scout to achieve this rank in the 2020 class is Stephen Jennings, son of Constance and Steve Jennings.

Over the past several years, Scouting has been an amazing journey for the new Eagle. Stephen started Scouting when he was 12 years old, and it has had a significant impact on his personal development over the years. Stephen credits Scouting as the place where he has been able to make many friends and learn valuable life skills. He especially enjoyed the fun of meetings and camping trips, but also learned a strong work ethic through Scouting. The Philmont Expedition was one of the high-

lights of Stephen's Scouting experience.

Stephen learned perseverance as he endeavored to earn the required merit badges and complete all the requirements needed to achieve Eagle with bronze and gold palms. His parents' encouragement helped provide Stephen with the extramotivation that got him through the various challenges over the years.



Stephen Jennings

For his Eagle Scout project, Stephen chose to build a new storage shed for the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, which was completed in February 2020. The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad has been able to store non-essential tools and equipment in the shed, allowing squad personnel to free up vital space in their building and operate more efficiently. Stephen is grateful to all the volunteers and benefactors who have helped him with their time, talent and financial support to complete his Eagle project.

Stephen Jennings graduated from St. Peter's Prep this Spring and plans to attend Marist College in the Fall.



SIX EARN BRONZE...Six members of Troop 41106 display their Bronze Award certificates. Each girl undertook, as a team or individually, a project benefiting the community. Per Girl Scout organization policy, the girls are not identified.

Six Troop 41106 Members Earn Girl Scout Bronze

WESTFIELD — Wilson Elementary School's fifth-grade Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Troop 41106 members recently earned their Bronze Award — the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn.

The six troop members each put in more than 20 hours of volunteer work during the 2019-2020 school year for their three chosen projects, which culminated in "Power Up!," a public presentation on International Women's Day, March 8, 2020. It took place at the Westfield Area YMCA's Bauer Branch, with the assistance of Gedman's Black Belt Academy.

The girls did their own research in their local community, picked projects that were meaningful to them, and talked to various adults by making phone calls, sending emails, and even meeting twice with Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle.

Three of the girls worked together as the "Westfield Loves Pets" project team. They mapped out businesses in downtown Westfield, then visited each store and spoke directly to shop owners. They held a fundraiser, purchased water bowls for dogs, created a logo and sticker, and placed the bowls outside each store that agreed to fill them for thirsty dogs. The girls created a website to document their journey, mapping each participating store and coordinating with the Downtown Westfield Corporation to market their efforts.

Two girls, while walking through downtown Westfield and Mindowaskin

Park, realized that despite the town's efforts, a litter problem still exists. They formed the "Westfield Recycles" project team, created a slideshow presentation to raise awareness among fellow elementary-school students, and spoke to the mayor about the need for better differentiation between recycling bins and trash cans (currently the bins in the park are the same color). They also worked with Westfield's Green Team and, prior to the pandemic, had planned to assist the town in the April celebration of Earth Day.

One girl, who has been practicing Tae Kwon Do for six years, has found self-confidence and courage through her journey to first degree black belt and beyond. She feels very strongly about wanting to empower other kids with that same self-confidence that they can use in their daily lives, even if they have no formal martial arts training. To that end, she worked closely with her instructors at Gedman's Black Belt Academy to deliver a two-part, free, self-defense course.

First, in January, she taught her fellow Girl Scout troop members the basics of self-defense. Then, at Power Up!, her troop supported her as she taught a wider audience — and even helped show Mayor Brindle how to break a board. She worked directly with the Westfield Area YMCA to get the space donated for both events.

For details on how to join or start a Westfield Girl Scout troop, email gshnjwestfield@gmail.com.

Obituaries

Robert A. Boyer, Jr. Longtime Resident of Westfield

Robert (Bob) A. Boyer, Jr., 86, a longtime resident of Westfield, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, July 3, 2020. Bob was born in Detroit, Mich., to Robert and Elizabeth (Szabo) Boyer on March 2, 1934.



Robert A. Boyer, Jr.

His childhood was spent in Dearborn, Mich., where he attended primary school in the Greenfield Village, while his father worked as a chemist and inventor for Henry Ford. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati, and held a Master of Business Administration from Cornell University. He was an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow 1958 and 1959. While at Cornell he met and married Mary (Moss), a pediatrician, who later practiced at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintop, N.J.

His career began with an international assignment for CitiBank in Bogota, Columbia. From there, Bob returned to New Jersey and shortly thereafter settled his family in Westfield. He was an executive at Merck & Co., then Director of Finance for Trans World Airlines (TWA) and National Director of Finance at Coopers & Lybrand. His career culminated as Executive Director of the Sullivan and Cromwell law firm, where he was a leader in integrating technology into law

practices. Bob was considered a pioneer in the field of Executive Administration of large, multinational law firms. He traveled the globe opening new offices as Sullivan and Cromwell expanded into the multinational firm which it has become. He was a member of the American Bar Association, Association of Legal Administrators (executive committee 1986-1987) and the New York and New Jersey chapters of the Cornell Club.

He was an avid private pilot and aircraft owner, and member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Bob

is remembered by his family as a generous spirit who entertained the family throughout the years with memorable vacations and life events. He was a member of the Echo Lake Country Club, where he enjoyed playing golf throughout his retirement. He greatly enjoyed spending time at the shore with family, who recall many wonderful trips to Stone Harbor, Curtis Point and Sandy Hook over the past fifty years, and who continue this tradition with their families.

He is survived by his children, Jennifer, Stephen and Lorna; his brother, Tom; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and his former wife. He was predeceased by his sister, Nancy (Kuempel).

July 30, 2020

Carolyn Schmaltz Koppe, 74, Mother, Grandmother and Sister

Carolyn Schmaltz Koppe, 74, of Culpeper, Va., passed away on Friday, July 24, 2020, in Culpeper, Va. She was born October 21, 1945 in New Orleans, La.; lived in Scotch Plains, N.J., where she attended Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School; lived in Washington, N.J., and at her death resided in Culpeper, Va.

During her lifetime, she was employed as a secretary in various workplaces, 19 years of which were spent in the legal field.



Carolyn Schmaltz Koppe

Carolyn was the daughter of the late John L. Schmaltz and Shirley Fleckinger Schmaltz and the granddaughter of the late Caroline Bode Fleckinger Seither. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, David W. Koppe. Carolyn is survived by her daughter, Heather Koppe Flanagan (L. George); grand-

children, Connor D. Flanagan and Caeley J. Flanagan, and her brother, Jon L. Schmaltz.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Clore-English Funeral Home, 11190 James Monroe Highway, Culpeper, Virginia 22701. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Carolyn's memory to Disabled American Veterans, www.dav.org; Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, www.wfcma.org, or a charity of choice.

Fond memories and condolences may be shared with the Koppe family through clore-english.com. The Koppe family has entrusted Clore-English Funeral Home with these arrangements.

July 30, 2020

Historic Churches to Be Focus of Walking Tour

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historical Society will present the eighth in its popular series of architectural walking tours on Saturday, August 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

"Westfield Historical Society Walking Tour: Westfield's Historic Churches" will take place around the downtown area churches of Westfield.

This tour will look at the diverse architectural styles of five of the many churches — some having great historic significance — near downtown Westfield. Gregory Blasi, a local architect and principal of Vincentsen & Blasi Architects, will lead the tour and answer questions. Mr. Blasi also is president of the Westfield Historical Society.

Mr. Blasi will discuss how the architecture of these churches differs depending on the time they were built. Pending approvals from the churches, some parts of the tour may take place inside the church.

The tour will accommodate 20 attendees, but additional tours will be scheduled if interest warrants. It will take place rain or shine. Participants

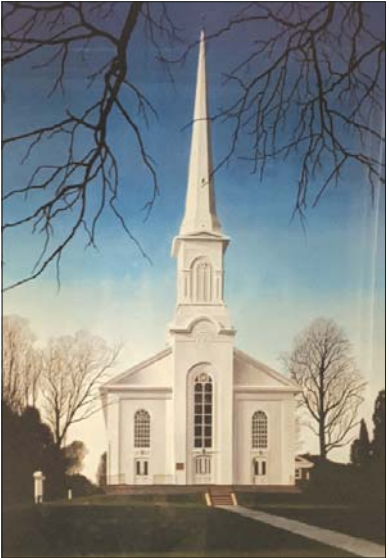


Photo credit: Westfield Historical Society
HISTORIC CHURCHES...Harry Devlin's painting depicts The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, which will be among the churches discussed during the Architectural Walking Tour of Westfield's churches on August 8. Reservations are required.

Margaret A. Trigo, 56, of Scotch Plains; Devoted and Loving Wife and Mother

Margaret A. Trigo (née Bucco), 56, of Scotch Plains peacefully passed at her home surrounded by her loving family. The visitation will be at the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J., from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, July 30, 2020. Masks are required and social distancing must be practiced. The funeral will be on Friday, July 31, 2020, from St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, Scotch Plains, where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. The interment will follow at Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



Margaret A. Trigo

Margaret was born in Jersey City, N.J., and settled in Scotch Plains in 1989. Margaret is a graduate of St. Peter's University, Jersey City, with a Bachelor of Arts in Business. She

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Margaret is survived by her devoted husband of 27 years, Richard Trigo; her loving sons, Dante and Dionisio; her two brothers, Jack Bucco and his wife, Leila, and Joseph Bucco who were like sisters to Margaret, Jacquelin Strang and Donna Sommo; her nieces and nephews, Samuel, Anthony, Francesca and Fiona; her brother-in-law, John Trigo, and his wife, Yvette, and her sister-in-law, Dolores Clemente, and her husband, Frank.

July 30, 2020

F-SP Service League Shop Posts Final Saturday Sales

SCOTCH PLAINS — Weather permitting, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop, located at 1741 East 2nd Street, Scotch Plains, will hold its final Saturday Only Sidewalk Sales August 1, 8 and 15. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Due to the coronavirus, the shop is closed during the week and is not open during the Sidewalk Sales.

Tables will be set up offering as much merchandise as can be accommodated. Visitors are asked to respect the limited space. If possible, they are asked to limit the number of shoppers and children accompanying them.

Per Governor Phil Murphy's or-

ders, masks will be required. For the safety and well-being of shoppers and staff, the Service League currently can not accept donations during or after the final sale date.

Following the August 15 closing, it has not been determined if the thrift shop will reopen. The Service League is working on plans to reopen, but at this time is not ready to announce such plans. Members of the public are asked to refrain from calling the shop, as return calls cannot be guaranteed.

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TOWN	ADDRESS	STYLE	RMS	BRS	BTH	GAR	SALE PRICE
Cranford	10B PARKWAY VLG	OneFloor	4	2	1.0	0	\$242,200
Cranford	29 ALGONQUIN DR	CapeCod	6	4	1.0	1	\$405,000
Cranford	406 CLAREMONT PL	Colonial	12	6	3.0	2	\$795,000
Cranford	40 CLARK ST	Colonial	14	5	3.1	1	\$926,000
Garwood	417 BEECH AVE	SplitLev	7	3	1.1	1	\$380,000
Mountaintop	348 SUMMIT RD	Custom	8	4	2.2	2	\$680,000
Scotch Plains	2236 MOUNTAIN AVE	CapeCod	7	4	3.0	0	\$409,900
Scotch Plains	1818 LAKE AVE	CapeCod	7	3	2.0	1	\$445,000
Scotch Plains	1866 QUIMBY LN	CapeCod	8	4	2.0	1	\$495,000
Scotch Plains	1927 W BROAD ST	Ranch	7	3	2.0	1	\$512,500
Scotch Plains	2088 WESTFIELD RD CIR	CapeCod	8	4	2.0	2	\$595,000
Scotch Plains	18 ESSEX RD	Colonial	8	4	5.0	3	\$800,000
Scotch Plains	1681 RARITAN RD	Colonial	10	5	4.2	3	\$1,249,000
Scotch Plains	2098 DOGWOOD DR	Colonial	12	6	6.0	3	\$1,345,000
Westfield	545 CUMBERLAND ST	CapeCod	7	3	3.0	0	\$605,545
Westfield	749 WARREN ST	CapeCod	8	4	2.0	1	\$647,900
Westfield	677 WESTFIELD AVE	Colonial	9	4	2.0	1	\$649,000
Westfield	40 BELL DR	SplitLev	10	4	3.0	1	\$775,000
Westfield	945 NEW ENGLAND DR	Custom	12	5	3.1	2	\$1,251,000
Westfield	2 PRISCILLA LN	Colonial	10	5	3.1	2	\$1,300,000*

*Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Cranford, Garwood, Mountaintop and Westfield, NJ data according to the Garden State MLS, as of 7/19/2020 thru 7/26/2020. Featured properties may not have been listed or sold by the office/agent presenting this data. For more information on these or other real estate matters, contact Susan Massa at 908-400-0778. Information deemed RELIABLE. Home is one of the most important and significant purchases and sales you will make in your lifetime. It's important to stay informed. susan@susanmassa.com www.Summitwestfieldhomes.com

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Redevelopment Should Focus On Benefits to the Community

Over the past few months, the Westfield Town Council and planning board have been moving to declare several areas as being “In Need of Redevelopment.” The specific properties eyed for redevelopment are all seven of the town’s parking lots. The town also will be examining its parking lots at 146 Elm Street, 131 Elm, 360 Watterson, 300 South W., 301 North W., 116 Elmer, 148 Central, the Lord & Taylor properties and the Rialto property.

Mayor Shelley Brindle laid out her desire to see Westfield take advantage of a PILOT (Payments in Lieu of Taxes) agreement to potentially develop these properties back in March. The mayor stated at the time that, “Westfield is one of the few towns that has never capitalized on the financial benefits of redevelopment.”

But that’s not for lack of trying. In last week’s newspaper, we gave you a historic look at the redevelopment process that Westfield went through in the early 2000s. The process was long, with many meetings that often went late into the night as residents lined up to ask questions and express their displeasure with the plan. What started with a look at all seven town parking lots became two, and eventually, one — the Prospect and Elm lots. A parking deck and townhouses were proposed, with a PILOT. The plan was put to the voters, who resoundingly defeated it, and the plan went away.

So, let’s talk about why it was defeated so resoundingly. PILOT payments allow the town to negotiate a payment to a developer instead of paying the regular taxes on the subject property. PILOT contracts can range anywhere from 10 to 30 years. The municipality gets 95 percent of the money and the county gets 5 percent; the schools get nothing.

The biggest issues at the time of the town’s last redevelopment plan involved the financials. There were questions about how much revenue the parking deck would generate, and if parking fees would truly pay for the construction costs. Then there were questions about how much the PILOT payments would generate, and the cost to the schools should children move into the proposed townhouses.

In October of 2003, *The Leader/Times* reported that the financial proposal for the parking deck using PILOT payments projected that the deck would not begin to pay for themselves for 16 to 20 years, and that was after accumulating a nearly \$4-million loss. At that time the council was working on an agreement with the board of education to fund the school system for any students who might come from the proposed condominiums, further reducing the town’s “profit.”

Currently, the Lord & Taylor properties (three lots totaling 7.16 acres) generate approximately \$558,000 in property taxes a year and the Rialto property generates \$119,265 annually. That gives nearly \$400,000 to the Westfield school system with no impact from any children using the schools.

Redevelopment can be great. It is the process that brought the Jersey Gardens Mall to Elizabeth. A blighted swamp was turned into an outlet shopping mall, allowing the City of Elizabeth to pocket all the revenue without adding any burden to the school system.

The problems, as we see it in Westfield, is that redevelopment of the Lord & Taylor lots will strip the current commercial zoning away, allowing for the construction of residential units. The mixed-use complex currently under construction on South Avenue in Garwood will yield 370 apartments; Hartz Mountain Industries wanted 905 apartments on Walnut Avenue in Cranford, which the school system said would yield 353 new students. How many apartments or condominiums will a developer want to put on the Lord & Taylor properties? What impact would that have on our schools? And what impact to the town roads would all those new dwellers have?

With so many unknowns as to the effects the Covid-19 pandemic will have on whether people will still commute into Manhattan in the masses they once did, one could argue that now is not the time to consider any such plans for redevelopment. If, in fact, people will not be commuting, then maybe portions of the commuter parking lots could be turned into a park. Or the Gumbert Ice Rink could be re-homed to the South Avenue lot, where it would have much less impact on a residential neighborhood. Or maybe the town could enter into a public-private partnership for a recreation center that would generate user fees? We know that the mayor and council have looked at the history with redevelopment; we hope that they learned the lessons of the past and that any plans they consider for development have only a positive impact on the town.

By SAL CARUANA
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A noted philosopher once said: “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” Yes, thank you Ferris Bueller.

Life regarding Westfield home ownership rights is moving fast too, without a pandemic timeout which would make homeowner objections more easily heard in Town Hall at the public microphone, rather than at midnight on Zoom. On August 11 the Westfield Town Council will take its final vote on a Historic Preservation Ordinance which, at the end of the day, enables the Town Council by a 2/3 approval vote to designate (without your consent) your home “historic”, and/or your block or neighborhood a “historic district”. While we have had historic preservation regulations on the books for many years, they currently require homeowner consent. This new Ordinance does not, which makes it an unprecedented infringement on the rights of private property ownership in Westfield. How so?

Under the new law any proposed exterior construction on a designated home, even if it conforms to our current zoning laws, will now be required to first go to the Historic Preservation Commission for review and approval via a “Certificate of Appropriateness”. (Say hello to the new Fashion Police).

