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Westfield Council Passes 2021 Municipal Budget

By REBECCA MEHORTER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Town Council adopted the 2021 Municipal Budget at its Tuesday evening meeting. The council also approved on second reading the 2021 Special Improvement District (SID) budget and General Ordinance No. 2213, which adjusts the salaries of certain police and fire department employees.

Mayor Shelley Brindle said it has been a budget season "in which we're incredibly fortunate in spite of the times." Councilwoman Linda Habgood, who chairs the Finance Policy Committee, thanked the many people who worked on this year's spending plan and said, "We're already working on next year's budget."

The municipal budget totals $46.6 million, with $29.35 million coming from taxes and $17.27 million from revenues such as parking, municipal court, building and sewer fees. Revenues were down 6.3 percent in 2020 due to the pandemic causing losses in parking and court revenues.

The average assessed home of $800,800 will see an increase of $66 for the municipal portion of the tax bill.

Resident Shawn Mullen expressed concerns with the SID budget, which serves the downtown through the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC). Town Administrator Jim Gildea said that the budget has been flat at $416,347 for the past few years and that the money is derived from the businesses in the SID, not general Westfield taxpayers. Mr. Gildea said the town funds DWC events because the DWC is an arm of the town and is insured by the town as well.

Councilwoman Habgood highlighted the increased transparency during the budget season for the past few years — including a special email address for resident questions, a FAQ on the website and a public presentation, also posted online, evaluating the past year's budget and explaining the coming year's concerns and bright spots.

The council approved a resolution referring 923 Central Avenue to the planning board to review for historic designation. General Ordinance No. 2214, to modify the zoning map in order to designate the home, was adopted on first reading as well. Mayor Brindle said that the homeowner originally came to the planning board requesting a variance with the intention to demolish the home. The board and owner realized the historical significance of the home during the process and worked together to save the house. Mayor Brindle called it a "win-win for the property owner and the town."

A resolution awarding a contract to Declan O'Scanlon of FSD Enterprises, LLC, for a wireless telecommunications tower lease consultant was passed by the council. The consultant will help the town look into potentially allowing AT&T to install a cell tower at Houlihan/Sid Fay fields in exchange for redoing the parking lot and adding bathrooms to the fields. When Councilman Mark LoGrippo asked Councilman Michael Dardia if he supported building a cell tower, Councilman Dardia said he did not have an opinion yet and would wait to hear from the expert and from studies.

The council also addressed multiple resolutions, awards and events related to sustainability and environmental concerns.

The council approved a resolution to request Union County explore implementation of its deer-management program within a certain area of Ward 3. Councilman David Contract said the area is wooded and borders both Clark and Crandford. He said that the county wants the support of all residents in the area and that he has been unable to work with the other local governments to speak with all the relevant residents. Requesting the county's help, he said, will assist in organizing the process.

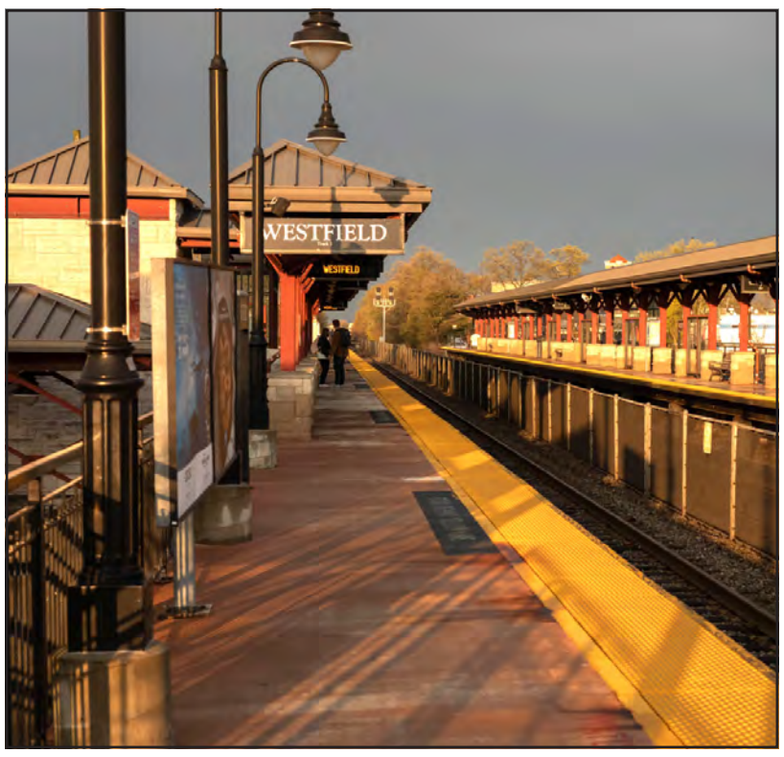
The council also passed a resolution contracting Hatch Mott MacDonald for engineering services to evaluate existing drainage channels in Mindowaskin Park and Fairview Cemetery. The engineer also will develop plans to clean these channels.

Mr. Gildea announced during the conference meeting that the town has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, an honor that goes to towns that pay special attention to the protection and care of their trees.

Councilman Contract said that this Saturday, April 24, the town will hold its third annual Earth Day Fair and Free Market, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the South Avenue train station parking lot.

This Sunday, April 25, the Westfield Police Department will host an Autism Family Day from noon to 2 p.m. Emergency vehicles and equipment will be on display, and local author Cindy Gelormini will read her book "Robbie's World and His SPECTRUM of Adventures" at 1 p.m.

The next Westfield Town Council meeting will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11.



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GLOWING THROUGH CLOUDS...The sun pokes through the clouds on April 15, leaving the Westfield train station glowing.

Leader, Times Joins Suit Against Google, Facebook

By DEVON YANVARY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — Gale Force Media, LLC, the publisher of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, filed suit in federal court this week against California-based tech giants Google and Facebook. The lawsuit alleges that Google and Facebook violated federal law by unlawfully monopolizing the digital advertising market, to the detriment of thousands of newspapers across the country, including *The Leader/Times*.

Gale Force Media filed its case in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. In filing the suit, Gale Force Media joined publishers of more than 125 newspapers as plaintiffs in 13 federal lawsuits originating in 10 different states, including Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Gale Force Media is the first New Jersey-based publisher to join this case against what is frequently referred to as "Big Tech."

"As alleged in our Complaint the defendants have made money by monopolizing the digital advertising market and using content from our newspapers without compensation to our newspapers for too long," according to *Leader/Times* Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Lauren Barr. "Unless there is change in the digital advertising market, local news and journalism could be rendered extinct, which would be a detriment to our communities and democracy."

In October 2020, the U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law issued a 470-page report detailing Google's and Facebook's conduct in the digital advertising market and the profound effects it has had upon America's free and diverse press, particularly the newspaper industry. The Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice, and numerous state attorneys general also have filed antitrust claims against Google or Facebook, or both.

Gale Force Media is represented by Paul Farrell, Jr. and Mike Fuller of Farrell & Fuller, LLC; Paul Geller, Stuart Davidson, David Mitchell and Steve Jodlowski of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP; Clayton Fitzsimmons, Bob Fitzsimmons and Mark Colantonio of Fitzsimmons Law Firm PLLC; John Herman and Serina Vash of Herman Jones LLP; and Jon-Henry Barr and John Gulyas of Barr & Gulyas, LLC in Clark.

Attorney Jon-Henry Barr told *The Leader/Times*, "We are privileged to be advocating for local journalism in this critically important case, and we are hopeful that the lawsuits by Gale Force Media and others can bring about change in this industry."

A response to the lawsuit from the defendants was not available as of press time.

Planning Board Denies Use-Variance Application

By JULIA BONAVITACOLA
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

GARWOOD – The planning board on April 14 denied Paul Martin's application for a use variance that would allow him to use his property at 242 Second Avenue as a two-family residence.

The decision came two weeks after the hearing conducted at the previous planning board meeting. The case came about after Mr. Martin turned his single-family house into a two-family residence without proper permits being acquired. The use variance would allow Mr. Martin to continue to rent the house out as two separate units.