More troubling, a demolition permit request for a historic home and EVERY home built before 1930 will need to first go through a Historical Preservation Commission review process for approval too. Currently a demolition permit is the property right of every Westfield homeowner.

What if the best, highest, or only bidder for your pre-1930’s home happens to be a tear-down builder, who most certainly would require an approved demolition permit before closing? What if you apply and the Commission exercises its new legal right to deny the application on the grounds of “historical preservation”? The net effect of the denial would be for the builder to withdraw from the purchase, leaving the owner and family as hostages in their home until they can find a buyer who is not a builder, no matter how long it takes or how much less the offer. In the aggregate, these potential demolition permit denials have the chance to result in millions of dollars of best-bid losses to Westfield sellers. Undoubtedly the most vulnerable to loss will be our seniors, typically long-term residents at a point in their lives when downsizing and monetizing the value of their aged homes (many in disrepair) is critical to their financial longevity. Let’s be kind to them when the only buyer for their “historic” home is a builder and not a young family. Can we get a “hardship” provision written into the law, please?

Historic preservation is an important public interest; however, it must also find the correct balance with the rights of private property. Ironically the nation is in its own tear-down fever, as many want to reinterpret the past using as a lens the cultural norms and sensitivities of the present. Confederate statues are toppling (good!) and the Confederate flag purged (finally!); while in Scotch Plains, the explorer legacy which truly defines Christopher Columbus will live on to fight another day (thank you Township Council!).

I have a suggestion for my anti-Columbus friends in Scotch Plains, and those on the left who are on the tear-down train. Tear down and replace the name “Democratic” Party, just like those rebel monuments. You want a short history why? The Democratic Party was the pro-slavery party leading up to the Civil War. Post-war it blocked reconstruction efforts in the South and controlled racist southern governments for the next 100 years. From 1890 to 1908 those Democratic governments passed Jim Crow laws to disenfranchise Black voters and promote segregation. The party enabled and turned a blind eye to the white supremacist Ku Klux Klan’s reign of terror, and actually sat the Klan at its 1924 National Convention. The Democratic Party was the home of the infamous racist “Dixiecrats” who bolted the party in 1948 after President Truman’s executive order to end discrimination in the military, but were soon begged to return. It was also home to Governor George Wallace who blocked the doors at the University of Alabama to its first Black students in 1963, and on “Bloody Sunday” in 1965 turned the state police and their canines loose on John Lewis and peaceful protest marchers in Selma.

It goes without saying that the Democratic Party of recent decades bears no resemblance to its racist past. Its proud legacy now includes our first Black president Barack Obama, and President Lyndon Johnson’s Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965. However, it’s not-so-proud legacy and stain on America’s racial history is almost a 140 year era, as the party that dominated the enforcement of slavery, racial injustice, bigotry and brutality in the south from its founding in 1828 to the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965 while its northern wing stayed complicity silent.

Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions – only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

If you can guess one correctly – good guess. If you get two – well-read individual. If you get three – word expert. If you get all four – You must have a lot of free time!

All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction Deception.

Answers to last week’s arcane words.

1. Trichogenous – Producing hair
2. Loke – Private road or lane
3. Paludism – Malaria
4. Polder – Lowland reclaimed from a lake or sea by means of high embankments

RUBIGINOSE

1. Rust-colored
2. Resembling German measles
3. Having a large, but flat nose
4. Resembling a honeycomb

THRENODY

1. A poem or stanza having eight lines and two rhymes
2. A song of lamentation; a dirge
3. Government by three men or coalition of three parties. A triumvirate
4. Characterized by three knots or nodes

COZEN

1. The hip or hip joint
2. A person who steers a boat
3. Mentally ill; insane
4. To cheat or defraud

POLLAN

1. A white fish found in some lakes in Ireland
2. A hornless animal, as a goat, deer, ox, etc.
3. Any body of persons having an organized system of government
4. Hay fever

Letters to the Editor

Historic Preservation Chair Seeks to Set Record Straight on Revised Ord.

As Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), I’m disheartened by the spread of misinformation regarding the revised historic preservation ordinance under consideration by the town council. In a world where wearing a mask has become politicized, perhaps I shouldn’t be surprised. Certainly, a vigorous debate is warranted but the systematic spread of falsehoods and distortions only serve to stoke fear. The purpose of this letter is to set the record straight.

Fact: NJ state law already grants municipalities the right to designate properties as historic because it views historic preservation as a land use or zoning rule – no different than setback requirements or coverage ratios.

Fact: The revised ordinance enables Westfield’s historic preservation ordinance to comply with state law. The current ordinance doesn’t follow the state’s Municipal Land Use Law, which opens Westfield up to legal challenges.

Fact: The HPC does not have the power to designate a property or district. The HPC is strictly advisory and may recommend a designation if a property meets stringent criteria outlined in the National Historic Registry. These criteria can be found in our current ordinance or in our FAQ document on the Town website.

Fact: Although state law grants the authority to recommend a historic designation to historic preservation commissions, Westfield’s HPC has and will continue to only focus on voluntary designations. It is NOT the intention of the HPC to pursue a historic designation where the property owners are not supportive, nor has it ever been.

Fact: According to the recent Master Plan reexamination survey, 80 percent of respondents state that historic preservation is very important. Throughout the public outreach process, the most recurring comment was to prevent teardowns of homes. The revised ordinance simply gives the town the opportunity to have a discussion with the owners BEFORE demolition is underway.

Fact: While there are over 10,000 homes in Westfield, the number of properties that have been previously identified on the master plan as potentially historic number just over 100, about 1 percent of total properties.

Fact: Current historically designated properties will have even less stringent regulations with the revised ordinance. In the new ordinance, property owners of historically designated properties NO LONGER need approval of paint color. Additionally, application fees are eliminated to submit a Certificate of Appropriateness to the town.

Fact: Numerous research studies show that historically designated properties do not lose but rather gain value. In one analysis, entitled “Economic Impacts of Preservation in New Jersey and Texas,” the authors found that properties with historic preservation status saw their home values increase up to 20 percent. Source: <https://forum.savingplaces.org/viewdocument/economic-impacts-of-preservation-in>.

Fact: Longtime homeowners often hear “Older homes don’t sell.” It is unconscionable when older couples are told that their beloved home is “only valuable to a builder” and then sold directly to that builder for demolition often without ever having been listed. Since the year 2000, over 900 homes have been razed and replaced with new construction.

Fact: This revised ordinance was not rushed through but followed the same process as all other land use or zoning ordinances. It was introduced at a council meeting on June 30, 2020 that was properly advertised, and very well attended with dozens of public comments. After approval on first reading, the revised ordinance was passed to the planning board which reviewed it at its publicly advertised meeting on July 6 with additional comments from residents.

The HPC has provided FAQs on their website, as well as the presentation given to the planning board, and held several sessions with residents to answer questions and concerns. If anyone has any further, please feel free to email HPC@westfieldnj.gov and get the facts.

Maria Boyes
Westfield Historic Preservation
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Letters to the Editor

Westfield Resident Says ‘Hands Off Our Homes’

Are you aware that your home is currently on the list of homes (see below) to be designated historic by the Town of Westfield and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)? And they could do so without your approval! And these homeowners have not even been given notice.

Are you aware that this designation will affect you making or not being able to make decisions on improvements to your home, sale of your home, property values (although your taxes won't go down), and the equity you have in your home?

Mayor Brindle and her administration are proposing a new and drastic transformation of the current HPC Ordinance. They have already taken their first vote on the ordinance on June 30th and it was vote in favor 8 to 1. It was then sent to the planning board, who also passed it unanimously on July 6th. The final vote to pass the ordinance will be August 11, 2020. If the ordinance is approved, it will allow the HPC to designate your home "historic", without your consent. The future of your homes and financial stability will be decided by the Mayor's Council. Not by you, not even by a town wide vote, but by people deciding your financial future. It will restrict your ability to alter the exterior of your home (painting, additions, alterations, doors, windows, etc.). You will have to apply to the HPC to get their approval to make any changes (spending time, money, and aggravation), and there's no guarantee you will receive approval. Most people will have to hire an attorney specializing in this area of law, but if it is already designated, you will be fighting an up hill battle. New homes and entire neighborhoods can also be designated under the new ordinance, without the owners consent.

Town council and planning board meetings have been via Zoom, for those who know about it, but a lot of residents are unable to interact and/or view these meetings.

As the ordinance stands now, it states "In case of a proposed historic site, the HPC shall secure the written consent of the owner(s) of record of such site before taking further action towards Historic Designation." This has been removed from the new ordinance, thus removing your voice/rights as the property owner. Decisions made to our homes should be made by us, not an elite few who are not paying our taxes, mortgages, or our home improvements.

By the way, Mayor Brindles home is not on the list, I wonder why!!!

Mayor Brindle and our Town Administration has NO right to make our privately owned properties, social owned properties.

Your Support is needed. Go to: www.Westfieldnjresidentsforum.com (link created by a Westfield resident for additional information)

Westfield HPC List of Potential Designated Home: 8 Kimball Crl, 814 Embree Crt., 1 E. Broad St.,

603 Tremont Ave., 306 N. Chestnut St., 6 Kimball Crl., 617 E. Broad St., 518 Lawrence Ave., 311 Prospect St., 630 Clark St., 440 Topping Hill Rd, 140 Brightwood Ave., 140 W. Dudley Ave., 534 Tremont Ave., 730 Lawrence Ave., 220 E. Dudley Ave., 505 Dorian Rd, 961 Rahway Ave., 229 Sylvia Pl, 128 N. Chestnut St., 238 Charles St., 231 Elizabeth Ave., 246 Clark St., 667 4th Ave., 230 Charles St., 227 Charles St., 110 W. Dudley Ave., 400 Wychwood Rd, 120 N. Chestnut St., 546 Boulevard, 534 Boulevard, 503 Boulevard, 811 Bradford Ave., 5 Cherry Lane, 212 Prospect St., 538 Lawrence Ave., 526 Wychwood Rd, 385 E. Broad St., 224 Charles St., 417 Prospect St., 515 Boulevard, 401 E. Broad St., 120 W. Dudley Ave., 515 Woodland Ave., 3 Stoneleigh Park, 301 N Ave. W, 226 E. Dudley Ave., 1737 Nevada St., Westfield Historic Society (Mountain Ave.), 414 Hillside Ave., 217 Charles St., 603 Clark St., 563 Westfield Ave., 614 Mountain Ave., 4 Stoneleigh Park, 2 Stoneleigh Park, 7 Stoneleigh Park, 10 Stoneleigh Park, 12 Stoneleigh Park, 18 Stoneleigh Park, 22 Stoneleigh Park, 25 Stoneleigh Park, 28 Stoneleigh Park, 29 Stoneleigh Park, 30 Stoneleigh Park, 31 Stoneleigh Park, 9 Stoneleigh Park, 11 Stoneleigh Park, 13 Stoneleigh Park, 14 Stoneleigh Park, 15 Stoneleigh Park, 5 Stoneleigh Park, 16 Stoneleigh Park, 17 Stoneleigh Park, 20 Stoneleigh Park, 21 Stoneleigh Park, 23 Stoneleigh Park, 24 Stoneleigh Park, 26 Stoneleigh Park, 27 Stoneleigh Park, 241 E. Dudley Ave., 119 E. Dudley Ave., 265 E. Dudley Ave., 304 E. Dudley Ave., 936 Highland Ave., 1011 Rahway Ave., and 824 Highland Ave.

Kim Peterson
Westfield

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Increase in Overdose Deaths Raises Red Flag

NEW YORK — In response to new preliminary CDC data showing an increase in drug overdose deaths in 2019, Sheila Vakharia, Ph.D, deputy director of the Department of Research & Academic Engagement for the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA), released the following statement:

"While the increase in overdose deaths in the U.S. in 2019 is devastating, it is not at all surprising, and there is reason to believe that these deaths will continue to climb in 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has increased isolation, disrupted the drug supply and reduced access to harm reduction and treatment supports.

Last year, as legislators celebrated a 4.5 percent decrease in overdose deaths from the year prior. The DPA warned that the data did not account for the fact that there were states



Photo courtesy of Susan M. Dougherty

DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED... Westfield resident Linsy Rosen, a third-year student at Colby College, and Diya Khullar, a Summit resident and recent graduate of Northeastern University, have joined forces during the pandemic to run a donation drive of feminine hygiene products for women in need. Donations – both monetary and products — are going to Family Promise Union County, Essex County Correctional Facility, Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and Summit's GRACE — Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials. To date, the two friends have collected hundreds of tampons, pads and liners. To learn more about their efforts, contact them at menstrualproductsfornj@gmail.com. Pictured, Linsy loads three bags of donations into her car for distribution.

Westfield Library Reopens To Public On Limited Basis

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library has reopened to the public on a limited basis. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

The public will be able to browse for and check out materials in the library. All other in-building activities remain suspended at this time due to Covid 19. Face coverings and social distancing are required. Patrons are asked to plan accordingly as public restrooms will not be available, even to children. Fines and fees remain suspended.

The library's curbside service will become Grab and Go, and all materials can still be placed on hold and picked up from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Materials will be available for pickup

the day after they are placed on hold. Items placed on hold on Saturday will be available on Monday.

The public will be permitted into the library in accordance with state occupancy limits — which currently is 50 people — to browse for and check out materials. Visitors will be asked to limit their time in the building to no more than 30 minutes and to have no more than one member of the family in the library at any one time.

Members of the public, except children 2 years old or younger, will be required to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth the entire time they are in the library. Parents are expected to hold young children by the hand at all times.

New M.U.R.A.L. library cards will not be issued. Existing M.U.R.A.L. cards will continue to be honored until they expire; renewals will depend upon revised protocols of the M.U.R.A.L. libraries.

Due to limited staffing, assistance at service desks may not be available at all times. Self-checkout is encouraged.

"At times it may be difficult, and it certainly will be different as we provide service in a socially-distanced manner," said Library Director Phil Israel. "We ask for the public's patience and cooperation as we all adjust to a new way to provide service as we strive to keep both patrons and library staff safe and healthy."

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinances were passed on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey on the 21st day of July 2020, and that said Ordinances will be considered for final adoption at a meeting of the said Township Council to be held on the 18th day of August 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place a public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said Ordinances and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE this meeting is currently scheduled to take place (weather permitting) outside on the Alan Augustine Village Green next to the Township of Scotch Plains Municipal Building (430 Park Avenue). If attending in-person, please ensure that you bring a mask and ensure proper social distancing.

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ORDINANCE 2020-15

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXIII (ZONING), SECTION 23-1.8 (DEFINITIONS) AND SECTION 23-2.3 (REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL ZONES) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS TO PERMIT DEER FENCING.

ORDINANCE 2020-16

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELATING, EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC TO A PORTION OF A CERTAIN PAPER STREET AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS AND KNOWN AS OLD BRIDGE ROAD.

BOZENA LACINA, RMC
Municipal Clerk

1 T - 07/30/20, The Times Fee: \$65.28

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR VIRTUAL HEARING TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, In compliance with the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, the General Ordinances of the Township of Westfield and the Rules and Regulations of the Township of Westfield Board of Adjustment, and in order to comply with the Executive Orders signed by Governor Murphy and in an effort to follow best practices recommended by the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC), **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that **The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey** will hold a virtual meeting on **August 10, 2020, at 7:30 pm** to hear and consider the following appeals for bulk (c) and/or (d) variance relief from requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.

Kenneth Waddell, 106 Marion Avenue. Applicant is seeking approval to construct an addition contrary to Section 11.09E6, 11.09E14, and 12.04F3/11.09E10 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. Proposed is 6.14 feet. Ordinance requires a minimum one-car garage. Proposed is no garage. Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage with a deck and porch of 24%. Proposed is 24.4%.

Brad & Susan Schneider, 821 Bradford Avenue. Applicants are seeking approval to construct a front porch addition and a two-story addition contrary to Section 12.03D & 12.04E1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 40.34 feet. Proposed is 34 feet 8 inches. Ordinance allows a maximum floor area ratio of 30% (4,000 square feet). Proposed is 26% (4,145 square feet).

The public can join the meeting and participate electronically or by phone by accessing the following link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/602589976>, Zoom Meeting ID#: 602-589-976, or by dialing: 470.381.2552 or 646.518.9805. The application plans, and all documents submitted in relation to the application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. A digital copy is available by contacting the Board Secretary Linda Jacus at ljacus@westfieldnj.gov, or by viewing the documents on the Town of Westfield website: <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/>. Members of the public who have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the remote meeting process, or who are unable to access the plans digitally, should contact the Board Secretary Linda Jacus at (908) 789-4100, extension 4602, or by email ljacus@westfieldnj.gov.

Linda Jacus
Board Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD

BOND ORDINANCE
STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 23, 2020 and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available to the general public on the Borough's website (www.garwood.org). The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 20-09

TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE 2020 SIDEWALK REPAIR/REPLACEMENT AND TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$225,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A COUNTY GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Purpose(s): Undertaking of the 2020 Sidewalk Repair/Replacement and Tree Removal/Replacement Program at various locations in, by and for the Borough.

Appropriation: \$225,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$180,900
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$35,000
Section 20 Costs: \$36,000
Useful Life: 10 years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Christina M. Ariemma, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of Garwood
County of Union
State of New Jersey
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford by IOP CRANFORD SPIRITS LLC for premises to be located at 100 South Avenue and 104 South Avenue*, for the transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2003-33-004-008, presently held by CERVANTES INC Debtor in Possession d/b/a Bar Americana, a New Jersey corporation, for premises located at 24 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey 07016.