The planning board reviewed the case over the preceding two weeks and met to give a formal vote on the application and its merits. Planning board member William Nierstedt said that he was not opposed to the idea of the house continuing as a two-family home. "It comes down to enforcement, and short of having annual inspection of the interior of the house, I said to myself, 'How can we actually prevent this from becoming a two-family?'" said Mr. Nierstedt.

However, the reasoning of Mr. Nierstedt was not shared by the rest of the board. Board member Paul Tarantino said, "I think if we approve this application, we are setting a terrible precedent, that we will be opening the floodgates for future applications that we cannot deny. It is for this reason that I will be voting 'no.'"

A poll was taken after some discussion regarding the views of the board. The board voted 6 to 1 to deny the application, with Mr. Nierstedt as the lone vote to approve the use variance for Mr. Martin. Steve Napolitano was excused from the meeting and, therefore, did not vote on the application.

Donald Fraser, board attorney, commended Joshua Koodray, Mr. Martin's attorney, on the case that he presented for the planning board. "I want to extend to you my respect for the job that you did for what I thought was a very, very difficult case," said Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Koodray thanked the planning board for the time and consideration it took to hear the case and give the deciding vote.

The planning board proceeded to the next order of business, which was to conduct an ordinance review. The ordinance in question proposed changes to bulk requirements in different housing zones. Kathy Villaggio presented the ordinance to the rest of the board. The changes that were proposed to the board included requirements and limitations for the height of a house, required steps, and number of kitchens in single-family and two-family homes.

One bone of contention for board members involved the wording of one portion of the two-family section. Ken Capobianco requested that the condition that no cellar could be used for boarders be changed to include basements as well. He also said that he wanted to discuss the difficulties with living standards when the owner of the home is not living in the home that he or she is renting out.

After much back-and-forth discus-

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Mountainside Passes 2021 Budget on First Reading

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Council met Tuesday evening and passed upon its first reading the municipal budget, which officials announced to residents would not have an increase.

Mountainside Mayor Paul Mirabelli stated that a full presentation of the new municipal budget would be made at the Tuesday, May 18 meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

There was a brief report in the mayor's address regarding some of the key points in the budget, including an increase in the Department of Public Works for the new garage and storage facility in the amount of $1.1 million, which he stated "is being offset by revenues." He also stated that there were increases in police and administration salaries in the amount of $7,700 and in the police pension line by $36,535.

He also noted that Social Security tax went up by $8,000 and that the board of health line went up by $1,000.

It also was said that there was a decrease in legal expenses by $375,000 and that anticipated court fees were down by $65,000.

In addition, it was reported that recreation fees were down by $6,000 and that the TV franchise fee line also was down by $3,353.15.

It was said that any questions or comments regarding the municipal portion of the budget could be heard at the May 18 meeting and that it would serve as the second reading and public hearing.

Last month it had been said that the presentation of the borough's budget would be done at the April 20 meeting. It was stated that the budget would

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Ruth Maloney for *The Westfield Leader*

IT'S OFFICIAL...After a year of change, *The Westfield Leader* has its ribbon-cutting ceremony this past Thursday at its new location, 425 North Avenue, East. Publisher Lauren Barr bought the company back in March 2020, one week before the Covid-19 lockdown began. Pictured, from left to right, are: Reporter Jennifer Glackin, Business Manager Robert Connelly, Ron Bansky of Allstate, Sales Manager Jeff Gruman, Jim Mooney of Minuteman Press, Tony Bianchino of Outrun Your Fork, Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) Executive Director Gene Jannotti, Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle, Publisher Lauren Barr, Barbara Murphy of Sir Speedy, GWACC President Darielle Walsh, Production Associate Kimberly Prata, Community News Editor Suzette Stalker, Reporter Rebecca Mehorter and Sports Editor David Corbin.

Garwood BOE Discusses Curriculum, Policy Role

By JULIA BONAVITACOLA
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

GARWOOD – The Garwood Board of Education met Tuesday, when a presentation was given about the board's role in establishing the curriculum in the public schools.

The presentation was conducted by Gwen Thornton, New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) field services representative, who was able to show the board the presentation virtually by sharing her screen.

"When we talk about curriculum and skills these days...typically there's a focus around 21st-century themes and skills," said Ms. Thornton. These themes and skills include global awareness, civic literacy and health literacy. The curriculum also should focus on learning and innovation skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, information media/technology, productivity and accountability and leadership.

Ms. Thornton outlined the role that the board has in developing and enforcing the curriculum in the borough. She said that the board must provide a mission statement that includes goals of student achievement and professional development. The board also should provide a budget that can support the curriculum that it has outlined.

Ms. Thornton also said that curriculum presentations were critical to making the curriculum transparent for both the board and the public. The board additionally is responsible for adopting curriculum guides and documents. "Making sure that establishing and keeping curriculum front and center really does provide your staff and all of you with a starting point for future discussions on what needs to change and what the order of that change will look like," said Ms. Thornton.

Ms. Thornton went over the guidelines that all board members have to follow. These guidelines include: establishing district goals for student achievement, making student achievement a focus of each board meeting,

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A HOME RUN TIME...Opening day for the Westfield K-1 girls softball team is a home run good time as the girls gear up to play ball.

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WALLIS STATIONERY CLOSES...Amy Desai, who has owned Wallis Stationery in downtown Scotch Plains with her husband for 25 years, stands in front of the store that is closing at month's end. A photograph inside the store shows the original building a century ago.

Wallis Stationery Closing After Nearly 100 Years

By FRED T. ROSSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

SCOTCH PLAINS – While several new businesses have recently opened in downtown, one long-time fixture on Park Avenue is shutting its doors at the end of the month.

For 25 years, Amy and Alex Desai have owned Wallis Stationery, across from Darby Road, but now, says Mrs. Desai, it's "time to move on." Speaking to *The Westfield Leader*, she said their plans had been in the works for two years but in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, "business was not the same."

In addition to the store, the Desais own the building itself, which they have sold. She says she doesn't know what the new owner plans to do. She guessed that the property will end up being something completely different, perhaps even razed and replaced with a more modern building as the downtown redevelopment efforts gain steam.

The building housing the store dates back about a century, and a framed black-and-white 1920s-era photograph hanging behind the counter inside the store shows a man, likely the proprietor, standing outside under an awning labeled "H.L. Edelmans Dept. Store." Harry Edelman, a Romanian immigrant, opened his store there in 1925 and sold it in 1936 to the future township mayor, Maurice Ingalsbe, who renamed it the Scotch Plains Department Store. The Desai family is the store's fifth owner, Mrs. Desai said. Over the decades, the store sold candy and toys as well as stationery when it was known as Heinz Confectionary between 1944 and 1954 when the Wallis family bought it and renamed it as a stationery store. Jack Wallis sold his store in 1966, but subsequent owners kept its name, which became a familiar sight in downtown Scotch Plains.

Speaking inside her store last week, amidst an "everything-must-go" closing sale that still had a healthy selection of greeting cards still available along with some party supplies, cigars, gift-wrappings and, of course, lottery tickets, Mrs. Desai said the downtown needs to do more to generate foot traffic to help small shops stay afloat. But she noted the difficulty in doing so, saying that younger people tend not to shop in physical stores, preferring instead to have merchandise delivered to their home. And older shoppers have not been venturing out due to the pandemic.

She said she has "mixed feelings" about closing the store. "I'm happy and I'm sad," she said. Mrs. Desai said running the store was "a lot of work," opening up at 6 a.m. most days and closing in the evening. The 12-to-14-hour days extended to holidays as well, she pointed out.

She said she would miss her customers, who "are like my family." She told *The Leader* she was "very grateful to the community and to the people for their great support over the years." She said the downtown is "safe" and saluted the police department for keeping it that way.

One township resident who frequented Wallis Stationery over the years was Bill Picard, who recalled it being "the place to go before and after school to spend your lunch money" for students like himself who attended Park Middle School two blocks away. In the late 1980s "you could get a soda and a candy bar for a dollar," he told *The Leader*. "And your parents would never know."