The persons who will hold an interest in this license are:

1. Brandon K. Boffard, 55 Bleeker Street, 2nd FL, Millburn, New Jersey 07041

2. Joshua B. Sternberg, 546 Washington Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090

3. Joshua M. Mann, 18 Brookwood Road, South Orange, New Jersey 07079

*Plans of building to be constructed may be examined at the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Patricia Donahue, Municipal Clerk, Township of Cranford, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016.

Brandon Boffard, Joshua Sternberg & Joshua Mann
IOP CRANFORD SPIRITS LLC
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-020793-19
File No. 27290-19

NOTICE TO REDEEM

PPP NEW, LLC; PLAINTIFF
VS. RICHARD SIMONE; MRS.
RICHARD SIMONE, WIFE OF
RICHARD SIMONE;
ALLSTATE INSURANCE
COMPANY; SUPREME
ENERGY, INC.; MIDLAND FUND-
ING LLC; DEFENDANT(S)

TO: RICHARD SIMONE; MRS. RICHARD SIMONE, WIFE OF RICHARD SIMONE;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on July 24, 2020, the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, in the case of PPP NEW, LLC, Plaintiff vs. Richard Simone, Mrs. Richard Simone, Wife of Richard Simone, Allstate Insurance Company, Supreme Energy, Inc., Midland Funding LLC, Defendant(s), Case No. F-020793-19, has been entered.

LOT 25 BLOCK 1404 on the tax duplicate of UNION. Total amount required to redeem tax sale certificate no. 17-00016 is \$32,151.37, together with interest from July 17, 2020 and costs of \$1,532.91.

And that unless, at the same time and place, you or one of you redeem by paying the aforesaid sum so found due to plaintiff, then you, and each of you shall be debarred and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption of, in and to the lands and premises above set out and described in the complaint and every part thereof, and that the plaintiff be vested with an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in said lands and premises.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, redemption shall be permitted until the entry of final judgment including the whole of the last date upon which judgment is entered.

Michael G. Pellegrino, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
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SPF'S LaROSA 2B, 1B, RBI; N. PR. FAUCHER 2 HR, 5 RBI

NP Pioneers Slip Past Raiders In Ripken 12U Pool A Play, 8-5

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Sparkling defense on the part of both teams ruled for the first three innings but two home runs off the bat of Troy Faucher spelled demise for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood 12U squad in an 8-5 New Providence victory in Pool A play of the Cal Ripken, Jr. District 12 Tournament at Gumbert

Mike Tafur scooped hard grounders that they converted to putouts in the second inning and second baseman Jake Todera hauled in a difficult pop fly in shallow right-center.

Pioneer first baseman James Keneally made a pair of fine stretching scoops for putouts and shortstop Fitzgerald corralled a sizzling grounder to limit the Raiders to just

added a run in the third. Pat Barnett and Tafur both walked. After Barnett was gunned down attempting to steal third and Todera grounded out to short, LaRosa wiggled an RBI single toward first.

The Raiders' 2-0 lead did not hold up long. Fitzgerald (2-for-3, 2 runs) doubled to leftfield and Faucher lined his two-run homer over the right-centerfield fence. Daniel Porretti (1-for-3, 2 runs), who hit into a force out, later scored on a throwing error.

The Raiders, however, regained the lead, 4-3, in the bottom of the inning. Dowling chopped a leadoff double down the first baseline. Tyler Glynn's in-field grounder provoked throwing errors, which allowed Dowling to score. Glynn then scored on Clay Friedrich's single over third.

But the Pioneers rolled along well with four runs in the fifth to seize a 7-4 lead. Jude DeRosa tapped a lead-off single, Fitzgerald reached first on a throwing error and Faucher hammered his three-run homer over the right-centerfield fence. Porretti and McAloon both singled then Porretti would score on a wild throw from centerfield.

The Raiders scored once in the fifth when Tafur walked and scored on AJ Parchman's hard double down the leftfield line. New Providence answered with an insurance run in the sixth. Keneally singled and stole second. Fitzgerald bounced a single by third which drew a throwing error, allowing Keneally to score. The Raiders went down in order in the bottom of the sixth.

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GETTING UNDER THE THROW...Westfield Blue's Bryan Jordan gets under the throw as Cougar shortstop Christian Pereira covers second base in the third inning of the Cal Ripken District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 2 on July 25.

WF. BULGER, SMITH, ENRIGHT 2 RBI; CR. ARATO 2 RBI

Westfield Blue Jars Cranford In Ripken 12U Pool Play, 10-2

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Pitcher Dylan Singer tossed his second straight impressive performance and his teammates provided plenty of offense to lead the Westfield 12U Blue past Cranford, 10-2, in Pool B play of

the Cal Ripken, Jr. District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 2 in Westfield on July 25. The win earned them the second seed in Pool B, which would pit them against Mountainside-BH the third seed in Pool A for the playoffs.

Singer permitted no walks and re-

corded three strikeouts against the Cougars, while allowing six hits. Braden Grace pitched the first three innings for Cranford and also permitted no walks, while striking out three and allowing three hits and four runs.

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D. SINGER ON MOUND; ANDRETTA, SORIERO LEAD 'O'

West. Blue Silences Chatham In Ripken 12U Districts, 8-1

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Dylan Singer with his brother Alex

behind the plate kept a good-hitting Chatham team off balance, while his offense led by Brady Andretta and Jack Soriero added plenty of support to guide the Westfield Blue team to an 8-1 victory in Pool B play of the Cal Ripken, Jr. 12U District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 3 in Westfield on July 22. Both teams entered the contest with 1-1 records, so a victory was very important for seeding purposes.

The Chatham Cougars consisted of Brady Byrne, Ryan Leach, Justin Zigon, Dylan Temple, Marty

Hindelong, Mike MacAniff, Kellen Story, Sonny Arden, Luke Doroski and Will Young with Coach Jeff Temple at the helm. The Westfield Blue guided by Head Coach Ken Soriero consisted of Andretta, Jack Soriero, Anthony Bulger, Tiago Enright, Connor Smith, Alex and Dylan Singer, Louie Ciullo, Thatcher Partelow, Alex Lawrence, Andrew Lisnock and Bryan Jordan.

Dylan Singer went the full six innings and limited Chatham to just six singles and one walk, while striking

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GETTING HOME SAFELY...Blue Devil Brady Andretta, No. 32, scores as Chatham catcher Will Young gets the throw at Gumbert Field 3 on July 22.

Westfield/Cranford 10U Girls Softball

The game between the Westfield 10U girls and Cranford was cut very short by rain on July 23. The Cougar girls carried a 5-0 lead into the top of the second inning when the game was called. Cranford received a great pitching performance from Sofia Alvarez who struck out all three batters she faced in the first inning. Charlotte DiPaolo got the game's only hit.



GETTING A BASE HIT...Cranford Cougar Charlotte DiPaola raps a single in the second inning of the rained out game against the Westfield 10U girls on July 23.



OUT AT THE PLATE...Raider AJ Parchman is tagged out at the plate by pitcher Troy Faucher during the Cal Ripken District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 2 on July 26.

Field 2 in Westfield on July 26. Faucher, who doubled in the first inning, slammed a two-run homer in the fourth inning and blasted and three-run homer in the fifth to provide the Pioneers with the margin for victory.

Defensively, Raider catcher Tom Dowling gunned down Pioneer Jack Fitzgerald attempting to steal third base in the first inning just before Faucher looped a long double in front of the right field fence. Raider shortstop Joe LaRosa and third baseman

one run in the first inning. Third baseman Colin McAloon converted a tough grounder to a putout in the second inning and Faucher, the catcher, gunned down a runner attempting to swipe third to limit the Raiders to one run in the third inning.

The Raiders scored once in the bottom of the first inning. Todera hopped a leadoff single over second and LaRosa (2-for-3, RBI) doubled to center. Dowling grounded out to short as Todera scored. The Raiders

* A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror *



HEADING FOR THE OPEN FIELD...The Westfield ball carrier breaks away from a Cranford Cougar in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Union County Mudturtle Flag Rugby Day held at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains on July 14, 2018.

From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* — full accounts of events are at www.goleader.com for particular year and date.

July 11, 2019: Kevin Coupe helped get three runs across the plate as St. Michael held on for a much needed, 7-4 win over St. Sebastian during a St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball

League Angels Division game played on July 11 at Forest Road Park in Fanwood. Coupe's first inning routine fly ball morphed into a two-run, inside the park homer after it was misplayed by St. Sebastian leftfielder Steven Pirella. Coupe's "St. Bart's" style round tripper gave his team a 3-2 lead.

July 12, 2019: One wild inning, an

unexpected seven-run outburst in the top of the second inning, proved to be the deciding factor that catapulted the Marlboro Mustangs to a 9-6 victory over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders for the Cal Ripken 8U State Championship at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 12. That outburst put the little Raiders in a huge hole but they valiantly kept digging and digging to make it quite an exciting contest.

In his three plate appearances, Carter Murphy doubled, singled, walked and scored twice for the Raiders. Holden Gasparro singled twice and had two RBI. Cole Webster blasted a double, scored once and had

that of a house of cards with their fourth loss of the season.

The Deeganators totaled 18 hits, which included four doubles and a home run. Charlie Collins popped with the most power, going 3-for-4 with a three-run homer, an RBI single and a double. John Garced went 3-for-4 with a two-run single and an RBI single and leadoff hitter Mike Juchnik added a pair of RBI singles and scored twice.

The "Purple Gang" of Contact Lens & Vision tapped 17 singles and Dayton, the leadoff man, did it with the stick also, going 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Tim Walsh also went 3-for-3 with three RBI and a run



WAITING FOR THE THROW...Raider third baseman Charlie Saccetti awaits the throw as Monroe's Austin Loudin slides into third base during the Cal Ripken, Jr. 8U State Tournament at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 13, 2018.

an RBI. Ryan Roof walked and scored once, singled and had an RBI sacrifice fly.

July 12, 2018: Brian Dayton had no visual problems in centerfield as he made several startling catches but none more sensational nor more important than the one he made in the top of the seventh inning to earn Contact Lens & Vision a 12-11 triumph over the big, bad Deegan Roofers on Field 4 at Rahway River Park in Rahway on July 12. Since having their 72-game winning streak snapped a few weeks ago in a 14-6 loss to the Phenomenal Boyz, the Roofers' stability seems to have been more like

scored. Dave Rothenberg (RBI) and Matt Kasper each had two singles and scored once. Neil Kaufman, Scott Cohen and Bobby Biner each added an RBI single and scored once. Joe DeRosa and Anthony Miccio each singled and scored once. Dan Righetti rapped a two-run single, 80-year old George Merlo, who whispered that he will be retiring from the 50+ League but will remain with the 60+ League, walked twice and his pinch runner scored both times.

July 13, 2018: Booth Field and Memorial Field in Scotch Plains played host to the Cal Ripken, Jr. 8U

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UNION COUNTY ALL-STAR...Pictured, left to right, front row; Matt Catanzaro (Westfield), Andrew Ciccarino and Kevin Maxwell (Scotch Plains-Fanwood) and Nick Buontempo (Westfield); back row, Harry Williamson (Westfield) Colin Scanlon and Kevin Trotter (Cranford) and Sean Elliott (Westfield) July 16, 2015.

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David B. Corbin (July 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
AN UNSAFE “STORY”...Summit’s Sam Story, No. 1, is tagged out by Westfield 12U Blue catcher Lorenzo Enright in the second inning during the New Providence Gold League game at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 14, 2018.



David B. Corbin (July 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
ACTION AT THIRD BASE...The throw by the catcher slips by Raider third baseman Matt Nervi as Westfield White’s Noah Fischer slides safely to the bag in the second inning at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 15, 2017.



David B. Corbin (July 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
GETTING THE DOUBLE PLAY...Westfield 11U Blue second baseman Nick Labin points to the ump to show New Providence base runner Jake Monaco that he just became a victim of a double play as Chris Shinnors looks on (July 16, 2017).

* A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Youth & Adult Sports *

State Tournament that would feature eight teams vying for the crown. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders faced a very talented Monroe team in their opening Pool A game at Booth Field on July 13 and came up on the short end of an 18-7 decision but did manage to mount a bit of a comeback in the later innings.

Monroe featured a very effective starting pitcher in Ryan Desmond, who ruled the mound the first two innings, allowing just a single to Raider James Masterson, while striking out five batters and permitting no

in Scotch Plains and Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) Raider Rugby hosted a Union County Mudturtle Flag Rugby Day on July 14 and the event that featured 55 flag teams and over 350 participants kicked off at 9 a.m. and lasted until noon. The Union Mudturtle program was made up of teams from Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Dunnellen, Rahway, Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF), Union and Westfield. Teams from Bridgewater, Bayonne and Montclair were also present.

July 14, 2018: Friendly rivalries



David B. Corbin (July 2019 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
HEADING TO THE CAL RIPKEN 8U MID-ATLANTIC REGIONALS...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, pictured, and the Marlboro Mustangs have qualified to compete in the Cal Ripken 8U Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament featuring teams from North and South NJ, East and West NY, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. The Mustangs held off the Raiders, 9-6, to win the North NJ State Title at Scotch Plains on July 12, 2019.

walks. Masterson started on the mound for the Raiders, who totaled six hits. Ryan McCann and Sam Galante pitched in relief. Masterson went 2-for-3, with a two-run double and scored once. Sam Schinestuhl whacked a two-run single in his only plate appearance. Simon Shapiro had an RBI single and Charlie Saccetti thumped a triple and scored once. Sam Spohnheimer walked, scored once and had an RBI.

July 14, 2018: Park Middle School

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

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Additionally, a copy of said ordinance is on file in the Township Clerk’s Office and available between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm during regular business days prior to final adoption at no cost to any member of the general public who requests same.

ORDINANCE 2020-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXIII, SUBCHAPTER 23-3.2 ENTITLED “ZONING MAP” OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ORDINANCE TO REZONE BLOCK 5503, LOT 1 (2650 ROUTE 22) FROM THE R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE B-3 HIGHWAY BUSINESS ZONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN A MEMORANDUM (“THE REPORT”) DATED MAY 24, 2019 WHICH WAS MEMORIALIZED IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON JULY 22, 2019.

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Municipal Clerk
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are great! Westfield Blue and Summit have been battling each other for years and every time the outcomes have come down to a one or two run decision with the Blue Devils taking the lion’s share. But not this time! Summit finally got the monkey off its back, capitalized on several opportunities and added some powerful hitting to overcome the Westfield 12U Blue, 15-7, in New Providence Gold League action at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 14.

Westfield Blue totaled 11 hits, which included five doubles and a home run. Jack Paris pummeled a three-run homer and a two-run, ground

rule double and was hit by a pitch. Kellen Edwards cracked a ground rule double and an RBI single and scored twice. Owen Singman smacked a pair of doubles (1 ground rule), scored once and had an RBI. Luke Jordan went 2-for-2, including a ground rule double, and scored once. Ethan Delforte singled and scored twice. Chris Shinnors and Jack Chavez each singled once.

July 15, 2017: Relief pitcher Jack Fallo stepped on the mound with no outs in the bottom of the sixth inning and got the next two Westfield White batters to ground out and the third to fly out to leftfield to cut short a rally and to reward the Scotch Plains-Fanwood 12Us with an 8-5 victory in New Providence Gold League action at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. Westfield White had scored three runs in the inning but did experience some difficulty on the mound and on defense in the early innings.

Westfield’s Leo Mangiamale poked a pair of singles, swiped two bases and scored twice. Owen Callahan blasted an RBI double and Ben Kelly went 2-for-2 with an RBI. Raiders Tom Schmidt went 2-for-3, with a double and a two-run homer over the right field fence. Parker Raham rapped a pair of singles and had an RBI.

July 16, 2017: Flawless defense, two double plays and strong pitching performances by both teams made for a low scoring game in a New Providence Gold League 11U showdown between undefeated New Providence and the Westfield Blue at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 16. With the score knotted 3-3 after the first inning, Westfield Blue scored twice in the third and added another in the fifth to earn a 6-3 victory.

But the defense was what it was all about, especially when Westfield Blue turned a pair of double plays (DP), squashing any chances of a New Providence rally in those two innings. The first DP came in the top of the second inning when centerfielder Luke Jordan hauled in a lined smash on a hit-and-run play and alertly fired to second to double up the runner. The second DP arrived in the fifth, also on a hit-and-run play, when relief pitcher Chris Shinnors scooped a short pop up and tossed to first to first in time to get

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinances were tabled by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey on the 16th day of June 2020, and that said Ordinances will be considered for final adoption at a meeting of the said Township Council to be held on the 18th day of August 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place a public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said Ordinances and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE this meeting is currently scheduled to take place (weather permitting) outside on the Alan Augustine Village Green next to the Township of Scotch Plains Municipal Building (430 Park Avenue). If attending in-person, please ensure that you bring a mask and ensure proper social distancing.

PLEASE NOTE, due to the public health emergency caused by Coronavirus, and the Governor’s Executive Order 107, or in the case of inclement weather, the Township of Scotch Plains may conduct the August 18, 2020 Business Meeting remotely and by electronic means for the public. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the “Open Public Meetings Act”) Business Meeting will be open to the public by electronic means, and as such, members of the public may view the meeting by livestream on our public access **Channels FIOS 22 and Comcast 34**; or on the **Township’s Facebook Page**; and Public Comment will be available through call in during the appropriate comment portions at (908) 322-2076. Please note that the start time of meeting is subject to change if Covid-19 emergency persists—please check Township website for meeting time—scotchplainsnj.gov.

Additionally, a copy of said ordinance can be found on the Township website (<https://www.scotchplainsnj.gov/departments/downtown-redevelopment-committee/downtown-overlay-zone-ordinances/>) and is on file in the Township Clerk’s Office between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm during regular business days prior to final adoption at no cost to any member of the general public who requests same. If you have any questions on this ordinance, please contact Thomas Strowe, Project Coordinator for Redevelopment at (908) 322-6700 ext. 317 or tstrowe@scotchplainsnj.com.

ORDINANCE 2020-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXIII, ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ORDINANCE TO CREATE AN INCLUSIONARY OVERLAY ZONE DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS DOWNTOWN TIER 1

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED HOUSING PLAN ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS AND THE FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS.

ORDINANCE 2020-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXIII ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ORDINANCE TO CREATE AN INCLUSIONARY OVERLAY ZONE DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS DOWNTOWN TIER 2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED HOUSING PLAN ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS AND THE FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS.

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BOZENA LACINA, RMC
Municipal Clerk
1 T - 07/30/20, The Times Fee: \$118.32

the runner.

July 16, 2017: The Readington/Tewksbury Raptors held off a furious comeback bid by Westfield for a 13-11 victory in a 9U game played at Gumbert Field 3 in Westfield. Trail- ing 13-6, heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, Westfield managed to score five runs in its final at-bats and advanced the tying run to second base and the winning run to first base with just one out before having their improbable rally cut short by a game-ending double play.

With bases loaded, and facing a drawn-in infield, Westfield’s top hitter Ben Carno stepped to the plate and delivered a hard line drive just inside the line that Readington first baseman Trey Garutti snagged before turning back and doubling the Westfield runner at first base. Had Carno’s hit made it through and stayed fair, it surely would have scored the tying run if not the game winner. Eli Mitchell, Jack Newall and Carno provided the majority of the offense for Westfield.

July 15, 2016: Very effective pitching from Jack Price, Dylan Rossin and Nick Deis, respectively, resulted in a four-hit, three-walk 8-0 shutout victory for the Westfield 12U White over Montville at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. Offensively, the Westfield White received adequate RBI production from Nick Schoen, Rossin and Nate Katz.

July 16, 2016: Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield was the host of the First Annual New Providence Green League and Gold League All-Star games. In the Gold League, the National Division, trailing the American Division, 3-2, relied on the long ball to plate five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning then utilized very effective pitching to claim a 7-5 victory.

Representing the National Division were: Westfield—Kevin Yang, Walter Schwartz, Jack Barker and Mark Gialluisi; Scotch Plains-Fanwood (Renegades)—Scott Greaney and Ryan Beauregard; Union—Jalen Bryant and Jaden Barroqueiro; South Orange-Maplewood—Aidan Pierre and Aden Lefferts; West Orange—Matt Bove and Malachi Jones. The coaches were Pete Gialluisi (Westfield Blue), Rob Kost (West Orange) and Joe Trivisonno (Renegades).

Representing the American Division were: New Providence (NP)—Dean Licari and Will Parker; Livingston Green & White—Brandon Kenney, Nick Murray, Matt Hoffman and Scott Schroeder; Madison—Luca Evangelista and Brendan Mariani; Chatham—Collin Fitzgerald, John Cunningham and Owen McClintock; Chester/Mendham—Tim Winters and Jack Warman. The coaches were Joe Licari (NP), Harry Blanchard (Madison) and Scott Schroeder (Livingston).

PUBLIC NOTICE

2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT BOROUGH OF FANWOOD COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES - CURRENT FUND		ANTICIPATED	
	FROM:		TO:
3. Miscellaneous Revenues	2,019,413.27		2,032,171.27
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Local Support of Municipal Budget	6,651,443.53		6,551,443.53
Total General Revenues	9,520,856.80		9,433,614.80
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - CURRENT FUND		APPROPRIATED	
	FROM:		TO:
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	3,230,262.00		3,195,100.00
Other Expenses	3,411,592.84		3,344,512.84
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	1,054,102.60		1,069,102.60
Total General Appropriations	9,520,856.80		9,433,614.80
SUMMARY OF REVENUES - SWIM POOL OPERATIONG FUND		ANTICIPATED	
	From		To
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	548,145.00		550,425.00
Total Revenues	573,145.00		575,425.00
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - SWIM POOL OPERATIONG FUND		APPROPRIATED	
	From		To
3. Debt Service			2,280.00
Total General Appropriations	573,145.00		575,425.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget amendment was approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union on June 15, 2020.

A hearing on the budget amendment will be held at the Fanwood Borough Municipal Building on August 3, 2020 at 7:00 (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget amendment for the year 2020 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons. Virtual Meeting information available at <https://www.fanwoodnj.org>.

Copies of the detailed budget amendment are available in the office of Kathleen Holmes, Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 75 Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023, (908) 322-8236, during the hours of 8:00(A.M.) to 4:00(P.M.).

Kathleen Holmes
Municipal Clerk
Fee: \$137.70

Looking Through the Rearview Mirror

tacular and busy evening. He blocked a point after (PAT) attempt in the first quarter, kicked a PAT in the second quarter, assumed the kickoff duties and recorded no less than seven tack-



David B. Corbin (July 2015 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SWIPING SECOND BASE...Cranford's Dylan Hudack, No. 24, steals second base in the first inning as Westfield shortstop Brendan Tso stretches to get the throw from home at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield on July 17, 2015.

les in the game.

July 17, 2015: Missed opportunities on the part of one team and a huge breakout inning by the other resulted in a 14-4 victory for the Cranford Blue 12s over the Westfield Silver in New Providence Green League action at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield. Trailing, 6-3, in the fourth inning, Westfield had the bases loaded with no outs but mental lapses on the base paths allowed no more runs and the Cougars quickly responded with a booming eight-run fifth inning to put the game out of range.

Cougar Robbie Salvatore was credited with two singles with one RBI, walked once and scored all three times. Christian Hulse rapped an RBI double and an RBI single and scored twice, and DJ Balkan tripled, drilled an RBI double and scored twice. Brandon Tso led Westfield, going 2-for-2 with a walk and scoring all three times. Braeden Stryker added an RBI single, walked and scored once. Griffin Factor had an RBI single and walked once. Cooper Harris tapped an RBI single.

July 16, 2014: Time delay for an unnecessary reason may have aggravated several players, parents and coaches, but once the game between the Westfield 12s and the South Orange/Maplewood Cougars got underway, it became a fine evening of entertainment in Central Jersey League ac-

tion at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield. Westfield went on to earn a 6-3 victory. Westfield starter Griffin Rooney and reliever Christian Pansini combined to pitch a two-hitter. Tim Alliegro

whacked a pair of doubles, scored once and had an RBI in his two at-bats.

July 17, 2014: Five infield singles combined with several hard shots to the outfield and nine walks, along with superb pitching performances from starter Kevin Yang and reliever Mark Gialluisi led to a 17-2 Westfield victory over the Cranford Cougar 10s in

Central Jersey League play at Memorial Field Complex in Cranford.

Jake Lanza was one of Westfield's offensive leaders with a double and two singles, three RBI and two runs scored. Walter Schwartz also went 3-for-3 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored. Gialluisi hammered a three-run double, walked and scored once. Lukas Ruby (2-for-2) had half of the Cougars' hits and added an RBI.

July 21, 2012: Montville pitchers Nikolas Santos, Michael DeDonato and Greg Nieskens bent a little but came through with key strikeouts at the right time to hold back the Westfield 11-year-old baseball team, 9-6, in New Providence Green League action at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield. The Little Blue Devils struggled finding the open spots for hits and had only three singles until the sixth inning when they added respective RBI doubles from Emmitt Smith (2 runs scored, walk, stolen base) and Jack Gerris. Brian Hinkel finished with two singles, an RBI and a stolen base.

July 26, 2012: Zany plays, followed by the thunder and darkness from impending severe weather halted the New Providence Green League upper bracket championship game between the Westfield Blue 12-year-old baseball team and the Springfield Minutemen in the top of the fifth inning at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. The remainder of the game was played the next day, but at the time of the postponement, Westfield held a 6-4

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WF 12U Blue Silences Chatham In Cal Ripken Districts, 8-1

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out two batters. Leach, who had the only RBI, and Zigon each rapped two singles. Young singled and scored Chatham's only run. Hindelong tapped a single and Story was the recipient of Singer's only walk.

Leach was on the mound for the first three innings and yielded four runs on six hits, while walking none and striking out three Blue Devils. Byrne pitched the fourth and fifth innings and allowed four runs on one hit and five walks, while striking out one. Andretta went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI and scored twice. Soriero also went 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Smith had an RBI single and an RBI groundout. Lisnock doubled and scored once.

Enright had an RBI groundout. Bulger had an RBI single. Jordan, Alex Singer and Ciullo each walked and scored once. Dylan Singer walked and had an RBI, and Partelow drew a walk.

Dylan Singer retired all three batters he faced in the top of the first inning, thanks to a pair of fine snags in centerfield by Ciullo and a smooth grab by Lawrence at shortstop. Westfield Blue then answered with two runs. Andretta scribbled an infield single toward short and Soriero looped a single over short. Andretta scored on Enright's grounder to short and Soriero scored on Smith's bouncing single past short.

Chatham scored its only run in the third when Young tapped a single just to the bag at second, stole second, advanced to third on a grounder back to the mound and scored when Leach hopped a single over second base. But the Blue Devils upped their lead to 4-1 in the lower half of the inning. Andretta whacked a double over the leftfielder's head and scored on Soriero's chopping single past short. Bulger followed with an RBI single over second.

Westfield Blue increased its lead to 6-1 in the fourth and free passes played the starring role. Alex Singer, Ciullo and Partelow drew walks to load the bases. After a strikeout, Dylan Singer walked to allow his brother to skip home. Ciullo then scored when Andretta grounded out to second.

In the Chatham fifth, Soriero playing third, converted three ground balls to all three outs. The Blue Devils then tacked on their final two runs in the fifth. Lisnock doubled to right and advanced to third on a passed ball. Jordan drew a walk then Enright scored on a failed pickoff play. Jordan later scored from third on Smith's grounder back to the mound.

Leach and Zigon slapped singles to right to start the sixth inning but a zany short-to-left-to-third play resulted in a force out and next an even zanier play resulted in a game-ending double play.

Chatham	001 000	1
Westfield Blue	202 22x	8

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Westfield in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., for the "2020 IMPROVEMENT OF SCOTCH PLAINS AVENUE (between South Avenue & Doran Road), IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY".

The work under this Proposal includes the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract Drawings and described in the Contract Specifications, and Proposals shall be in accordance with such Drawings and Specifications and the terms proposed in the Contract.

The major items of work under this contract include, but are not limited to, the following in estimated quantities:

2,300 tons of 2 inches thick Superpave Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course
17,000 square yards of Milling, Variable thickness
250 square yards Concrete Sidewalk, 4 inches thick

All bidders must submit with their bid a copy of their New Jersey Business Registration Certificate. Failure to submit proof of registration will disqualify the bid.

The Town of Westfield offices are currently closed to the public but remain operational. The Town of Westfield is practicing Social Distancing; therefore, bidders are encouraged to Mail in your bid responses in a timely manner via USPS, UPS and FedEx, etc. If they must be hand-delivered, potential bidders may contact the Office of the Town Engineer (908-789-4100, ext. 4606, or engineer@westfieldnj.gov) to arrange drop off at the Main Entrance of the Town's Public Works Complex at 959 North Av-

more photos at goleader.com Ballyhoo Sports



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CAUGHT ATTEMPTING TO STEAL...Millburn second baseman Ryder Rabinowitz, No. 11, puts the tag on Cougar Matt Minchak, No. 26, during Pool B play the Cal Ripken District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 3 on July 23.

COUGAR BORYS 2-RUN DBL, MILLER LICCARDI 3 RBI

Millburn 12Us Halt Cougars In Ripken Tournament, 12-3

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Multiple first-and-third situations followed by key hits propelled the Millburn Millers past the Cranford Cougars, 12-3, in Pool B play of the Cal Ripken, Jr. 12U District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field 3 in Westfield on July 23. The Millers also capitalized on a number of free passes, effective pitching from starter Kyle Chase and relievers Wesley Dieckman and Jake Solomon, and two gun downs at second by catcher Sawyer Stein.

The Millers came into the game with a 12-6 victory over Chatham and a very tight 12-11 edge over the Westfield Blue, so the win over Cranford put them in the driver's seat for the top seed in Pool B. The Cougars suffered a stinging 3-2 setback to Chatham but recovered to topple Summit, 13-7.

Against the Cougars, Chase yielded three runs, four walks and only one hit, while striking out six in his four innings on the mound. Dieckman faced only four batters in the fifth inning, allowing just one walk, while fanning one. Solomon retired all three Cougars he faced in the sixth inning and recorded one strikeout. Dylan Borys got the only Cougars' hit with a two-run double in the fifth inning.

Under head coach Anthony Dasti, the Millburn squad consisted of Chase, Solomon, Dan Liccardi, Quinn Conn, Stein, Charlie Wall, Ryder Rabinowitz, Jacob Gottlieb, Charlie Krasnove, Dieckman, Brendan Wong and Jack Gukassey. Headed by coach Curt Petschow, the Cougars consisted of Ryan Petschow, Christian Pereira, Matt Minchak, Oliver Nelson, Borys, Braden Grace, Gabe Arato, Quinn Smith, Frank Agnone, Pat Berry and Bennett Sorese.

The Millers got a quick four-run jump on starter Nelson in the top of the first inning. Chase (2-for-3, 2 runs, RBI) slapped a leadoff single, stole second and scored on Liccardi's (2-for-3, 2 runs, 3RBI) double over the leftfielder's head. Liccardi scored on Stein's groundout to short. Wall singled to right, Rabinowitz hopped an RBI single past short then scored when Gottlieb's grounder was bobbled at third.

The Cougars immediately answered with all three of their runs. After a leaping snag by Wall at shortstop, Pereira drew a walk, stole second and scooted to third on a passed ball. Nelson also walked and stole second on a first-and-third situation then Borys drilled his two-run double to leftfield. Grace's little infield dribbler provoked a throwing error that

allowed Borys to score.

Nelson settled down and retired all three Millburn batters he faced in the second but only Berry was able to reach base with a walk in the Cougar half of the inning. Nelson retired all three Millers in the third then Minchak walked but was gunned down by Stein attempting to steal second.

Millburn struck for four more runs in the fourth. Krasnove and Dieckman each drew one-out walks. Gukassey chopped and RBI single past third. Chase pulled off a successful suicide squeeze bunt single and Liccardi sizzled a two-run single right over third base. Grace got on base with a walk in the Cranford fourth but he

was also gunned down by Stein attempting to swipe second base.

Wall and Rabinowitz led off the Millburn fifth with walks and both scored on respective groundouts by Krasnove and Dieckman. Smith drew a leadoff walk for Cranford in the fifth but he was left stranded on base. Then Millburn upped its lead to 12-3 in the sixth. Liccardi walked, stole second and advanced to third on Conn's single. A failed pickoff at third allowed Liccardi to score. Stein poked an RBI single to right field.

The Cougars went down in order in the sixth.

Millburn	400 422	12
Cranford	300 000	3

Westfield Blue Jars Cranford In Ripken 12U Pool Play, 10-2

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Christian Pereira pitched the fifth and third innings and walked no one, while yielding nine hits and striking out one.

Westfield Blue banged out 12 hits and Andrew Lisnock had two of them, while scoring twice and adding an RBI. Connor Smith went 2-for-2 with two RBI and Bryan Jordan singled twice and scored once. Brady Andretta had an RBI fielder's choice, singled and scored twice. Anthony Bulger and Tiago Enright both singled, scored once and had two RBI. Alex Lawrence doubled and scored once. Dylan Singer tapped an RBI single and scored once. Jack Soriero singled and scored once.

Of the Cougars' six hits, Dylan Borys went 2-for-2 and scored both times. Gabe Arato rapped a pair of RBI singles, Pereira doubled and Frank Agnone singled.

Bulger at third base and Soriero in leftfield made great defensive plays to prevent the Cougars from scoring in the top of the first inning. In the bottom of the inning, Borys made a great catch in centerfield to prevent Westfield from scoring. Cranford did score once in the second when Borys singled, stole second base and scored on Arato's looping single over short. Arato later got picked off at third.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

CHANCERY DIVISION

UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-020165-19

FILE NO. 27262-19

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

STEPHEN SMEDLEY; MLF3

RAHWAY LLC; WEST GRAND

CONDOMINIUMS INC.; ASSO-

CIATED AUTO PARTS;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO AND FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 290 Route 46 West, Denville, New Jersey, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which US BANK CUST FOR TOWER DB VII is the plaintiff and CARLOS SILVA, ET AL; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-020165-19 within thirty-five (35) days after July 30, 2020 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4-4.6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue. The telephone number of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service 908-353-4715 - Legal Services Office 908-354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate:

1. A certain tax certificate 16-00219, sold on 6/5/2017, dated 6/14/2017, and was recorded on 8/8/2017 in Mortgage Book 14313 at Page 933, made by PAUL M. LESNIAK, Collector of Taxes of ELIZABETH, and State of New Jersey to US BANK CUST FOR TOWER DB VII and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, US BANK CUST FOR TOWER DB VII. This covers real estate located in ELIZABETH, County of UNION, and State of New Jer-

Westfield Blue chalked up four runs in the third and it began with Jordan's single to right. Lawrence whacked a long double over the leftfielder's head and Dylan Singer hacked an RBI single. Andretta got an RBI on a fielder's choice but another run would score on a throwing error. Andretta then scored on Bulger's groundout to first. Westfield stretched its lead to 5-1 in the fourth when Lisnock, who singled, scored on Smith's single to left.