Photo courtesy of David Pilmenstein, County of Union

SWING OVER TO NOMAHEGAN...A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground facilities at Nomahegan Park in Cranford took place this past Sunday. The new playground now has approximately six slides, ADA ramps and decks featuring spiral stairs, chamber archways, suspension bridges, swings, plastic bongo drums, climbing stations and ropes. Commissioner Chair Alexander Mirabella and Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski are joined at the event by Union County Commissioners Lourdes M. Leon, Chris Hudak, Andrea Staten, Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded and Sergio Granados. Also in attendance are: Senator Joe Cryan, Cranford Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty and Cranford Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews.

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committing adequate resources for curriculum development and evaluating curriculum systematically.

Ms. Thornton highlighted questions that board members should ask themselves in order to make sure the curriculum is helping the students in the borough. Making sure that the budget supports student achievement and planning ahead for the five-year plan were said to be among the more important parts of supporting the curriculum.

The presentation concluded with clarification questions from the board members. Christine Guerriero thanked Ms. Thornton for the presentation and noted that it was very informative. Ms. Thornton also reminded the board that the superintendent evaluation was coming up in May and encouraged all of the board members to be prepared for it.

The board also conducted other business during the meeting. President Ralph Trentacosta asked the board about dates to reschedule the planned board retreat and what the retreat should focus on. The retreat was originally set to be held over the past weekend but was postponed due to the ongoing pandemic. Ms. Thornton would conduct the retreat, which would highlight one topic that the board feels is necessary for further discussion and education.

"We can do anything you would like to do. Some boards have it around board roles and responsibility, sometimes boards use it for goal setting...how we can be more effective as a board. I mean whatever your identified needs are," said Ms. Thornton. She suggested that the board should complete its self-evaluation in order to pinpoint what board members feel is a topic of need.

"When we were talking about board goals back in June, we talked as a group about team-building. That was kind of the consensus among all the board members just to kind of improve our workability...I don't know if the board members still feel that way," said Ms. Guerreiro.

Adrienne Barnes said that she agreed with Ms. Thornton in that they should complete the board evaluations before determining a topic for the retreat. The rest of the board agreed and determined that they would address the contents of those evaluations in June during their goal-setting meeting.

Mr. Trentacosta and other board members agreed that the retreat should take place in the summer, as it is possible the event would need to be held outside due to Covid-19 restrictions. The board pinpointed Thursday, July 8, as a possible date and will consult Ms. Thornton's availability to solidify those plans.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m.

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be presented in April instead of March this year due to state mandates resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

In other business, it was announced that this week was Local Government Week and that Mountainside had a few virtual tours on its website and Facebook page in celebration. A YouTube tour of the borough's historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House can be viewed.

In addition, there is a virtual tour of the Mountainside Public Library with the mayor and some other virtual tours coming to the website, including the front offices of Borough Hall and the recreation department. Finally, the Fire Department and Police Department were scheduled for a virtual tour on Friday.

In other business, to prepare for Memorial Day, the borough's governing body announced that there will be a ceremony honoring the lost military with Mountainside Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and local veterans groups. Five hundred dollars was unanimously agreed to be awarded for the groups to prepare for the ceremony.

The next Mountainside Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4. It will be live streamed through the borough's Facebook page.

Scotch Plains Moves Ordinance On Cannabis Sales

By FRED T. ROSSI
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

SCOTCH PLAINS – The township council on Tuesday unanimously approved the 2021 municipal budget as well as this year's capital budget.

The $26.58 municipal spending plan will be financed by a slight increase in the local property tax rate of about 1.95 percent, or $36 for the average household, to $1,565 per $100 of assessed property value. Township manager Al Mirabella reviewed some of the highlights of the budget, pointing out that this year's tax increase was only the second of the seven budgets that he has presented. He said he was "proud of the maintenance of municipal services" this year, and it was also noted that there will be no layoffs.

As some of redevelopment projects begin to get underway, Mr. Mirabella said that construction code fees from the former Bowcraft property being developed into an apartment complex are already being realized. He also noted that municipal court revenue and interest on township investments declined last year.

Some $15.7 million will be raised via taxes while $3.6 million of surplus will also be utilized, the same level as last year. State aid will remain at $2.27 million.

The council also unanimously approved the $1.78 million capital budget to be used to finance road reconstruction, new equipment purchases for the public works and recreation departments, new police and fire department vehicles and IT improvements.

The council on Tuesday also introduced an ordinance to permit the sale of cannabis in certain areas of town, and on-site consumption in one of those areas. After state voters overwhelmingly approved the legalization of marijuana and related products last November, municipalities were given six months to decide whether or not to allow such activity within their borders. The sale of cannabis products will be permitted only in establishments along Route 22 and in the M-1 and M-2 zones, primarily located along a stretch of Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road. On-site consumption of cannabis products will be permitted in those establishments located on Route 22 only. A public hearing and vote on the ordinance will be held on May 18.

Democrat Matthew Adams joined the governing body this week, replacing Suman Dahiya-Shah, who resigned last month. He will seek election in November to fill out the remaining year of the seat's four-year term. Mayor Josh Losardo had been elected to the seat in 2018 but vacated it in January to ascent to the mayor's post.

In remarks after his ceremonial swearing-in, Mr. Adams expressed his thanks for "this tremendous opportunity to serve our community." He said the town is "in the midst of a renaissance, the likes of which the rest of the state, and perhaps the nation, will soon take notice," citing the coming downtown redevelopment, the public schools "that consistently rank among the best in the state," the "booming" housing market, the "dedicated public servants" and his feeling that "we are now a more diverse, more inclusive community than ever before" because "all are welcome with open arms and hate of any kind has no place here." Mr. Adams' appointment maintains the Democrats' 5-to-0 control of the council.

Photo courtesy of David Womelsdorf

RAINBOWS SHINE THROUGH...A gloomy sky takes over downtown Westfield this past Thursday, but the rainbow walkway at the intersection of Elm and Quimby keep the town shining with color.

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sion on the technicalities of the language used in the ordinance, Chairman Steve Greet said, "We can go on nuances on this all night and I'm not willing to do that right now. What I am willing to do is do one thing, and if you want to clean up the verbiage in this, that's fine."

The board agreed to fix the wording of this particular part of the ordinance, as well as clean up some grammatical issues found in other parts of the ordinance, before sending it to the council for approval. The planning board unanimously voted to send the ordinance to the council for the governing body to take a look at it before approving the new bulk requirements proposed.

The next planning board meeting is set to take place in two weeks, on Wednesday, April 28.

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Voters to Receive Primary Ballots in Yellow Envelopes

COUNTY – Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announces that Union County voters who are using Vote-by-Mail ballots for the 2021 Primary Election will receive their ballots in bright yellow envelopes. The new envelopes were designed by Ms. Rajoppi in order to stand out from other mailings.

The 2021 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 8.

"The eye-catching new envelopes will help ensure that voters can easily distinguish their Vote-by-Mail ballots from other mail," said Ms. Rajoppi. "To further reduce the chance of misplacing or accidentally discarding a ballot, I strongly encourage voters to fill out and return their Vote-by-Mail ballot as soon as they receive it."

Voters can also quickly recognize their Vote-by-Mail ballot envelope by the words "OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT/BOLETA OFICIAL POR CORREO" in bold, black lettering to the right of the addressee window.

This year Ms. Rajoppi is also introducing a new return envelope with a see-through window, which is designed to expedite the processing of ballots. When voters place their ballot in the return envelope properly, their home address will appear in the window.

In addition, each Vote-by-Mail ballot will come with a brochure containing detailed instructions for filling out the ballot correctly.

The office of the County Clerk will begin sending Vote-by-Mail ballots for the 2021 Primary Election later this week, for approximately 40,000 Union County voters who have requested to be on the permanent list for automatically receiving a ballot.

Due to the volume of ballots involved, the mailing will be conducted in batches over a three-week period concluding in the middle of May.

Other Union County voters can request a Vote-By-Mail ballot by using the downloadable application form on the County Clerk's elections website, unioncountyvotes.com, or by contacting the Elections Division at (908) 527-4996 or ucvote@ucnj.org.