The Cougars got something going in the fifth. Borys led off with a looping single. Arato ricocheted an RBI single off the glove of the second baseman and Agnone hopped a one-out single past third. After a strikeout, Pat Berry drilled a hard liner toward right-center but Lisnock made a leaping stab to prevent two runs from scoring.

The Blue Devils responded with a five-run, six-hit fifth inning. Andretta and Soriero both singled, Bulger wobbled an RBI single past short and Enright ripped a two-run single to left-center. Lisnock lashed an RBI single to left and Smith hopped an RBI single to right. Singer retired all three Cougars in the sixth.

Cranford	010 010	2
Westfield Blue	004 15x	10

PUBLIC NOTICE

sey, known as LOT 204-A BLOCK 10 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of ELIZABETH and concerns premises commonly known as 230-234 BROWNING AVENUE, ELIZABETH, New Jersey.

YOU, STEPHEN SMEDLEY, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on March 16, 2013, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Morris County, by Stephen Smedley against Carlos Silva; Billy Young; Joanne Jacobs; Albert Jacob; Allen Jacobs, and Cassandra Jacobs disclosing a debt in the amount of \$15,000.00, plus interest. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-045945-2013. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, MLF3 RAHWAY LLC, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on December 5, 2013, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, by MLF3 Rahway LLC against Carlos J Silva and Rahway Investments LLC disclosing a debt in the amount of \$1,509,298.57, plus interest. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-248384-2013. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, WEST GRAND CONDOMINIUMS INC, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on June 12, 2014, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by West Grand Condominiums Inc against Carlos Silva; Silcon Inc; West Grand Mall Inc and Silcon Management LLC disclosing a debt in the amount of \$35,000.00, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-101431-20104. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, ASSOCIATED AUTO PARTS, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on July 1, 2013, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Associated Auto Parts against Carlos Silva, LLC, closing a debt in the amount of \$956.20, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. DJ-122924-2013. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

DATED: July 27, 2020
Michelle M. Smith, Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey
PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, L.L.C.
Denville Law Center
290 Route 46 West
Denville, New Jersey 07834
(973) 586-2300
1 T - 07/30/20, The Leader Fee: \$97.92

Union County Senior 60+ Softball League Results:

60+ A DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Renda Roads	4	0	
American Legion	3	1	
Kenilworth VFW	3	1	
Liberty Lighting Group	2	2	

60+ B DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Awnings Galore	2	2	
Yogi's Boys	2	2	
Avengers	0	4	
DeBellis Associates	0	4	

American Legion 22, Liberty 7

Willie Shumate, Steve Miscia, Gene Antonucci, Bill Buteau and Walt Serafin led Roselle offensively. Bill Dugan and John Amato led defensively. Winning pitcher Ed Lubas (2 hits) went the distance.

Awnings 11, The Avengers 9

For Awnings, Rich Polonitza (3-for-3), Danny Mendoza (monster HR, 2-for-3), Paul Newtons and Bruce

Crawford (2-for-3, 3B), Tom Pasko (2B), Bobby Lorincz and John Campanella (2 hits each led Awnings. Leo Digulio (3-for-3), Stu Lukowiak and Richie Krov (2 hits each), Anthony Abbaleo (3 run hit), Joe Sarica (HR) led The Avengers.

Renda Roads 19, Kenilworth VFW 6
Tom Straniero, Tom Baldowski, Rick Wilson, Brian Williams and Joe Massimino (3 hits each), pitcher Gary Pence and leftfielder Tom Baldowski (defensive standouts) led the Road Crew. Bill Hillyer and John St. James (3 hits each), Richie Kovach and Tom Beninato (2 hits apiece) led the VFW.

Yogi's Boys 13, DeBellis 2
Frank DeLuca (3 hits), Joe Kenny, Paul Leso, Dave McMorrow, Tony Zarvous, Tim Thew and Joe McEvoy (all with 2), and McMorrow's outfield brilliance led Yogi's.

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Results:

50+ A DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Deegan Roofing	4	0	
Douglas VW	5	1	
Jun's Contracting	3	2	
Linwood Inn	2	3	

50+ B DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Phenomenal Boyz	3	2	
Riverside Inn	3	3	
Suspenders	1	4	
Contact Lens & Vision	1	4	

50+ C DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	T
Cranford VFW	3	2	1
Advanced Financial	3	2	1
Tamar Jewelers	3	3	
Garwood Metal	0	5	

Douglas VW 17, Linwood Inn 14

Gene Antonucci and Ed Rodriguez (4 hits each), Bill Dugan, Joe Caliguari and Rich Gaul (3 hits apiece) led Douglass. Steve Lerner, Slope Rzewuski, Mike DiRienzo, Jeff Villani and Joe Sarica (HR) had three hits apiece for Linwood.

Deegan 24, Suspenders 14

Kevin Spellman 4/4 (HR, 2-2B, 6 RBI) and Ricky McMahon also 4/4 (HR, 2B, 3B, 3 RBI's) led Deegan. Rich Gregorio (3 RBI), Eric Hastrup (3 RBI), Frank Verducci, Tony Taddeo and Joe Micheal (2 RBI) had 3 hits each for Suspenders.

Contact Lens 19, Garwood Metal 1
Vance Barfield (4H, 2HR), Anthony Miccio (3H, 2B, Grand slam), Larry Stewart (HR) and pitcher Steve Wiz (HR), powered CLV, while Tommy Dilonaro and Stewart turned 2 double plays. Ron Kulik, Bob D'Meo and

John Fessock (2 hits each) led Garwood.

Jun's Contracting 19, Riverside Inn 18 (8 innings)

Jun's tied it in the 7th. Glenn Gang (5/5 raised BA to .947), Pete Costello and defensive wizard Rod Stratton (both 4-for-5) led Jun's. Al Dente (grand slam), Brian Clark, John McClung, Tom Wolansky, Pat Peterpaul and Rich Polonitza (3 hits apiece) led Riverside.

Phenom Boyz 15, Cranford VFW 0

Jim Capizzi and Bob Ghiretti hit safely for Cranford.

Tamar Jewelers 20, Adv. Finance 17
Vinnie Cordero (2HR), Ramon Martinez (HR), Al Colon (2, 2B), Fred Marchev (4H), Diego Elliot (2H, great defense) and Benny Elliot (3H, great defense) led Tamar. Pete Abene (2-run HR), Dave Grandmaison (3 hits, 3 RBI), Bruce Crawford and Jerry Isolda (3 hits each), Neil Granstrand (4-for-4) led AFV.

Cranford VFW 15, Adv. Finan. 15
Bob LaConti (4 hits), Carl Gamba, Dave Pringle, and Chris Kaminski (3 hits each), Bob Ghiretti, Juan Moreno, Jeff Gerris, and Phil McGovern contributed to the 20 hit attack. Jerry Isolda (3 hits, 3-run triple), Bruce Crawford and Frank Mastrocola (3 hits each) led Advanced.

Riverside Inn 20, Tamar Jewelers 10

Riverside was led by Mario Fastiggi strong pitching and he was supported by a 27 hit attack and homer by Tom Wolansky.

A Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Youth Sports

lead. However, Springfield tied the game in the fifth, but Westfield regained the lead, 7-6, and held on to claim the title.

Matt Cetlin was Westfield Blue’s most formidable offensive threat with a two-run double and an RBI groundout. He also scored a run. Jack Johnson pounded the ball with a pair of singles, while scoring once in his two plate appearances. But it was Kevin Fuller (2-for-3, run scored) who knocked in what turned out to be the winning RBI.

July 19, 2011: Westfield High School girls softball Head Coach Caitlin MacDonald decided to get a glimpse of what part of her future varsity lineup may consist of by coaching a 12-and-under group this summer that competes in the Parkway League. In their final regular-season home game, the Blue Devils jumped on the Chatham Cougars to earn a 12-2, five-inning victory on the WHS field to up their record to 5-4.

Shannon O’Donnell, who went 1-for-2, with two RBI and two runs



David B. Corbin (July 2011 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MAKING THE RIGHT CONNECTION...Westfield 12s' Shannon O'Donnell hammers a solo home run to deep left field in the second inning against Chatham in Westfield on July 19, 2011. Westfield won, 12-2.

scored, started the scoring with a lead-off solo home run in the bottom of the second inning. On the mound, Veronica

Grycan, who yielded a run in the first inning and another in the second, retired 12 of the final 14 Cougars who stepped to the plate. Grycan struck out seven Cougars, while walking three

and allowing three singles.

July 20, 2011: Gearing up for the playoffs, the Westfield White 12U baseball team honed its pitching skills in a 7-2 victory over Long Hill at Gumbert 2 Field on the 42nd anniversary of man’s landing on the moon (July 20, 1969). Starting pitcher Alex Pansini made good use of his breaking ball to curb Long Hill in the first three innings, yielding two runs on four hits, while walking none and striking out one. Owen Bartok pitched the next three innings, giving up just two singles and walking one.

Pansini led Westfield’s 11-hit output, going 3-for-3, with an RBI double, and scoring twice. Owen Kessler (2 runs scored) added emphasis with a two-run home run, and Cullen Birkel chopped a two-run double and scored once.

July 16, 2010: Pitching ace Matt LaCorte relieved in the fifth inning and pitched two perfect innings, while the Westfield Blue 11-year-old baseball team scored five runs in the top of the sixth inning to earn a tie with Florham Park at Gumbert 2 Field. LaCorte was also very successful at the plate with two singles, three RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases. Patrick Chirichella cracked a pair of singles and scored twice.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-510 amending (Resolution No. 2020-378)

AWARDED TO: Prevention Links, Inc., of Roselle, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide operation services to the mandated Intoxicated Driver Resource Center for the County of Union
PERIOD: January 1, 2020-August 31, 2020
COSTS: in the amount of \$15,076.00 for a new total not to exceed **\$58,091.00**
James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-546 amending (Resolution No.2019-455)

AWARDED TO: Netta Architects Mountainside, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: for additional architectural/engineering services associated with the Union County Courthouse Complex New Tower Stairwell Modernization Project
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed **\$283,100.00** for a new contract mount not to exceed: **\$4,824,930.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-549 amending (Resolution No. 2019-398)

AWARDED TO: The Musial Group, Mountainside, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: for additional design and Construction administration services associated with the Elevator Replacement at the Union County Court house Tower
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed **\$41,086.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed: \$164,149.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-552 AWARDED TO: Matrix New World Engineering, Florham Park, New Jersey

SERVICES TO: for environmental site investigation services to the County of Union Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities/Division of Engineering
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed **\$12,800.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-519 amending (Resolution No. 2019-894)

AWARDED TO: CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to prepare a comprehensive Plan Element of the Union County 2020 Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
PERIOD: January 1, 2020- December 31, 2020
COSTS: for an amount not to exceed **\$94,500.00** for a new total amount not to exceed: **\$262,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-514 AWARDED TO: Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey

SERVICES: for the provision of Group Life Insurance with Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for employees not covered under the Public Employees Retirement System
PERIOD: July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed: **\$14,400.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-547 amending (Resolution No. 2019-738)

AWARDED TO: MAST Construction Services, Little Falls, New Jersey
SERVICES: for the purpose of providing construction management and inspection services for The Union County Courthouse Fire Code Renovations
COSTS: for an additional amount not to exceed **\$144,756.00** for a new contract amount not to exceed: **\$2,170,584.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-550 amending (Resolution No. 2018-85)

AWARDED TO: Remington & Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide additional Engineering Design Services
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed **\$30,189.70 for a new total contract amount not to exceed: \$233,807.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-553 amending (Resolution No. 2019-1110)

AWARDED TO: CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services
PERIOD: January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020
COSTS: for an amount not to exceed **\$20,000.00** for a new contract amount not to exceed: **\$45,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020 -561amending (Resolution No. 2020-212)

AWARDED TO: DeCotillis Fitzpatrick Cole & Giblin of Teaneck, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: for Special Legal Counsel in the matter entitled H.C. Equities v. UC, et al.
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed **\$20,000.00** for a total contract amount not to exceed: **\$160,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-508 amending (Resolution No. 2020-338)

AWARDED TO: Various Agencies
SERVICES: to add the services of additional motel-Ramada Plaza Totowa Hotel, Totowa, New Jersey
PERIOD: January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020 -558 amending (Resolution No. 2020-393)

AWARDED TO: Kologi Simitz of Linden, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: in the matter entitled Emmanuel Mervilus v. UC, et al.
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed **\$15,000.00** for a sum amount not to exceed: **\$100,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-551 amending (Resolution No. 2020-97)

AWARDED TO: LCA Engineering, LLC of Union, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide additional design services to repair or modify building plumbing/drainage system in order to reduce leaks in basement of the Union County Board of Elections Building
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed: **\$27,100.00** for a new total contract amount not to exceed: **\$94,385.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-554 amending (Resolution No. 2019-1109)

AWARDED TO: Neglia Engineering Associates, of Mountainside, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide On-Call General Engineering Services
PERIOD: January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed **\$34,775.00** for a new contract amount not to exceed: **\$42,275.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-557 amending (Resolution No. 2019-1140)

AWARDED TO: Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: in the matter entitled Monique Hall v. UC, et al.
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed **\$15,000.00** for a sum not to exceed: **\$30,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-521 amending (Resolution No. 2020-311)

AWARDED TO: The WT Group, LLC, Hoffman Estates, Illinois
SERVICES TO: to provide an ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan for Union County Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities
PERIOD: January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-512 AWARDED TO: Various Agencies

SERVICES: emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities for homeless individuals and Families
PERIOD: August 1, 2020-July 31, 2021
COSTS: in the amount of **\$67,289.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-526 amending (Resolution No. 2018-976)

AWARDED TO: Municipal Alliance
SERVICES: to prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
PERIOD: July1, 2019- September 30, 2020
COSTS: award additional funding in the total of: **\$61,215.00** for a new total amount not to exceed: **\$597,416.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-534 amending (Resolution No. 2019-681)

AWARDED TO: Development Directions, LLC, Rahway, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: for consulting services for the administration of the Union County Home Improvement and Senior Home Grants
PERIOD: September 1, 2020- August 31, 2021
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed: **\$339,000.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-548 AWARDED TO: Maser Consulting, PA of Red Bank, New Jersey

SERVICES TO: to complete engineering services for improvements to “Five Points” intersection in Union
COSTS: for a contract amount not to exceed **\$89,850.00**
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Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has executed and addendum to a Shared Services Agreement, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:3A-21 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. This Shared Services Agreement and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO: 2020-492 AWARDED TO: Union County Utilities Authority & Union County Office of Health Management

SERVICES TO: to provide Environmental Health Services
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-513 AWARDED TO: Mutual of America, Parsippany, New Jersey

SERVICES: for the implementation of an employee 401 (a) benefits plan for County employees not covered under the Public Employee Retirement System
PERIOD: July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed: **\$70,535.00**
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RESOLUTION NO: 2020-530 amending (Resolution No. 2020-436)

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County Offers Free Document-Shredding

COUNTY — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced the next mobile paper shredding program of 2020 for personal and confidential documents will be held on Saturday, August 8 at Kean University.

“Union County’s mobile document shredding service helps residents fight identity theft by providing a convenient way to shred your confidential documents,” said Freeholder Chairman Mirabella. “It promotes our county’s recycling efforts and ties in with other Green Initiatives in Union County.”

The August 8 shredding event will take place at Kean University on Morris Avenue in Union. The program will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. The event will end before 1 p.m. if the shredding trucks reach capacity. Residents should enter the University from the main entrance on Morris Avenue.

Residents must wear face coverings, keep their windows closed and stay in their vehicles at all times. Materials should be placed in vehicles trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to staff, who will remove it from the vehicle

The next shredding event will be

Saturday, September 12 at Union County College, also from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All Union County residents are eligible to use the paper-shredding service. In an effort to accommodate everyone, there is a limit of four 10-pound bags or boxes per person. It is preferred that materials be brought in paper bags.

Documents should not be bound and plastic binders and paperclips should be removed. Paper that is wet/damp will not be accepted. Residents should continue to recycle non-confidential papers and magazines with their municipal recycling program. Paper that is already shredded will not be accepted.

Documents are put into 96-gallon containers provided by the shredding company. The items are then placed onto a conveyor belt and shredded on site. Participants are welcome to view the shredding process via a closed-circuit television. The shredded documents are then recycled via local paper mills.

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Household Hazardous Waste Event Planned for August 1

COUNTY — The Freeholder Board is offering a simple, easy way for residents to safely and properly dispose of unwanted household chemicals and other hazardous products. The next Household Hazardous Waste recycling event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, August 1 at the Union County Vocational Technical School located at 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

The event is free and open to county residents to dispose of approved household waste. Hazardous waste from businesses will not be accepted. The collection event will be held rain or shine. Proof of Union County residency is required.