Voters who prefer to vote in person on Election Day will have polling places available to use.

For more information about the County Clerk's election services visit unioncountyvotes.com or contact the Elections Division at (908) 527-4996 or ucvote@ucnj.org.

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

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Wednesday, April 14, a resident of Balfour Lane reported a case of fraud. The victim engaged in an online transaction where money was wired and the services were never completed. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, April 14, a resident of Westfield Avenue reported that someone had filed for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Thursday, April 15, a resident of Spruce Mill Lane reported that someone had filed for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Thursday, April 15, a resident of Bayberry Lane reported fraudulent activity on both a cellular account and bank transactions. The case is under investigation.

Saturday, April 17, Angel G. Munoz, 30, of Somerville was arrested during a motor vehicle stop and charged with driving under the influence. Munoz was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Sunday, April 18, Daquan M. Nevius-Harris, 28, of Plainfield was arrested on an active warrant out of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office during a motor vehicle stop. Nevius-Harris was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Sunday, April 18, Anthony Kangalee, 35, of Plainfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop and charged with driving under the influence. Kangalee was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Monday, April 19, a resident of Front Street reported that their home was burglarized during the overnight hours. The incident is under investigation.

Monday, April 19, a resident of Lamberts Mill Road reported fraudulent activity on several bank accounts. The case is under investigation.

Monday, April 19, a resident of Lake Avenue reported a motor vehicle burglary which occurred during the overnight hours. The matter is under investigation.

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Wednesday, April 14, a resident of the 500 block of Boulevard reported being a victim of identity theft and fraud. According to the victim, one or more unknown suspects used her identity to open a fraudulent Best Buy account and attempted to make $849 in unauthorized purchases. The victim did not suffer any monetary loss as a result of this incident.

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Charges are merely an accusation and defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RESOLUTION 21-04-104

CONTRACTOR: Deegan Roofing, 345 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey; Roofing & Construction Services
NATURE OF SERVICE: Construction
DURATION: For a period not to exceed December 31, 2021
FEE: $18,900.00

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.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RESOLUTION 21-04-103

CONTRACTOR: Messercola Excavating Co. Inc., 549 East Third Street, Plainfield, New Jersey; Leaf Hauling & Disposal Services
NATURE OF SERVICE: Leaf Transport & Disposal
DURATION: For a period not to exceed December 31, 2021
FEE: Not to exceed $3.69 per cubic yard

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.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk

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MOUNT SAINT MARY
Summer Academy

Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, NJ, will be offering an exciting slate of academic and athletic summer programs for girls who are entering the fifth through eighth grade. Our Enrichment courses will focus on STEM, science, math, Python coding, art and more! The Athletics Camp is designed for all levels of players — beginner, intermediate or advanced. Campers will have an opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports and will receive instruction by Mount Saint Mary's acclaimed varsity coaches through drills, practice, and games. These activities will not only aid each player's development but promote an environment of teamwork, integrity and good sportsmanship.

We will also offer our Entrance Test Prep Course this summer!

WEEK 1 - 7/19 to 7/22
9 am to 12 noon
Basic Skills Class
for rising 7th and 8th grade girls.

WEEK 2 - 7/26 to 7/29
9 am to 3:30 pm
Engineering, Python Coding, Math, Chemistry (Fun in the Sun), Lacrosse and Volleyball for rising 5th through 8th grade girls.

WEEK 3 - 8/2 to 8/5
9 am to 3:30 pm
Forensic Science, Digital Media, Art, Chemistry (Sculpting & Molding), Soccer and Basketball for rising 5th through 8th grade girls.

WEEK 4 - 8/9 to 8/12
9 am to 12 noon
Entrance Test Prep Course
for rising 8th graders

Register online and learn more about our schedule of Summer Academy offerings:

https://www.mountsaintmary.org/admissions/summer-academy

Contact Joanne Cadigan-Peters, Summer Academy Coordinator, at (908) 757-0108, ext. 4039 or jcadigan@mountsaintmary.org

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17 Homes Sold Apr 11 – Apr 18, 2021 in Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield

TOWN	ADDRESS	STYLE	RMS	BRS	BTH	GAR	SALE PRICE
Cranford	20 LINCOLN AVE	Colonial	7	2	2.0	0	$525,500
Cranford	39 WALL ST	Colonial	9	4	2.2	0	$600,000
Cranford	43 BALMIERE PKWY	Colonial	7	3	2.1	1	$545,000
Cranford	1595 SPRINGFIELD AVE	SplitLev	8	3	3.1	1	$599,000
Scotch Plains	1733 FRONT ST	CapeCod	8	3	3.0	1	$370,900
Scotch Plains	1971 PORTLAND AVE	Custom	10	5	2.0	1	$550,000
Scotch Plains	20 KING ST	Custom	12	5	2.1	1	$690,000
Westfield	685 NORTH AVE	Colonial	7	3	1.1	0	$422,000
Westfield	744 OAK AVE	Colonial	7	3	2.0	1	$650,000
Westfield	631 1ST STREET	Colonial	11	4	1.1	2	$640,000
Westfield	23 MOHAWK TRL	Ranch	7	3	2.0	1	$707,000
Westfield	558 ARLINGTON AVE	Colonial	10	4	2.1	1	$853,000
Westfield	109 VIRGINIA ST	Colonial	9	4	2.1	2	$839,000
Westfield	233 ORCHARD ST	Colonial	8	4	4.1	0	$865,000
Westfield	333 E DUDLEY AVE	Colonial	11	5	5.1	2	$1,350,000
Westfield	501 PARKVIEW AVE	Colonial	11	4	4.1	2	$1,350,000
Westfield	237 SYLVANIA PL	Colonial	11	5	3.2	2	$1,603,926

*Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield, NJ data according to the Garden State MLS, as of 4/1121 – 4/218/21. Featured properties may not have been listed or sold by the office/agent presenting this data. Information deemed RELIABLE. A home is one of the most important and significant purchases or sales you will make in your lifetime. If you are thinking about a move, now is the time to prepare. I will provide you with a market evaluation and mortgage update, create a thorough marketing plan and let you know my suggestions in staging. For more information on these or other real estate matters, contact Susan Massa Broker CRS SRES ABR at 908-400-0778, susan@susanmassa.com or susanmassa2@gmail.com. **www.NJHomeShowcase.com www.summitwestfieldhomes.com.**

Covid 19 is dramatically changing the way we are conducting Real Estate. New procedures have been implemented in keeping all those involved safe. Every precaution is being made. Limited number of people may view public open house with masks and gloves.

Union County to Hold Mobile Document-Shredding Event

COUNTY – The Union County Board of County Commissioners reminds residents that the next mobile paper shredding event of 2021 will be held in Plainfield on Friday, April 23, for free, secure shredding of personal and confidential documents.

"Union County's mobile document shredding service helps residents fight identity theft by providing a convenient way to shred confidential documents," said Board of Commissioners Chairman Al Mirabella. "It also promotes our county recycling efforts and ties in with other green initiatives in Union County."

At Union County's paper shredding events, documents are put into 96-gallon containers provided by the shredding company, lifted into the truck and shredded on site. The shredded documents are then taken to a licensed recycling facility.

The April 23 shredding event will take place at Cedar Brook Park, located on Park Avenue in Plainfield. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. rain or shine. The event will close prior to 1:00 p.m. if the trucks reach capacity.

For everyone's safety, residents must wear face coverings, keep their windows closed and remain in their vehicles at all times. Materials should be placed in trunk, cargo area or truck bed, easily accessible to staff, for safe no-contact removal from vehicle.

All Union County residents are eligible to use the free paper-shredding service. In an effort to accommodate everyone, there is a limit of four, 10-pound bags or boxes per vehicle. Preferably, documents should be brought in paper bags.

Documents should be removed from any bindings. Plastic or metal clips and other non-paper items should also be removed.

Participants are reminded that pre-shredded paper will not be accepted. Wet or damp paper is also not accepted.

Union County's free shedding events are intended for personal, sensitive documents only. Residents should recycle magazines, junk mail and other waste paper with their municipal recycling program.