Among the items accepted for disposal are outdated or unwanted household chemicals, mercury thermostats and thermometers, propane tanks, and many other items such as oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, unbroken fluorescent bulbs and mercury switches. Car tires will also be collected during this event. There is a limit of eight automobile tires, without rims, per household.

The Union County Police Bomb Squad will also be on hand at the event to assist with collection of unwanted ammunition and fireworks from residents.

“This is the time and place to safely dispose of potentially dangerous items such as ammunition and fireworks thanks to the support of trained ex-

perts with the Union County Bomb Squad,” said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “These recycling events lead to safer homes and a cleaner environment for our families and our neighbors.”

This event will run in compliance with state Covid-19 orders regarding social distancing and other protocols. All recipients must remain in their cars with windows rolled up at all times, otherwise masks are required. Materials should be placed in vehicles trunk, cargo area or truck bed to be easily accessible to staff, who will remove it from the vehicle upon arrival.

Latex, acrylic, enamel and water-based wall paints are not accepted. Residents wishing to dispose of paint are advised to use it up or dry the paint out and discard it with regular garbage. Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons will be accepted.

For a complete list of the materials that will be accepted and as well as information on upcoming recycling event dates and locations, please call the Recycling Hotline at 908-654-9889 or visit ucnj.org/recycle.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD ORDINANCE NO. 20-10

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, REQUIRING THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF LANDSCAPERS WITHIN THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Garwood to create an ordinance to regulate commercial lawn maintenance businesses operating within the boundaries of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough finds it necessary to require registration of commercial landscapers so as to ensure such businesses are complying with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish such law to ensure that commercial landscapers operate at appropriate times during the day; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has an obligation to take such action to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, businesses and the general public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, New Jersey that:

Article II. LANDSCAPING AND LAWN MAINTENANCE

§71-13 License Required; Exemptions.

a. No person shall engage in or carry on the commercial business of furnishing or providing landscaping, lawn maintenance or similar services within the Borough without first having obtained from the Borough a license for that purpose. This shall apply only to a commercial entity.

b. Exemptions.

1. Any individual providing such services on a casual or part-time basis, if such a person is under twenty-two (22) years of age or if this person does not utilize a motor vehicle to transport equipment used in furnishing such services.

2. Any individual or business entity that has obtained a Home Improvement Contractors Registration Certificate from the State of New Jersey. If the individual or business entity is claiming this exemption, the party must submit a copy of their Home Improvement Contractors Registration Certificate to the Borough Clerk's Office.

§ 71-14 Application; Fee; Term; Renewal.

a. All applications for landscaping licenses shall be in writing on all forms furnished by the Borough, signed by the applicant or the authorized agent of the applicant and presented to the Borough Clerk. The application shall state:

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1. The name of the landscaper.
2. The correct legal name under which the business is being operated.
3. The address and contact information of the landscaper.
4. The make, year and license plate of each vehicle to be licensed.
5. Such other pertinent information as may be necessary for an investigation of the applicant.
6. All applications for licenses received by the Borough Clerk shall after appropriate investigation be either approved or denied by the Borough Clerk. Thereafter, if the application is approved, the Borough Clerk shall issue the license upon payment of the license fee as herein-after provided.
7. The annual fee for such license shall be thirty (\$30.00) dollars. The license, when issued, shall be signed by the Borough Clerk, and such license or a copy of same shall be in each vehicle while in use in the operation of such business. The license shall continue in force and effect only for the calendar year in which it is issued. Upon expiration of the license initially issued by the Borough Clerk, the license may be renewed by the Borough Clerk upon the filing of a renewal application and payment of the renewal fee of thirty (\$30.00) dollars.

§ 71-15 Hours of Operation.

Licenses hereunder shall be permitted to furnish gardening, landscaping, lawn maintenance, tree or shrubbery care or similar services within the Borough only during the following hours:

- a. Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. prevailing time until dusk.
- b. Saturday from 8:00 a.m. prevailing time until dusk.
- c. Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. prevailing time until dusk.

§71-16 Disposal of Leaves and Brush

Landscapers shall be abide by the provisions of Sec. 99-40.3 of these Revised Ordinances, and shall further be prohibited from placing along any of the public streets, highways, parks or other public place in the borough or along any curb for garbage collection, any leaves, sticks, branches, grass clippings, foreign material or construction material. All such materials shall be removed and properly disposed of by all landscapers.

§ 71-17 Designation of Enforcement Authority

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Property Maintenance Officer to enforce the provisions of this Article as herein provided. In enforcing this Article, Property Maintenance Officer shall consult or seek the advice or assistance of such other agents of the Borough as necessary and appropriate to enforce the provisions of this Article. Such other individuals shall cooperate with and aid the Property Maintenance Officer in the enforcement of this Article.

§ 71-18 Relief from Personal Liability

The Property Maintenance Officer and any agent or employee of the Borough



LIONS ROAR INTO ACTION...On July 26th the Garwood Lions Club dedicated its eyeglass drop off box located on Center Street next to the Post Office in honor of Lion Tim Hak. Lion Tim volunteered with the Club from 1996 until his passing this past Easter. For the past 20 years, Lion Tim diligently emptied the drop box and brought the eyeglasses to Short Hills, where they are processed and distributed to those in need. The mission of the Garwood Lions Club is to help the sight-impaired as well as the local community. In the photo, Lions Club President Sara Todisco and Tim's wife, Peggy, lift the Lions banner to unveil the new plaque honoring Lion Tim as his children, Erin and Patrick, look on.

Summit Foundation Donates to UCC Foundation

CRANFORD — The Union County College Foundation received a generous donation of \$10,000 from the Summit Foundation (formerly the Summit Area Public Foundation) to fund scholarships for Union students. The Summit Foundation has served local communities by providing grants to address local needs for more than 50 years.

“Union students appreciate the support provided by the Summit Foundation,” stated Union County College Foundation Executive Director Doug Rouse. “The Summit Foundation works to improve the lives of those in their community, and we are thankful they have chosen to support our students.”

The grant issued by the Summit Foundation will support the Union County College Foundation's Operation Graduation program. This student success initiative was developed six years ago and has had a dramatic impact on the students at Union and has helped hundreds of students gradu-

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

Estate of RUTH A. MCCARTNEY, deceased

In accordance with the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey, notice is hereby given to James McCartney that the Last Will and Testament of Ruth A. McCartney dated October 1, 2014 was admitted to probate by the Surrogate of Union County, Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on May 22, 2020 at Docket #S-2181.

Robert McCartney, residing at 274 Oak Street, Rahway, New Jersey 07065 and John Guenther, residing at 43 Fernwood Terrace, Linden, New Jersey 07036, qualified as executors.

A copy of Miss McCartney's will can be furnished to you upon request.

ROBERT MCCARTNEY
JOHN GUENTHER

Attorney:
Carol Ann Roselli, LLC
P.O. Box 2968
Westfield, New Jersey 07091
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working under the supervision of the Property Maintenance Officer who acts in good faith and without malice in the discharge of duties of enforcement of this Article is relieved of all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of such acts or alleged failure to act. Further, the Property Maintenance Officer shall not be held liable for any costs in any action, suit or proceeding that may be instituted by the Property Maintenance Officer in the enforcement of this Article.

§ 71-19 Violations and Penalties; Issuance of Notices and Orders

Any person or persons who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this section, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense, five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the second offense and one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for the third offense and/or the revocation of the permit to further operate within the Borough.

The Property Maintenance Officer or any other agent or employee of the Borough working with or at the direction of the Property Maintenance Officer shall issue all necessary notices, orders and summons to enforce the provisions of this Article and remedy any violations of it.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. If any section, provision, or part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

Section 4. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk during regular business hours for the required statutory period.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with all applicable laws.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 20-10 was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the **23rd DAY OF JULY, 2020**, and that Ordinance No. 20-10, will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held at its meeting held **VIA PHONE CONFERENCE, on the 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020**, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be heard, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

ATTEST:

Christina Ariemma
Municipal Clerk

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ate on time. Over the past six years, the graduation rate at Union County College has more the quadrupled.

For more information about how you can make the difference in the life of a student at Union, please contact Union County College Foundation Executive Director Doug Rouse at Douglas.rouse@ucc.edu.

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TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

PROPOSED CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA DESIGNATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., and specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, the TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD will conduct a public hearing on August 19, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. by electronic means (the "Public Hearing") for the purposes of investigating and determining whether certain lands and premises within the Township of Cranford qualify as a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment pursuant to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5.

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and the Governor's Executive Orders related to the same, the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford will conduct all meetings, remotely and by electronic means for the foreseeable future, including the Public Hearing. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act") and consistent with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services guidelines, the Township's Planning Board Public Hearing will be open to the public by electronic means. The Public Hearing will be held by videoconference and broadcast live. The public may access the Public Hearing by tuning in to Cranford TV35 on their home television or via livestream on Cranford TV35's Facebook page. Those who wish to participate in the Public Hearing should follow the instructions and complete the registration form available at the Township of Cranford's website at <https://www.cranfordnj.org/minutes-and-agendas>.

The subject lands and premises are located in the central business district of the Township of Cranford, bounded by North Avenue, Springfield Avenue and North Union Avenue. The subject properties are known as Block 193, Lots 6.01, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 as shown on the Township of Cranford Tax Map (the "Study Area"). A map depicting the properties within the Study Area is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Township Clerk located at the Township of Cranford Municipal Building located at 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016. A Preliminary Investigation Report has also been prepared by a Professional Planner retained by the Township of Cranford, Nicholas A. Dickerson, P.P., AICP, of Maser Consulting. That report will be submitted to the Planning Board and will be on file with the Township Clerk's office ten (10) days prior to the hearing for review and consideration of any interested members of the public.

At the Public Hearing, the Planning Board will hear any persons who are in attendance who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the above-mentioned properties qualify as a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment. At the conclusion of the hearing and after listening to the testimony of the Planner and members of the public, the Planning Board may determine whether to recommend to the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the above referenced properties should be designated as a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment. A resolution with that recommendation will be forwarded to the Township Committee for its consideration as to whether the properties should be designated as a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment. A determination by the Township Committee designating the properties as a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment shall authorize the Township of Cranford to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the Redevelopment Area.

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Union County Clerk to Offer In-Person Passport Services

COUNTY — The Elizabeth and Westfield offices will also resume extra evening and weekend hours; masks and social distance are required.

Union County – The County Clerk's offices in Elizabeth and Westfield will begin providing U.S. passport services beginning Friday, August 3. Residents can contact the offices to book an appointment. No walk-ins will be permitted for passport services.

In addition, the County Clerk's annex office in Westfield will resume its regular schedule of extra hours for in-person services, including U.S. passport services. Beginning on the week of Monday, August 3, the office will remain open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 7:30 p.m. and will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Union County residents who expect to travel in early 2021 and who need a U.S. passport should apply now because the State Department is still experiencing significant delays of five months duration," said County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. "I strongly urge residents to plan ahead now for travel next year. My office will re-open for in-person passport services in August, and we will also resume extra evening and Saturday hours in order to assist residents who cannot visit during weekday hours."

To book an appointment for U.S. passport services at the County Clerk's main office in Elizabeth, call (908)527-4966. The main office is located at the County Courthouse at 2 Broad Street. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To book an appointment for U.S. passport services at the annex office in Westfield, call (908)654-9859. The office is located at the Colleen Frasier Building in the Union County complex at 300 North Avenue East. Daytime office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Beginning in August, the office will remain open until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents who need to travel at short notice on a life-or-death emergency must contact the U.S. State Department regional passport office in New York City for assistance within a three-day window, at (877)487-2778 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or 202-647-4000 after 5 p.m.

Ms. Rajoppi also advises passport holders who are expecting to travel in the near future to check their destination country for quarantine instructions and other restrictions, including travel bans.

The Union County Clerk's offices have been re-opening for in-person services in accordance with statewide guidelines designed to prevent the spread of Covid-19. All visitors must wear masks and observe social distance.

For more details about all County Clerk services, visit online at ucnj.org/county-clerk or call (908) 527-4787.

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TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Cranford Planning Board will hold a special meeting as set forth below:

Date: **August 12, 2020**
Time: **7:30 PM**

Purpose: The Planning Board will go into executive session to discuss matters where agenda confidentiality is required for the Planning Board attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer, namely, attorney client privileged legal advice regarding:

1. Review of draft of the 2020 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
2. Review of draft of the 750 Walnut Preliminary Investigation Report regarding whether the area is need of redevelopment

Kathy Lenahan
Land Use Administrator
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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES 1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 600 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on **8/6/2020** at which time the bid proposals submitted will be downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

Route 22 Chestnut Street Bridge Replacement (CR 626), Contract No. 055043610, Reconstruction and Structure, Township of Union, Union County
Federal Project No: NHP-0022(344); UPC NO: 043610; DP NO: 20126

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Specifically, the contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51, contractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid.

The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the project award.

Plans, specifications, any addenda to the specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidx.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express.

Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (**BUT NOT OBTAINED**) by contracting organizations at our various Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Stierli Court
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973-601-6690

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Arts & Entertainment

Otherworldly Iceland Should Be Atop Any Must-See Travel List

By FRED T. ROSSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader/Times
Summer Travel Series

One of these days, the Covid-19 pandemic will start to wind down and it will again be all right to travel beyond the beach or the grocery store. And once you're ready to get back on an airplane, and you want to get as far away from the house you've basically been stuck in for many months, get yourself to the nearest glacier. The closest ones to our area, a mere five-hour flight away, can be found in Iceland, where 11 percent of the country is covered by glaciers.

I've been to Iceland more than once and hope to visit again. Its pretty capital city of Reykjavik, population just 120,000, is certainly the most unique capital city I've been to. Except for a handful of 10-to-12-story apartment buildings and hotels and the 244-foot tower of the Hallgrímskirkja Lutheran church in the center of town, this charming little city along the south shore of Faxaflói Bay has the feel of a big fishing village. Most of its wooden buildings, whose style exhibits a Dutch influence, are no higher than two and three stories and are situated along narrow and gently winding streets.

Drive 20 minutes outside of Reykjavik, though, and all you'll see are hills and mountains topped with lush green grass and mosses. Vast rock-covered plains resemble another planet. You'll see the occasional farm with those beautiful pure-bred Icelandic horses, picturesque waterfalls, hot springs, black sand beaches, volcanoes and so much terrain that is still unscathed by the often heavy-handed wheel of progress. And, if you look closely enough, you might even spot one of the elves that half the Icelandic population still believes exist.

And once you've seen an elf, keep your eyes peeled, and you should be able to spot in the distance, often obscured by low clouds and mist, the edges of some of the country's magnificent glaciers. On our first visit to Iceland, we drove to the southern edge of the Solheimajokull glacier, which is actually a glacier tongue on the southwestern outlet of the Myrdalsajokull icecap, Iceland's fourth largest glacier. Situated about two miles off the Ring Road — the highway that runs around the perimeter of Iceland — this glacier is about five miles long, about a mile wide and a half-mile thick in spots.

Our guide informed us that a decade earlier, the edge of the glacier was several hundred feet closer to the parking area itself — grim news for any remaining climate-change skeptics. As we walked right up the edge of the 270 square miles of ice, you could see and hear the evidence of a warming planet. Water dripped nonstop into small streams that fed into larger brooks that then ended up in a massive lake, which is more than 250 feet deep, between the parking area and the glacier itself. Up close, the ice in many parts of a glacier is an aqua color, the result of thousands of years of compression that's eliminated all of the air bubbles within.

Located about 100 miles from Reykjavik, the Myrdalsajokull ice cap sits atop Katla Volcano, one of the largest active volcanoes in the Northern Hemisphere and one that last erupted 98 years ago and that's said to be long overdue for another. Iceland has a number of active volcanoes, and

the most recent big eruption was 10 years ago at Eyjafjallajökull, a few miles from Myrdalsajokull. It sent so much ash into the sky that air travel to and from northern Europe was disrupted for days. Numerous local farms were evacuated, and roads were closed. We were told that experts believe that the next eruption — and it's not a matter of if, but when — will be massive.

On another visit to the



Fred T. Rossi for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GLACIAL HIKE...Hiking on one of Iceland's glaciers will transport you to a world as far removed from suburban New Jersey as one can imagine.

Solheimajokull glacier. I got the chance to see it up close. After strapping on special metal-sole clamps to my shoes and being equipped with a harness, an axe and a helmet, I headed up onto the glacier for what would be the most memorable hike of my life. There weren't many people up on the glacier — two other groups of eight to 10 people, and they were all far enough away that I felt I pretty much had Solheimajokull all to myself. It was a bit humbling to realize that the area where I stood probably looked pretty much the same as it did several hundred and even several thousand years ago. The entire area — the glacier and the surrounding mountains — looked like it could be the location of a movie set in prehistoric times.

If stark can also be beautiful and breathtaking, then Solheimajokull is just that. A seemingly infinite number of shades of gray are evident as the glacial ice is covered to varying degrees by black volcanic ash, and the only colors visible were the colors of the clothes and ski caps worn by my fellow hikers.

The horizon is hard to discern through the mist and clouds. The silence, except for the crunching of the ice underfoot, is deafening. Even the lightly-blowing breeze was silent since there wasn't really anything — like tree leaves — to create any sound. The melting ice has created numerous minifjords that slice in curvy zig-zags through the top several feet of the glacier surface. Some are a foot or two feet deep while others are deep enough to stand in and walk through. The glacial landscape is dotted with dirt cones of anywhere from a few inches to a few feet high. They result from the uneven melting of the ice, which turns

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the volcanic ash coating the glacier surface into a cone-shaped object. They are everywhere you look, further adding to the otherworldly feeling.