For more information on recycling programs hosted by Union County, visit ucnj.org/recycle or call the Union County Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

For the latest news and updates on all municipal and countywide recycling programs in Union County, download the free Recycle Coach app. More information is available at ucnj.org/recycling/recycle-coach-app.

Quick links to all Union County environmental programs and activities are available at ucnj.org/green-connection.

The mobile paper shredding program is paid for through Recycling Enhancement Act Grant funds, which are applied for by Union County and received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RESOLUTION 21-04-93

CONTRACTOR: Appraisal Services, Inc., 524 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey
NATURE OF SERVICE: Appraisal Services
DURATION: For a period not to exceed December 31, 2021
FEE: Not to exceed $5,000.00

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.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RESOLUTION 21-04-99

CONTRACTOR: T&M Associates, 11 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey, Engineering Services
NATURE OF SERVICE: Engineering Services for Gere Place/Morse Avenue Project
DURATION: For a period not to exceed December 31, 2021
FEE: Not to exceed $47,300.00

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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Mountainside Celebrates Local Government Week

MOUNTAINSIDE - From April 18 to 24, Mountainside will join municipalities across the Garden State with a virtual celebration of NJ Local Government Week.

Because local government is closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact on residents, it is important for residents of all ages to understand how their local government operates, the services it provides and the importance of their active involvement.

"NJ Local Government Week is an opportunity to help our residents become more informed about the many services Mountainside provides," said Council President Deanna Andre. "We are excited to participate this year and the virtual activities planned will provide an opportunity for residents of all ages to become more informed about services and organizations in our town. It is also an opportunity to get to know the many employees and volunteers."

Events planned for the week include virtual tours of Borough Hall, Fire Department, Police Department, Rescue Squad Recreation Department, Hetfield House and the library.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee will also be showcasing interesting pictures they have collected over the years. These photos will be posted weekly, starting during Local Government Week, and will be posted to the Borough's Facebook page. All other virtual events will be on the local TV station (channel 35 or 39), and posted to the Borough's Facebook page.

NJ Local Government week, sponsored by the NJ State League of Municipalities, is a week-long celebration that raises awareness about the importance of municipal government and its daily impact on residents. For more information visit www.njlm.org/njlocalgovt.

Symposium Planned This Week on Domestic Violence

COUNTY – The Seventh Annual Union County C.A.R.E.S. (Community, Action, Response, Education, Safety) Domestic Violence Symposium is scheduled to take place today. Those working in fields dedicated to serving victims are being encouraged to register and learn from a host of expert speakers.

A joint presentation by the Union County Prosecutor's Office and YWCA Union County, along with supporting partner organizations including the Union County Board of Commissioners, the Union County Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy, the Union County Family Justice Center and the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, the Symposium is being held virtually for the first time, and will begin at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, April 22 via Zoom. Attendance is free of charge, and registration, which is open to the public, is available online at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LzXp8vujQfu-iK6yYkpHhQ.

The 2021 Symposium will consist of a brief series of welcoming remarks by acting Union County Prosecutor Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, Union County Board of Commissioners Chairman Alexander Mirabella and YWCA Board of Directors President Tina Earley, followed by three panel discussions, each moderated by YWCA Union County Assistant Executive Director for Core Services Adela Caceres. The panels, consisting of established leaders in local law enforcement, healthcare and victims' services, include the following speakers, each of whom volunteered their time, energy and expertise: Elizabeth Police Department Chief Giacomo Sacca; Prosecutor's Office Domestic Violence Unit Supervisor/Assistant Prosecutor Theresa Hilton; Saint Peter's University Children's Hospital Child Abuse Pediatrician Julia DeBellis, MD; Trinitas Regional Medical Center V.P. of Behavioral Health & Psychiatry James McCreath, Ph.D.; YWCA Union County PALS (Peace: A Learned Solution) Director Alejandra Londono; and Partners for Women and Justice Policy Counsel Trish Perlmutter, Esq.

As with previous iterations of the Symposium, all participants are invited to interact in real time via live tweeting using the hashtag #UCCARES.

"Domestic violence impacts 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men in their lifetimes worldwide, and cuts across all racial, economic, religious, ethnic and other community lines, bearing an annual monetary cost in the United States approaching an estimated $10 billion in lost work productivity and earnings, and medical and mental health costs.

For information on resources available to victims of domestic violence in Union County, go online to https://ucnj.org/prosecutor/departments/victimwitness-unit/resources/. For general information about the legal definition of domestic violence in New Jersey, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and resources for victims available statewide, go to www.njsp.org/division/operations/domestic-violence-info.shtml.

To learn more about the New Jersey State Bar Foundation and its mission, go online to https://njsbf.org/.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, at the office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, 07076 (Attention: Bozena Lacina, Township Clerk) until 10:00 a.m. on May 11, 2021 prevailing time for "**Plainfield Avenue NJDOT FY 2020 Roadway Improvements Contract E2021-2**."

Project Description

Project consists of milling, paving, base pavement repair, installing new belgian block and concrete curbing, select sidewalk repair, catch basin head and grate retrofit/replacement, accessible ramp installation, and the installation of various pavement striping on Plainfield Avenue between Evans Avenue and Jerusalem Road.

This project will be partially funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Local Aid.

At the time and place stated above, such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bids shall be received other than at the time and place herein designated for their receipt, unless mailed to the Township Clerk for receipt at the designated time and place.

Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained during regular business hours from the Township Engineer's Office upon payment of $50.00 for each complete set of documents, which sum is non-refundable, beginning April 26, 2021. Written questions regarding the bid specifications may be submitted to the Township Engineer, at 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 on or before 4:00 PM on April 29, 2021.

A certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, but in no case in excess of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), must be submitted with the bid guaranteeing that if a contract is awarded, the bidder shall execute the contract. Bidders must also submit a Consent of Surety with the bid, wherein the Surety agrees to furnish a performance bond if the Bidder is awarded the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and all other applicable statutes, laws or regulations.

Bidders are required to submit a valid Business Registration Certificate from the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue.

Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Township Clerk, bearing the name and address of the bidder, upon which shall be designated:

"Plainfield Avenue NJDOT FY 2020 Roadway Improvements Contract E2021-2."

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2.

By Order of the Township of Scotch Plains, New Jersey.
Alexander Mirabella,
M0unicipal Manager

Bozena Lacina,
Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

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 **05/13/21** 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 82, Caldwell Avenue to Lehigh Avenue, Contract No. 001114040, Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Township of Union, Union County
Federal Project No: HSIP-0082(301); UPC NO: 114040; DP No: 21114

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
Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856
973-601-6690

One Executive Campus Rt 70 West
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

WINERY SALESROOM

Take notice that Sharrott Estate Winery, LLC, trading as Sharrott Winery has applied to the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a Winery Salesroom to be situated at Turning Point of Westfield 137 Central Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, P.O. Box 087, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0087.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

CONTRACTOR: Hatch Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830-4112

NATURE OF SERVICES: Engineering services to evaluate existing drainage channels in Mindowaskin Park and Fairview Cemetery

DURATION: 2021

AMOUNT: Expenditure of funds to be charged under Purchase Order #21-01112 to Special Ordinance 2206D in the amount of $36,412, and Budget Account 1-01-185-252 (Public Buildings and Grounds) in the amount of $12,388 for a total contract award not expected to exceed $48,800.00.

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
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GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2213

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2043 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND VARIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Westfield in the County of Union as follows:

SECTION I.

That General Ordinance No. 2043, as titled above, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

I. ANNUAL SALARIES

(1) (1) All salaries shall be retroactive to their effective dates and the annual salaries of the Westfield Police Department personnel represented by the PBA Local 90 shall be as follows:

	Effective 1/1/2019	Effective 1/1/2020	Effective 1/1/2021	Effective 1/1/2022	Effective 1/1/2023
Police Officer (Maximum)	$107,815	$110,402	$112,886	$115,419	$118,002
Police Officer (Grade 9)	$96,044	$96,044	$96,044	$96,044	$96,044
Police Officer (Grade 8)	$87,780	$87,780	$87,780	$87,780	$87,780
Police Officer (Grade 7)	$81,814	$81,814	$81,814	$81,814	$81,814
Police Officer (Grade 6)	$75,848	$75,848	$75,848	$75,848	$75,848
Police Officer (Grade 5)	$69,882	$69,882	$69,882	$69,882	$69,882
Police Officer (Grade 4)	$63,916	$63,916	$63,916	$63,916	$63,916
Police Officer (Grade 3)	$57,950	$57,950	$57,950	$57,950	$57,950
Police Officer (Grade 2)	$51,984	$51,984	$51,984	$51,984	$51,984
Police Officer (Grade 1)	$46,018	$46,018	$46,018	$46,018	$46,018
Probation	$41,052	$41,052	$41,052	$41,052	$41,052

SECTION II.

Any or all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION III.

In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2021.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk

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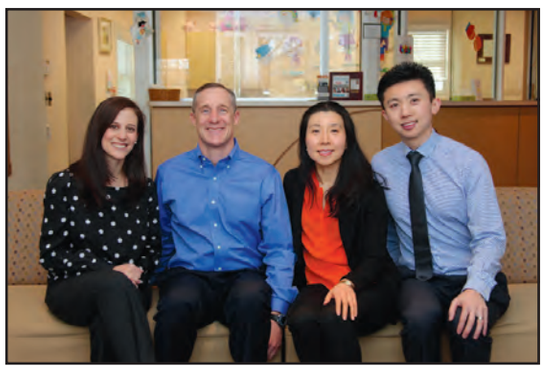

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Turning Toward Faith Can Be a Blessing For Both Body and Soul

The Coronavirus pandemic has brought out fear and anxiety in us all in ways most of us likely never imagined. On top of that, there is major concern about the lack of civility in our public discourse. While American politics have historically included deep divisions — including a Civil War — today's eldest citizens say that they haven't seen such deep fissures in their lifetimes. Surely the problem predates Donald Trump, Joe Biden, or even Hillary Clinton. The death of George Floyd appears to have exposed our deep societal rift more than it created one. Now our Asian-American brothers and sisters are demonstrating in our area, shedding much-needed light on how they have been discriminated against. Less than 20 years ago, we were attacked by terrorists, and we clung together quite tightly for the first time since World War II. Now it feels different. Why are we so polarized, and what, if anything, should be done about it?

Last month, Gallup released polling information about Americans' membership in houses of worship, and the data wasn't lost on us. For the first time in 80 years, less than half of us belong to a religious institution.

Like the rest of the country, Union County's churches, synagogues and other places of worship have seen significant declines in membership. They have been hurting, too, and the trends were visible long before Covid-19. Our houses of worship long served as gathering places for believers in a common faith, but the specific faith was often the only commonality. In the same exact pews we found the rich, the middle class, and the poor of all races. There were Democrats praying next to Republicans, who were seated beside unaffiliated voters. Teachers, electricians, doctors, carpenters, waitresses, plumbers, lawyers and bankers were all attending the same services.

We fully support the right of our readers not to be believers, but most of us do believe in a higher power. If such a belief exists within you, we think you ought to join the institution that best suits your spiritual needs, and there are certainly many wonderful and welcoming places in our area from which to choose. Countless studies show that doing so leads to reduced psychological distress, and better physical health. And, not just for adults — a 2018 study from Harvard, and published in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, found that children and teens raised with religious or spiritual practices tend to have better long-term mental and physical health, and a reduction in anxiety. Perhaps you do not consider yourself "religious," or you are not particularly observant regarding the traditions of your faith. That's okay. There are virtually no clergy who will shun you or turn you away for not regularly showing up for services.

In doing so, maybe – just maybe — we will be better able to reflect, calm down, and see each other's humanity. It would certainly be nice to collectively take some steps to turn the societal temperature down a few degrees.

Educator's Corner: Finding Their Way with Maps

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Last weekend my husband and I went to the beach for our tenth anniversary and while it was nice to smell the ocean, teachers rarely get away from school talk! Thanks to my lacking navigational knowledge, this weekend we talked about map skills. I taught first grade map skills for many years. I was confused as to why his high school students struggle with these skills since it's a part of the curriculum. He believes it's a matter of constant, relevant reinforcement.

Making maps relevant in the age of GPS can be difficult, but there are maps in our everyday lives that do not (as of yet) have GPS. Think about going to an amusement park, a state park or a zoo. Take a hike at Trailside. All of these places are ways to get outdoors *and* use map skills.

First things to look for are parts of a map. A title, a legend/key and a compass rose should be on every map, even simple ones. More advanced maps may also have grids and a scale. Point these out to children when you look at a map at one of these places.

National Geographic's website has a good example of a playground map at www.nationalgeographic.org/maps/park-map/. (It lacks a traditional compass rose but does have directional arrows.) Find similar maps on the internet. Ask questions such as: Are the slides north or west of the swings? Which direction do you travel to get to the picnic tables?

Create a map of your favorite park or playground. Visit your neighborhood spot with a piece of paper and a clipboard. Create a key for slides, swings, etc. and have some fun outside! You can use the same idea within your own house by making a map of a bedroom, kitchen or bathroom!

You can also make a street map and plan out different routes to get to a friend's house, school or nearby favorite place. Try to map out a second route in case there's ever an emergency or obstruction.

Say directions when you are driving to the store or school. For example, "We have to go three blocks north, then make a right turn to go east." If you teach in a school, try discussing directions when you travel to another classroom, like art or music.

Look for maps in unlikely places, like an evacuation map in a grocery store. Some stores, like Target, have maps of their locations in their apps. If you can't find something, open the app and let your child navigate to it!

Looking for some fun time together? Try a treasure hunt! Use an unlabeled map from downtown and have your kids find their way to the ice cream store! Hide something in your house and leave clues that use map skills: "Go ten steps north and four west to find your next clue!" Want to make it extra fun? Paint the paper with strong brewed coffee or tea to make it look aged. Let dry and remember to mark the treasure with a big X!

Letters to the Editor

Blaming and Shaming Letter Misses the Target

Not long ago, in this same column, I addressed the ongoing problem plaguing our local communities as well as the metro area as a whole - that of auto theft, and or car burglaries. In doing so, I made the point that car owners must take the responsibility to protect their vehicles by locking them when parked, especially during the evening hours. Vehicles should not be left unlocked with the key fob (or keys) left inside; plainly this is an invitation to theft. The same holds true for leaving valuables in plain view within the vehicle This could be anything up to and including: cash, wallets, cell phones, laptops or other electronic gear. This theft problem has been ongoing not for months, but over the past several years It is nothing new. Yet these thefts continue unabated, as seen in the Leader's "Police Blotter," on a weekly basis. Also please remember that the "Police Blotter" is only a sample of weekly police activity The auto theft / car burglary activity may in fact be greater.

Yet a recent contributor to this column seems to believe we should be able to: "leave our cars unlocked in our driveways or in front of our homes without fear of them being stolen." Perhaps during the daylight hours this writer may be correct. However, at night, it unfortunately is an entirely different story. We live in an area where there is a market for high end stolen vehicles along with any items available to the thieves within those cars. The previous contributor appears to be offended by the message boards flashing, "Lock Your Car" or "Hide Your Things," but to be candid this is simply good advice to our residents. As I see it, our local officials are doing their best to remind residents to protect their cars, which are a valued asset worth thousands of dollars. At the same time our police departments are trying whatever works to get the message to residents to do their part: "Lock Up!" It is not about "blaming and shaming," it is about being smart!

Michael C. Ince
Garwood

Preventing Theft Is All of Our Jobs

Few perspectives expressed on this page have bothered me as much as Mr. Della Fera's letter last week admonishing local government for the spate of car thefts recently in Westfield while dismissing any measure of personal responsibility for those crimes.

Mr. Della Fera writes, "But is it too much to ask our local elected officials to provide us with a safe community, free from an ever present risk of theft? That, after all, is there [sic] job, not ours."