Bottled water companies may market their stuff as the purest around, but up on top of Solheimajokull, I got to sample the true purest water. I knelt down over a small stream running through the ice and dipped my face into the ice-cold and perfect-tasting glacier water that, until recently, had been part of an ice cap for millions of years.

I ended up hiking about a half of a mile on the glacier, up to a simple marker that measures, via a string, the rapidity and the extent of the melting. A trek deeper onto the glacier or even a snowmobile excursion looks to be on the agenda for my next visit.

I've described Iceland in a variety of one-word descriptions such as "otherworldly" or "breathtaking," but those don't adequately describe this pretty and peaceful country a few hundred miles south of the Arctic Circle. Multi-word attempts such as "the world's best-kept secret" or "indescribably beautiful" also fall

short. Instead, you can come up with your own superlatives when you visit Iceland yourself.



Photo courtesy of RMC Studios
OUTDOOR CONCERT...Singer and drummer of Rockshop band Lil Cat rehearse outside RMC Studios in Garwood.

Music Studio Throws Students a Lifeline During Pandemic

By SARAH MCGRAIL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GARWOOD — RMC Studios, in Garwood, made the decision to restart socially-distanced rehearsals in the outdoor space behind their building rather than not start them at all.

Owner EJ Gaub said they moved to online lessons very quickly when it became obvious that it was in the best interests of students but it was not possible to rehearse as Rockshops online.

Rockshops are an RMC initiative that brings musicians together to form bands with people they may not even know.

The reaction from the neighbors has been mostly positive — some listen and applaud — but there have been occasional complaints.

"We padded the drumset with mutes and, while it does not completely kill the sound...it is rock and roll after all...it does help dampen

Westfield 300 Announces Outdoor Summer Movie Series

WESTFIELD — Westfield 300 will kick off its Summer Movie Series this week with five consecutive Thursday evenings of outdoor family films. On July 30, *Ratatouille* will show at Elm Street Field. On August 6, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* will show at Tamaques Park. *Coco* will play August 13 at Tamaques Park. On August 20, *The Goonies* will play at Tamaques Park. On August 27, *Field of Dreams* will play at Tamaques Park.

Online registration is available for each film at noon on the Monday before the screening at <https://bit.ly/W300MovieSeries>. A recreation online account is required to access the ticketing system and may be set up at any time ahead of event registration. Due to social distancing requirements, each screening is limited to the first 300 registrants. Tickets are free with a maximum of six per household. Each film has a rain date of the Monday following its scheduled screening. Face coverings are required at the entry point, and painted circles will designate socially distanced groupings for lawn seating. Attendees should bring their own chairs. Food and beverages may be brought in, and restrooms will be accessible. Alcohol, smoking and pets are not permitted.

"As has been the case with all events, we've had to pivot from some of our originally planned programming due to the pandemic, but we are very pleased with the line-up of events we are offering for the balance of the year in a safe and appropriate environment to recognize what has turned out to be the unexpected yet defining element of Westfield's 300th year," said Councilwoman Dawn Mackey, events committee chair for Westfield 300.

In addition to the Summer Film Series, run by resident volunteer and steering committee member Lisa Alonge, Westfield 300 has a number of events planned in the coming weeks and months. The Westfield 300 Committee is documenting how the community has reacted to the changes in daily life and risen to the challenges stemming from the Covid-19 crisis with the Westfield 300 Archive Project. They continue to receive a wide range of input — through written responses, photos, videos and artwork — expressing how the public health crisis and stay at home order impacted Westfield residents. Submissions are being collected for archival at westfield300@westfieldnj.gov.

The town is recognizing residents with the Westfield 300 Milestone Awards. Do you have the distinction of living in Westfield longer than any other resident, having the most grandchildren in Town or perhaps owning the oldest pet in 07090? These are a few of the milestones that Lifelong

Westfield is looking to recognize as part of the Town's 300th celebration of its settlement this year.

The Westfield Public Arts Commission is preparing for its inaugural public art temporary sculpture installation, entitled Art Takes Flight. The project will entail 30 fiberglass butterflies — one for each decade of Westfield's 300 years — to be set on pedestals or affixed to trees throughout downtown Westfield this summer.

The Westfield 300 Time Capsule will address what Westfield residents of 2120 will find out about this 300th anniversary year. All residents are invited to take part in the Westfield 300 Time Capsule Project, which will include an online survey this summer, as well as other local items of significance to be placed in the time capsule in Triangle Park this October by Mayor Shelley Brindle.

For details about Westfield 300 events and how to volunteer with these efforts, visit www.westfieldnj.gov/300.

Mixing With Zest

By HILLARY SHOPE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

Spicy Jalapeño & Green Chile Hummus, Sweet Peach & Date Hummus, and Homemade Lime Tortilla Chips!

This hummus is quick to whip up and the perfect appetizer for a hot summer evening. The sweet and spicy combination is delicious. When making the hummus, be sure to scrape the sides of the blender throughout mixing to ensure all ingredients are well incorporated. The homemade tortilla chips work perfectly with the hummus or dip of your choice!



When trying this recipe, be sure to tag me on Instagram (@MixingWithZest) using #LeaderROTW (Recipe of the Week).

Spicy Jalapeno and Green Pepper Hummus: Blend all ingredients together in a blender. Taste and adjust the flavor accordingly. If you want it spicier, add a few extra jalapeños (especially the ones from the jar).

- 1 can (15.5 oz) chick peas (drained and rinsed)
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 can (4 oz) fire roasted diced green chilies
- 2 fresh jalapeños (seeds removed)

- 10 or so slices of jarred jalapeños
- 1 tablespoon juice from the jarred jalapeños

- Sprinkle of Himalayan salt
- Sprinkle of black pepper

Sweet Peach and Date Hummus: Blend all ingredients together in a blender. Taste and adjust the flavor accordingly. If you want it sweeter, add a few extra dates.

- 1 can (15.5 oz) chick peas (drained and rinsed)
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 yellow peaches, pitted (or peaches of your choice)
- 3 dates, pitted
- Sprinkle of cinnamon

Homemade tortilla chips: I recommend buying one bag of flour tortillas and one bag of corn tortillas (big or small are both fine, whatever you prefer). I make one cookie sheet worth of flour tortilla chips and one cookie sheet worth of corn tortilla chips. Make as many chips as you like.

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit
- Use kitchen scissors (or a knife) to cut tortillas into triangles
- Lay the cut-outs on a non-stick cookie sheet
- Spray lightly with olive oil (or lightly brush the olive oil on using a brush)
- Squeeze half a lime on top of all the chips
- Sprinkle with pink Himalayan salt (or another type of course salt)
- Sprinkle with black pepper
- Bake the chips for about 10 minutes or until lightly golden brown and crispy. Allow the chips to cool for a few minutes and enjoy.

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NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RESOLUTION 20-02-47

CONTRACTOR: CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, New Jersey 08859

NATURE OF SERVICE: Engineering Services — South Avenue Development
FEE: Not to exceed \$174,050.50

A copy of this resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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Borough Clerk
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NOTICE OF AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Cranford Board of Education met on July 27, 2020 and awarded the following contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unrescindable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:5a(1). The resolution of award and the contracts listed below are available for public inspection in the Office of the Board Secretary located at 132 Thomas Street from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Name	Nature of Award	Contract Period Not to Exceed	Contract
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UNION COUNTY ALL-STARS...Front row; Matt Catanzaro (Westfield), Andrew Ciccarino and Kevin Maxwell (SPF) and Nick Buontempo (Westfield); back row, Harry Williamson (Westfield) Colin Scanlon and Kevin Trotter (Cranford) and Sean Elliott (Westfield) July 16, 2015.



*Rearview on page 7
of The Westfield Leader*

David B. Corbin (July 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

HEADING FOR THE OPEN FIELD...The Westfield ball carrier breaks away from a Cranford Cougar in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Union County Mudturtle Flag Rugby Day held at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains on July 14, 2018.

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From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* — full accounts of events are at www.goleader.com for particular year and date.

July 11, 2019: Kevin Coupe helped get three runs across the plate as St. Michael held on for a much needed, 7-4 win over St. Sebastian during a St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League Angels Division game played on July 11 at Forest Road Park in Fanwood. Coupe's first inning routine fly ball morphed into a

two-run, inside the park homer after it was misplayed by St. Sebastian leftfielder Steven Pirella. Coupe's "St. Bart's" style round tripper gave his team a 3-2 lead.

July 12, 2019: One wild inning, an unexpected seven-run outburst in the top of the second inning, proved to be the deciding factor that catapulted the Marlboro Mustangs to a 9-6 victory over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders for the Cal Ripken 8U State Championship at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on

July 12. That outburst put the little Raiders in a huge hole but they valiantly kept digging and digging to make it quite an exciting contest.

In his three plate appearances, Carter Murphy doubled, singled, walked and scored twice for the Raiders. Holden Gasparro singled twice and had two RBI. Cole Webster blasted a double, scored once and had an RBI. Ryan Roof walked and scored once, singled and had an RBI sacrifice fly.

July 12, 2018: Brian Dayton had no visual problems in centerfield as he made several startling catches but none more sensational nor more important than the one he made in the top

of the seventh inning to earn Contact Lens & Vision a 12-11 triumph over the big, bad Deegan Roofers on Field 4 at Rahway River Park in Rahway on July 12. Since having their 72-game winning streak snapped a few weeks ago in a 14-6 loss to the Phenomenal Boyz, the Roofers' stability seems to have been more like that of a house of cards with their fourth loss of the season.

The Deeganators totaled 18 hits, which included four doubles and a home run. Charlie Collins popped with the most power, going 3-for-4 with a three-run homer, an RBI single and a double. John Garced went 3-for-4 with a two-run single and an RBI single and leadoff hitter Mike Juchnik added a pair of RBI singles and scored twice.

The "Purple Gang" of Contact Lens & Vision tapped 17 singles and Dayton, the leadoff man, did it with the stick also, going 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Tim Walsh also went 3-for-3 with three RBI and a run scored. Dave Rothenberg (RBI) and Matt Kasper each had two singles and scored once. Neil Kaufman, Scott Cohen and Bobby Biner each added an RBI single and scored once. Joe DeRosa and Anthony Miccio each singled and scored once. Dan Righetti rapped a two-run single, 80-year old George Merlo, who whispered that he will be retiring from the 50+ League but will remain with the 60+ League, walked twice and his pinch runner scored both times.

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AN UNSAFE “STORY”...Summit’s Sam Story, No. 1, is tagged out by Westfield 12U Blue catcher Lorenzo Enright in the second inning during the New Providence Gold League game at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 14, 2018.

David B. Corbin (July 2018 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

WAITING FOR THE THROW...Raider third baseman Charlie Saccetti awaits the throw as Monroe’s Austin Loudin slides into third base during the Cal Ripken, Jr. 8U State Tournament at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 13, 2018.

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July 13, 2018: Booth Field and Memorial Field in Scotch Plains played host to the Cal Ripken, Jr. 8U State Tournament that would feature eight teams vying for the crown. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders faced a very talented Monroe team in their opening Pool A game at Booth Field on July 13 and came up on the short end of an 18-7 decision but did manage to mount a bit of a comeback in the later innings.

Monroe featured a very effective

starting pitcher in Ryan Desmond, who ruled the mound the first two innings, allowing just a single to Raider James Masterson, while striking out five batters and permitting no walks. Masterson started on the mound for the Raiders, who totaled six hits. Ryan McCann and Sam Galante pitched in relief. Masterson went 2-for-3, with a two-run double and scored once. Sam Schinestuhl whacked a two-run single in his only plate appearance. Simon Shapiro had an

RBI single and Charlie Saccetti thumped a triple and scored once. Sam Sponheimer walked, scored once and had an RBI.

July 14, 2018: Park Middle School in Scotch Plains and Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) Raider Rugby hosted a Union County Mudturtle Flag Rugby Day on July 14 and the event that featured 55 flag teams and over 350 participants kicked off at 9 a.m. and lasted until noon. The Union Mudturtle program was made up of teams from Berkeley Heights,

Cranford, Dunnellen, Rahway, Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF), Union and Westfield. Teams from Bridgewater, Bayonne and Montclair were also present.

July 14, 2018: Friendly rivalries are great! Westfield Blue and Summit have been battling each other for years and every time the outcomes have come down to a one or two run decision with the Blue Devils taking the lion’s share. But not this time! Summit finally got the monkey of its back, capitalized on several

opportunities and added some powerful hitting to overcome the Westfield 12U Blue, 15-7, in New Providence Gold League action at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 14.

Westfield Blue totaled 11 hits, which included five doubles and a home run. Jack Paris pummeled a three-run homer and a two-run, ground rule double and was hit by a pitch. Kellen Edwards cracked a ground rule double and an RBI single and scored

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GETTING THE DOUBLE PLAY...Westfield 11U Blue second baseman Nick Labin points to the ump to show New Providence base runner Jake Monaco that he just became a victim of a double play as Chris Shinnars looks on (July 16, 2017).

David B. Corbin (July 2017 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

ACTION AT THIRD BASE...The throw by the catcher slips by Raider third baseman Matt Nervi as Westfield White's Noah Fischer slides safely to the bag in the second inning at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 15, 2017.

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twice. Owen Singman smacked a pair of doubles (1 ground rule), scored once and had an RBI. Luke Jordan went 2-for-2, including a ground rule double, and scored once. Ethan Delforte singled and scored twice. Chris Shinnars and Jack Chavez each singled once.

July 15, 2017: Relief pitcher Jack Fallo stepped on the mound with no outs in the bottom of the sixth inning and got the next two Westfield White batters to ground out and the third to fly out to

leftfield to cut short a rally and to reward the Scotch Plains-Fanwood 12Us with an 8-5 victory in New Providence Gold League action at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. Westfield White had scored three runs in the inning but did experience some difficulty on the mound and on defense in the early innings.

Westfield's Leo Mangiamiele poked a pair of singles, swiped two bases and scored twice. Owen Callahan blasted an RBI double and Ben Kelly went 2-for-2 with

an RBI. Raiders Tom Schmidt went 2-for-3, with a double and a two-run homer over the right field fence. Parker Raham rapped a pair of singles and had an RBI.

July 16, 2017: Flawless defense, two double plays and strong pitching performances by both teams made for a low scoring game in a New Providence Gold League 11U showdown between undefeated New Providence and the Westfield Blue at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 16. With the score knotted

3-3 after the first inning, Westfield Blue scored twice in the third and added another in the fifth to earn a 6-3 victory.

But the defense was what it was all about, especially when Westfield Blue turned a pair of double plays (DP), squashing any chances of a New Providence rally in those two innings. The first DP came in the top of the second inning when centerfielder Luke Jordan hauled in a lined smash on a hit-and-run play and alertly fired to second to double up the

runner. The second DP arrived in the fifth, also on a hit-and-run play, when relief pitcher Chris Shinnars scooped a short popup and tossed to first to first in time to get the runner.

July 16, 2017: The Readington/Tewksbury Raptors held off a furious comeback bid by Westfield for a 13-11 victory in a 9U game played at Gumbert Field 3 in Westfield. Trailing 13-6, heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, Westfield managed

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SWIPING SECOND BASE...Cranford's Dylan Hudack, No. 24, steals second base in the first inning as Westfield shortstop Brendan Tso stretches to get the throw from home at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield on July 17, 2015.

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HEADING TO THE CAL RIPKEN 8U MID-ATLANTIC REGIONALS...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, pictured, and the Marlboro Mustangs have qualified to compete in the Cal Ripken 8U Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament featuring teams from North and South NJ, East and West NY, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. The Mustangs held off the Raiders, 9-6, to win the North NJ State Title at Scotch Plains on July 12, 2019.

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to score five runs in its final at-bats and advanced the tying run to second base and the winning run to first base with just one out before having their improbable rally cut short by a game-ending double play.

With bases loaded, and facing a drawn-in infield, Westfield's top hitter Ben Carno stepped to the plate and delivered a hard line drive just inside the line that Readington first baseman Trey Garutti snagged before turning

back and doubling the Westfield runner at first base. Had Carno's hit made it through and stayed fair, it surely would have scored the tying run if not the game winner. Eli Mitchell, Jack Newall and Carno provided the majority of the offense for Westfield.

July 15, 2016: Very effective pitching from Jack Price, Dylan Rossin and Nick Deis, respectively, resulted in a four-hit, three-walk 8-0 shutout victory for the Westfield 12U White over

Montville at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. Offensively, the Westfield White received adequate RBI production from Nick Schoen, Rossin and Nate Katz.

July 16, 2016: Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield was the host of the First Annual New Providence Green League and Gold League All-Star games. In the Gold League, the National Division, trailing the American Division, 3-2, relied on the long ball to plate five runs in the bottom of the

fourth inning then utilized very effective pitching to claim a 7-5 victory.

Representing the National Division were: Westfield — Kevin Yang, Walter Schwartz, Jack Barker and Mark Gialluisi; Scotch Plains-Fanwood (Renegades) — Scott Greaney and Ryan Beauregard; Union — Jalen Bryant and Jaden Barroqueiro; South Orange-Maplewood — Aidan Pierre and Aden Lefferts; West Orange — Matt Bove and

Malachi Jones. The coaches were Pete Gialluisi (Westfield Blue), Rob Kost (West Orange) and Joe Trivisonno (Renegades).