In fact, it is too much to ask and no, it actually is all of our jobs, not just theirs. Advocating for the abdication of personal responsibility is a surprising perspective from the Chair of the Westfield Town Republican Committee, whose stated goals are specifically to limit government and promote a strong and involved community.

If I leave sugar strewn all over my kitchen floor, is blaming the pest control company justified when my kitchen becomes infested with ants? If I leave $50,000 in cash sitting unmonitored on a table on my front lawn overnight, is it our local government or police department's fault when those actions — repeated time and time again — result in additional criminal activity in our neighborhood? The latter is exactly what is occurring now with the rash of needless auto thefts from unlocked vehicles with keys left inside.

While I have significant concerns about our current local leadership, and have often voted in years past for Republican candidates for local government, this sort of shameless politicizing of individual residents' apathy towards basic crime prevention measures is an embarrassment to you and your Committee. You know better.

Steven Angel
Westfield

Elections 2021

Town of Westfield Needs to Do Less with More

This week the Town Council voted on the 2021 Municipal Budget after it was introduced late last month with much fanfare. After all the compliments and high-fiving, we learned that our taxes will be going up yet again and at a rate not seen since 2014. And the takeaway from this administration: You're lucky we're not taking more.

Aren't we in the middle of a pandemic? Isn't the unemployment rate up? You'd think this would be a time of belt-tightening but, instead, we're seeing yet another growth budget.

Isn't this the administration that delivered a zero percent tax increase just a couple of years ago? Spending a huge chunk of the surplus got us that. Now they're out of gimmicks and are reaching for your wallet once again. This budget process has left more than a few questions, like:

What has the town done with the $17.5M in surplus funds used in the last four years? Where are the sidewalk improvements, safer roads, improved playing fields and open spaces we were promised?

Where are the cost savings realized from closing town hall for the past year?

Why are we providing unrestricted, taxpayer-funded Public Works services to the Downtown Westfield Corporation—an entity funded by downtown businesses that has a budget exceeding $400,000 a year?

Why does our full-time, volunteer mayor still have a highly-paid spokesperson?

Why are we paying our town attorney 50 percent more than the prior administration, to the tune of $270K per year?

So, what does the administration have to say? They're highlighting 'accomplishments' like new traffic lights entirely funded by the County, EV charging stations donated by a private vendor, street paving overwhelmingly funded by Elizabethtown Gas, surrendering our downtown property via a no-bid deal with Streetworks and 'introducing' a parks plan from which we won't see any visible progress for several more years. And the newest claim: cutting municipal tax increases by 44 percent. What? This means they still raised your taxes—but not as much as some other people did.

As a councilman, I won't vote for a budget that goes into your pocket without ensuring that every last option for cost-savings has been put on the table first. That clearly hasn't happened yet. Unless you got a raise this year you'll have to find that money somewhere else. We can surely trim more fat out of our municipal budget before going after taxpayers' hard-earned cash, can't we?

Four years ago, Westfielders were promised "fresh eyes" on our town budget. What have we gotten in return? Larger budgets, higher taxes, dwindling surplus and nothing to show for it. Seems like those eyes need a healthy dose of Visine.

Shawn Mullen
Candidate for Westfield Town Council - Third Ward

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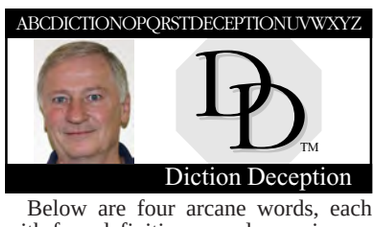

Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions – only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

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. Plaga – In zoology, a colored band or streak
2. Pandy – To punish by striking the hand with a cane
3. Geordie – A miner or a miner's safety lamp
4. Dacoit – A member of a gang of robbers in India or Burma

SENESCENT
1. Oozing; seeping
2. Abundant; plentiful
3. Sagacious; intellectual
4. Growing old

SEPICOLOUS
1. Lighthearted; cheerful
2. Putrid; foul-smelling
3. Growing in hedges
4. Arranged in groups of seven

AMYGDALINE
1. Having an alkaline imbalance
2. Resembling almonds
3. Hanging in clusters, such as with grapes
4. Resembling a honeycomb

SITOLOGY
1. The study of foods, nutrition, etc.
2. The study of eye diseases and care
3. The study of the anatomy of fishes
4. The study of microscopic organisms, especially bacteria

Letters to the Editor
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08

CALENDAR YEAR 2021
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH
A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et.seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 1.00% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous years final appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of $730,020.78 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five (5) days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within five (5) days after such adoption.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of Ordinance 2021-08 are available, for no fee, in the office of the Township Clerk, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (email p-donahue@cranfordnj.org or call 908-709-7210.) A copy of Ordinance 2021-08 has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Municipal Building of the Township.

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Municipal Clerk
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State LD-21
Sen. Thomas Kean, Jr. (R)
425 North Ave. E.
Westfield, N.J. 07090
(908) 232-3673
Asm. Jon Bramnick (R)
251 North Ave. West
Westfield, N.J. 07090
(908) 232-2073
Asm. Nancy Munoz (R)
57 Union Place, Suite 310
Summit, N.J. 07901
(908) 918-0414
LD-21 includes Westfield, Mountainside, Garwood, Summit and Cranford.

State LD-22
Sen. Nicholas Scutari (D)
1514 E. Saint Georges Ave.
Linden, N.J. 07036
(908) 587-0404
Asm. Jim Kennedy (D)
34 E. Cherry St.
Rahway, N.J. 07065
(732) 943-2660
Asw. Linda Carter (D)
200 West 2nd St., Suite 102
Plainfield, N.J. 07060
(908) 561-5757
LD-22 includes Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Plainfield, Clark, Rahway and Linden.

7th Congressional District
Representative Tom Malinowski (D)
75-77 N. Bridge St., Somerville, N.J. 08876
(908) 547-3307
[Westfield, Mountainside, Garwood, Summit and Cranford are in the 7th Congressional District]

12th Congressional District
Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D)
850 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 201, Ewing, N.J. 08628
(609) 883-0026
[Fanwood, Plainfield and most of Scotch Plains are in the 12th Congressional District]

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Helpful Advice Before You Visit the Garden Center

By SHANNON WALSH
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

After several years of working for garden centers, I've noticed that some folks come to purchase plants without important information. Just a little preparation can go a long way toward a successful visit—and a successful planting. Big box stores may or may not have someone who can help you. Other garden centers most certainly will, but it will help before you visit either place to do a little planning.

Evaluate your space and preferences. Think about the look you'd like to achieve: colors, textures, heights. How much space do you want to cover? Take measurements if it's a larger area. Take some pictures of your planting area and bring your phone. After this, you can move on to viability questions.

First and foremost, get to know your sunlight. Where does the sun rise and set in relation to your house? Watch the sun over the course of a day. Are there trees or structures creating shade in some places? What spots get the most sunlight and shade throughout the day? When the trees leaf in, will you still have full sun in those spots? You can plant early spring flowers in full sun, such as hellebores, as long as they're protected by tree cover once temperatures rise.

It's helpful to know what terms like "full sun" and "partial shade" mean on plant tags. "Full sun" means six to eight hours of sunlight, but light differs throughout the day. There are some plants that thrive in the hottest afternoon sun (e.g., annual vinca) and some that like six or more hours of mostly morning sun (e.g., dahlias). There's also a difference between dappled shade, where you have a lot of plant choices, and deep shade, where almost nothing grows.

"Partial sun" and "partial shade" sound the same, but they aren't. Plants marked "Partial Sun" can tolerate some afternoon sun without damage. "Partial Shade" plants need protection from afternoon sun. "Shade" tags mean dappled shade, of course. Plants need light for food so very few have adapted other strategies to get it besides sunlight.

Watering requirements are also important. All trees, shrubs, and perennials plants need regular watering until they're established, but many can fend for themselves after that, unless we're in a drought. Annuals run the spectrum. Some need watering at least every other day in the heat of summer (e.g., impatiens) and some can tolerate the dryness (e.g., zinnias). Think about placement. How easy is it to get water to the plants? Also remember your vacation schedule.