Representing the American Division were: New Providence (NP) — Dean Licari and Will Parker; Livingston Green & White — Brandon Kenney, Nick Murray, Matt Hoffman and Scott Schroeder; Madison — Luca Evangelista and Brendan Mariani; Chatham — Collin Fitzgerald, John

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PILE UP AT SECOND...Westfield's Richie Vasquez plows into second base in the fifth inning as Cougars Nick Delmour, left, and Pat McMahon, right, cover the throw from home at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 15, 2015.

David B. Corbin (July 2016 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

MAKING CONTACT...SPF Renegade Ryan Beauregard raps a single for the National Division in the New Providence Gold League All-Star Game against the American Division at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 16, 2016.

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Cunningham and Owen McClintock; Chester/Mendham — Tim Winters and Jack Warman. The coaches were Joe Licari (NP), Harry Blanchard (Madison) and Scott Schroeder (Livingston).

July 19, 2016: Westfield Blue built a 10-run lead on their way to a 10-7 victory over Cranford in a New Providence 11U Gold League contest at Gumbert Field 2 in Westfield. Westfield exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the first inning against Cranford

starter Brian Altobelli. John Veres, Mason Gibbs and Jay Billings each contributed RBI singles during the outburst. Cam Gilman ripped a two-run single into right field.

Tyler DiPaolo stole home on a pitch in the dirt for the Cougars. Anthony Lettini rapped an RBI single. Zack Szerekes dropped an RBI single into center. After working a walk, Altobelli stole second then scored on William Ramsay's RBI single. Ramsay later scored on Jason Ebersole's

groundout. Tony Silva delivered an RBI single.

July 20, 2106: Netherwood veteran Kevin Woodring demonstrated that he was indeed a "mound ace" too when he tossed a complete nine-inning shutout to shut down Charlie Brown's, 13-0, in the final Scotch Plains Softball League A Division regular-season game at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on the 47th anniversary of Man's first landing on the moon (July 20, 1969).

Woodring must have had something special on his pitches as he limited Charlie Brown's to only eight singles.

The Netherwood, featuring a host of veterans who have been playing in the league since the previous century, banged out 28 hits, which included a pair of triples, a double and a colossal home run off the bat of Joe Tufaro (not a veteran from the previous century). Tufaro's two-run shot not only emphasized a seven-

run first inning but also made everybody instant spectators when the ball sailed way into the trees in the direction of Memorial Pool parking lot in Westfield. Tufaro also added two singles and a walk and ended with three RBI.

July 15, 2015: Key hits, plenty of stolen bases and strong performances from a trio of fine pitchers propelled the Cranford Blue 11U baseball team past the

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SAFE AT THIRD... Westfield's Walter Schwartz stirs up some dirt as he comes sliding into third as Cranford third baseman Connor Baratta, No. 32, tries to handle the throw in the first inning at Memorial Field in Cranford on July 17, 2014.

David B. Corbin (July 2016 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

GETTING A PIECE OF THE BALL... Montville's Derek Pasquale gets a piece of the ball while Westfield 12U White catcher Jack Price reaches to catch the pitch in the New Providence Green League game at Gumbert 2 Field on July 15, 2016.

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Westfield Black, 12-3, in New Providence Green League action at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield. Sean DeGroat led the Cougars at the plate with a double, a single and a walk, while scoring all three times. Nick Delmour had a two-run single, scored once and added a third RBI. Jack Conley singled twice and scored twice.

Dylan Tedeschi walked, stole a pair of bases and scored Westfield's first run. Richie Vasquez tapped an RBI single

and was hit by a pitch. Jacob Ayala and Aidan Reed each singled and scored once.

July 16, 2015: Spotswood High School running back Chase Fee certainly paid his dues and cashed in with a pair of first-half touchdown runs to lead the Middlesex County All-Stars to a 33-13 victory over the Union County All-Stars in the Annual Snapple Bowl charity event for Children's Specialized Hospital held at Kean University in Union.

Representing Westfield for the Union All-Stars were Nick Buontempo (tight end), Matt Catanzaro (defensive back), Harry Williamson (lineman) and Sean Elliott (wide receiver). Kevin Trotter (defensive back) and Colin Scanlon (linebacker) represented the Cranford Cougars. Kevin Maxwell (linebacker), who was also selected as one of the team captains, and Andrew Ciccarino (defensive back/kicker) represented the Scotch Plains-

Fanwood Raiders.

Ciccarino ended up having a spectacular and busy evening. He blocked a point after (PAT) attempt in the first quarter, kicked a PAT in the second quarter, assumed the kickoff duties and recorded no less than seven tackles in the game.

July 17, 2015: Missed opportunities on the part of one team and a huge breakout inning by the other resulted in a 14-4 victory for the Cranford Blue 12s

over the Westfield Silver in New Providence Green League action at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield. Trailing, 6-3, in the fourth inning, Westfield had the bases loaded with no outs but mental lapses on the base paths allowed no more runs and the Cougars quickly responded with a booming eight-run fifth inning to put the game out of range.

Cougar Robbie Salvatore was credited with two singles with one

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OUT AT THE PLATE...Westfield 11s catcher Emmitt Smith, right, makes the tag in time to nail Montville's Nikolas Santos at home plate in the fourth inning at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 21, 2012. Montville pulled out a 9-6 win.

David B. Corbin (July 2014 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

BARRELING TOWARDS FIRST...St. Joseph's Nash Warfield ends up being called out by a step in the backend of a double play in the fifth inning at Jerseyland Field on July 18, 2014. St. Vincent first baseman Rob Del Cid made the catch.

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RBI, walked once and scored all three times. Christian Hulse rapped an RBI double and an RBI single and scored twice, and DJ Balkan tripled, drilled an RBI double and scored twice. Brandon Tso led Westfield, going 2-for-2 with a walk and scoring all three times. Braeden Stryker added an RBI single, walked and scored once. Griffin Factor had an RBI single and walked once. Cooper Harris tapped an RBI single.

July 16, 2014: Time delay for

an unnecessary reason may have aggravated several players, parents and coaches, but once the game between the Westfield 12s and the South Orange/Maplewood Cougars got underway, it became a fine evening of entertainment in Central Jersey League action at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield. Westfield went on to earn a 6-3 victory.

Westfield starter Griffin Rooney and reliever Christian Pansini combined to pitch a two-hitter.

Tim Alliegro whacked a pair of doubles, scored once and had an RBI in his two at-bats.

July 17, 2014: Five infield singles combined with several hard shots to the outfield and nine walks, along with superb pitching performances from starter Kevin Yang and reliever Mark Gialluisi led to a 17-2 Westfield victory over the Cranford Cougar 10s in Central Jersey League play at Memorial Field Complex in Cranford.

Jake Lanza was one of Westfield's offensive leaders with a double and two singles, three RBI and two runs scored. Walter Schwartz also went 3-for-3 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored. Gialluisi hammered a three-run double, walked and scored once. Lukas Ruby (2-for-2) had half of the Cougars' hits and added an RBI.

July 18, 2014: Experience can be the best teacher if one is sharp enough to learn from it,

and another wily old veteran, Frank Chupko, used his decades of pitching experience to lead his St. Joseph team to a 6-2 settling of St. Vincent in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on the 45th anniversary of the Chappaquiddick incident involving former Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy.

The Joe boys pounded out 17 hits, including a 3-for-3 evening

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MAKING THE RIGHT CONNECTION...Westfield 12s' Shannon O'Donnell hammers a solo home run to deep left field in the second inning against Chatham in Westfield on July 19, 2011. Westfield won, 12-2.

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NOT QUITE IN TIME...Westfield Blue second baseman Miles Brancatella, left, gets the throw from the catcher a little too late as Springfield's Raphael Isidio steals second at Gumbert 2 Field (July 26, 2012).

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from Jerry Russo, who also had an RBI. Gene Booth drilled an RBI double and singled, and Kevin Spellman slapped a two-run single and scored once.

July 30, 2013: Trailing 9-8, third seeded Darby Camisa found all the gaps to score six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning of a nine-inning contest to stun second seeded Five Guys, 15-9, in Game 2 of the battle between the burgers and the beverages in the B Division semifinal round of the

Scotch Plains Men's Softball League at Jerseyland Field. Tom Ulichny slapped four singles in five at-bats and scored four times, while adding an RBI. John Deitch also had four hits, including a two-run double, and scored once. Harold Hopler rapped a pair of doubles and a pair of singles, while scoring twice and added an RBI.

July 30, 2013: Sun Tavern served up all six of their runs in the second inning to hold on to a 6-4 victory in the first game and

sparked a huge comeback in the later innings to win Game 2, 10-6, over third-seeded Divas at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains. Diva James DeNizo blasted a pair of home runs. Dan Samila crushed a homer for Sun Tavern.

July 21, 2012: Montville pitchers Nikolas Santos, Michael DeDonato and Greg Nieskens bent a little but came through with key strikeouts at the right time to hold back the Westfield 11-year-old baseball team, 9-6,

in New Providence Green League action at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield. The Little Blue Devils struggled finding the open spots for hits and had only three singles until the sixth inning when they added respective RBI doubles from Emmitt Smith (2 runs scored, walk, stolen base) and Jack Gerris. Brian Hinkel finished with two singles, an RBI and a stolen base.

July 25, 2012: Scotch Plains Men's Softball League Commis-

sioner Ed Zazzali recently dubbed the Stage House as the "2,000-lb Gorilla". He was definitely correct as the undefeated, top-seeded and defending champions Stage men flew into an offensive rage, amassing 42 hits to stomp on fifth-seeded Trinity Electric, 32-3, in the first game of the Wednesday Night Division semifinals at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains.

Veteran Mark Nies inflicted the

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LEAPING TO GET THE BALL...Westfield Blue second baseman Jack Neiswenter, No. 15, leaps in attempt to catch the relay as Florham Park's Jason Sardo slides in for a double. Westfield Blue and Florham Park battled to a tie (July 16, 2010).



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SLIDING SAFELY INTO SECOND...Westfield White's Jack Meiselman plows into second base for his second stolen base, as Long Hill shortstop Nick Mink is a little late with the tag at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 20, 2011.

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most punishment with six hits, five runs scored and seven RBI in his six plate appearances, which included a three-run home run, a two-run double and a double. Todd Simo led the semi veterans with five hits, including a solo homer, five runs scored and four RBI. Andrew Michinard pounded a pair of singles, a double and a triple, while scoring four runs and added three RBI.

July 26, 2012: Zany plays, followed by the thunder and darkness from impending severe weather halted the New Providence Green League upper bracket championship game between the Westfield Blue 12-year-old baseball team and the Springfield Minutemen in the top of the fifth inning at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. The remainder

of the game was played the next day, but at the time of the postponement, Westfield held a 6-4 lead. However, Springfield tied the game in the fifth, but Westfield regained the lead, 7-6, and held on to claim the title.

Matt Cetlin was Westfield Blue's most formidable offensive threat with a two-run double and an RBI groundout. He also scored a run. Jack Johnson pounded the ball with a pair of singles, while scoring once in his two plate appearances. But it was Kevin Fuller (2-for-3, run scored) who knocked in what turned out to be the winning RBI.

July 19, 2011: Westfield High School girls softball Head Coach Caitlin MacDonald decided to get a glimpse of what part of her future varsity lineup may consist

of by coaching a 12-and-under group this summer that competes in the Parkway League. In their final regular-season home game, the Blue Devils jumped on the Chatham Cougars to earn a 12-2, five-inning victory on the WHS field to up their record to 5-4.

Shannon O'Donnell, who went 1-for-2, with two RBI and two runs scored, started the scoring with a leadoff solo home run in the bottom of the second inning. On the mound, Veronica Grycan, who yielded a run in the first inning and another in the second, retired 12 of the final 14 Cougars who stepped to the plate. Grycan struck out seven Cougars, while walking three and allowing three singles.

July 20, 2011: Gearing up for the playoffs, the Westfield White

12U baseball team honed its pitching skills in a 7-2 victory over Long Hill at Gumbert 2 Field on the 42nd anniversary of man's landing on the moon (July 20, 1969). Starting pitcher Alex Pansini made good use of his breaking ball to curb Long Hill in the first three innings, yielding two runs on four hits, while walking none and striking out one. Owen Bartok pitched the next three innings, giving up just two singles and walking one.

Pansini led Westfield's 11-hit output, going 3-for-3, with an RBI double, and scoring twice. Owen Kessler (2 runs scored) added emphasis with a two-run home run, and Cullen Birkel chopped a two-run double and scored once.

July 15, 2010: Larry

Fleischman's three-run home run in the top of the third inning, Phil Appelbaum's four hits, Bruce Logan's four RBI and shortstop Ron Labin's superior fielding led St. Anthony to a 14-5 triumph over cellar-dwelling St. Jude in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains.

July 16, 2010: Pitching ace Matt LaCorte relieved in the fifth inning and pitched two perfect innings, while the Westfield Blue 11-year-old baseball team scored five runs in the top of the sixth inning to earn a tie with Florham Park at Gumbert 2 Field. LaCorte was also very successful at the plate with two singles, three RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases. Patrick Chirichella cracked a pair of singles and scored twice.

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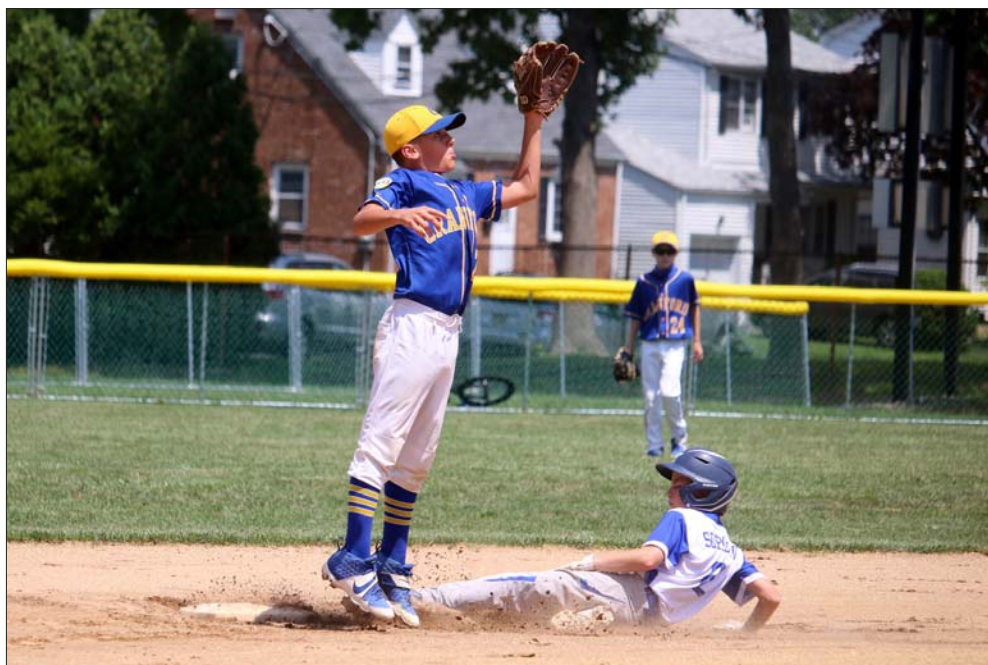
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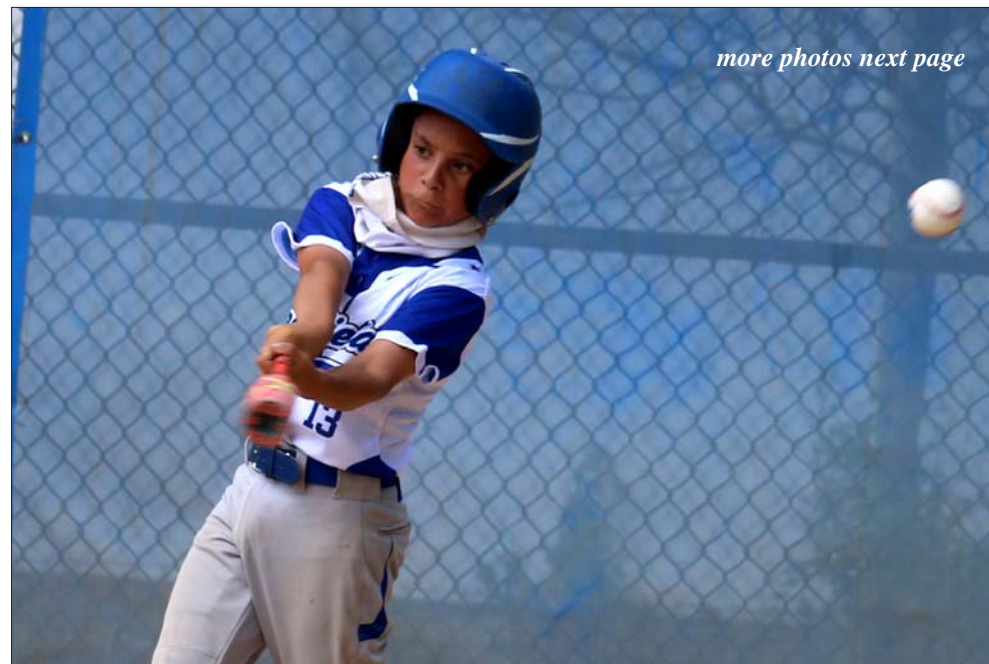
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