In your planning, it might be helpful to know the difference between annuals and perennials. Most annuals die at first fall frost and will not return the next season. (A handful can tolerate a light frost, but a hard frost will also kill them.) The appeal of annuals is that they are usually prolific bloomers all season long and tend to be lower maintenance. Perennials are plants that will probably return for at least a few more seasons up to decades, depending on the plant. They often have distinct bloom times (e.g., early spring, late summer), and many require some regular pruning, deadheading, thinning/dividing over time. Perennials can be a bit more work, in other words.

This kind of thought and preparation can save you additional trips to the garden center, as well as bolster your confidence in what you're planting. The right plant in the right place will almost always survive and thrive!

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Earth Matters

By MARIA & BILL NIERSTEDT
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

Plastic bags! They are everywhere. Any one of us can walk down any street and see them along the curb, blowing in the wind, hanging in trees or caught on fences. We also know that they are wrapped around sea creatures and in the bellies of dolphins, seals and whales. There is a six-mile island of over 15 trillion pieces of plastic in the Pacific Ocean. Why are there so many plastic bags? And what can we do to get rid of them?

Americans use over 100 billion plastic bags every year – almost one bag per person per day. Laid end to end, they could circle the equator 1,330 times. The average American family takes home over 1,500 plastic shopping bags every year. It takes 12 million barrels of oil to manufacture these bags. Only one percent of plastic bags are returned for recycling. That means that the average American family only recycles 15 plastic bags a year; the rest end up in landfills, in sea creatures' bellies or as litter.

It is very easy for each of us to reduce our use of plastic bags. For instance, we have **never** purchased plastic bags to use as garbage bags. Do you buy dog or cat food in large bags? Do you buy bird food to feed the birds over the winter? Will you buy mulch or top soil this coming spring? Have you received packages packed in plastic bags during this pandemic? What did you do with all these bags? Throw them away? And then go to the store to buy new garbage bags? That doesn't make environmental or financial sense. They could have been used for garbage bags – at our house we just clip them to the garbage can so they stay open and the little bit of garbage we produce fits right in.

We also don't buy zipper type bags for packing lunches or anything else. If you need to pack a lunch consider a Bento box. The compartments are perfect for those healthy lunch choices. Or reuse other plastic bags that you already have in the house (bread bags, cold cut bags, etc.). We save the bags that contain cereal or crackers and use them with a clip to save other things. And if none of these ideas appeal to you, buy some silicon zippered bags that can be washed and reused. In the end you will save money and, more importantly, save the earth.

You can also simply refuse to take them when they are offered at stores. In the produce aisle, bring mesh drawstring bags to hold your bunch of asparagus or your tomatoes so you don't have to use the plastic bags at the store. Keep a reusable bag in your purse or coat pocket. Union County, local utility companies, food stores, the state of New Jersey – all of these entities have been giving away free reusable bags for years. Get them and don't forget to use them. And that gallon milk container? It already has a handle; why do you need a bag to carry it home?

We know that even after all that, we still end up with plastic bags. Just recycle them. Shop Rite has been taking plastic bags for years. The Westfield Conservation Center takes them. Garwood has collected over 2,500 pounds of plastic bags over the past three years to obtain five free benches from TREX. Collectively, we can make sure that no plastic bags end up on our streets, in our parks or our oceans. We urge you to think about it the next time you see a plastic bag.

I Support Councilwoman Linda Habgood's Re-Election

As a resident of Ward 1, in Westfield for more than 37 years, I am delighted to support Councilwoman Linda Habgood's reelection to the Town Council as our Ward 1 representative.

I first learned that Councilwoman Habgood was head of the Town Finance Committee at a 2018 Town Council budget meeting that I attended in order to hear from and evaluate the new administration that had been sworn in earlier that year.

I was surprisingly and happily impressed when I learned that under Councilwoman Habgood's leadership of the town's Finance Committee, the town had used a portion of its surplus to benefit residents by lowering the tax rate; and maintained its AAA bond rating, as well as appropriate levels of surplus.

Since that time, Councilwoman Habgood has demonstrated strong and responsible fiscal oversight. Indeed, the town has averaged an annual 1.1 percent municipal tax rate - the lowest four-year average in history, including 0 percent tax levy in 2019, for the first time in decades. In addition, under her leadership, the mayor and council reduced the municipal budget for first time in eight years by 1.32 percent in 2020, in spite of 2 percent increase in non-discretionary expenses.

My paths crossed with Councilwoman Habgood's on another occasion when I felt encouraged by the new administration to volunteer and serve in a local governmental capacity. As a result, I joined the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, where she serves as the Town Council Liaison to the Commission.

Councilwoman Habgood works tirelessly to ensure that our town is a thoughtful steward of our history and our neighborhoods. During her tenure, the Town Council passed an updated Historic Preservation Ordinance and, in collaboration with the commission and property owners, the town has successfully designated six historic properties – the most in town history.

Councilwoman Habgood has demonstrated time and again that she works in furtherance of the best interests of the residents of Westfield. For this reason, I encourage voters to join me in voting to reelect Councilwoman Habgood to the Westfield Town Council as our Ward 1 representative.

Jacqueline E. Brevard
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Stop Complaining About Cancel Culture

By JAMES BIRLE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

I have grown tired of hearing how society has become soft and I am tired of hearing complaints about the inflated severity of what is known as Cancel Culture.

I am tired of hearing congresspeople whine about being "censored" for simply having different opinions. I am tired of the politicized resentment combatting supposed attacks on the first amendment.

We are all too familiar with Cancel Culture and those who warn of its consequences on American society. However, Cancel Culture has taken many new forms in the few years it has been active. Five years ago, being "canceled" meant that a celebrity would get a slap on the wrist from their network over controversial tweets.

Now, Cancel Culture has gone on to include when NFL teams change their blatantly racist name, syrup companies remove stereotypes from their labels or even when someone gets in legal trouble. Any situation in which someone is held accountable for some sort of action, or when a company makes any sort of change, it tends to be regarded under the tag of Cancel Culture.

Even though we hear about Cancel Culture every day in 2021, it has become increasingly harder to define it as time goes on. The only thing that is clear about Cancel Culture is that the backlash towards it is completely manufactured outrage. It is a referendum on the nonsense that is American political discourse.

Not only is it ridiculous, but there are many politicians using this stirred up manufactured outrage to actually pull in more contributions and profit off the Cancel Culture that they claim is draining them, while also hiding behind it to avoid scrutiny (see Matt Gaetz). In a similar way, corporations and celebrities feed off being "canceled", like country star Morgan Wallen, whose album sales rose by more than 1,000 percent after being dropped from his record label for using a racial slur.

The Cancel Culture phenomenon is really only beneficial to the interests of corporations, who pick and choose what values to associate with by themselves. No one asked Hasbro to rebrand Mr. Potato Head, no one demanded Dr. Seuss's publisher to remove obscure books from the shelves. Not only do these changes have very little significance on society whatsoever, but the censor-crazy Cancel Culture mob is frequently blamed for these and other things that they don't take any part in.

Furthermore, to consider Cancel Culture an issue of censorship and free speech is a pathetic excuse for what is increasingly understood as unacceptable behavior. As societies have always had, there are competing sets of values in America and as times change, these values change.

Certain things, like undermining the validity of American elections, are widely regarded as outdated and barbaric, which makes the people associated with them subject to criticism and change, or, to use modern language, "cancellation." What we inappropriately call Cancel Culture is actually nothing new; Colin Kaepernick being blacklisted from the NFL is just one example of a past event that was not blamed on an unruly mob but should be labeled under the modern umbrella of Cancel Culture.

If it weren't apparent enough already, those most critical of Cancel Culture are quick to engage in it as well, as, most recently, there have been calls to boycott the MLB for moving the All-Star Game out of Georgia following the passing of controversial voter suppression laws.

No cultural identity is entirely permanent and no ideology is actually under attack, it's just decreasing in prominence and relevance. There will come a day when my generation will largely fail to comply with the new social standards set out by those younger than us. And that's okay. It's completely natural for a society's values and morals to change over time and holding people accountable for their actions teaches us right from wrong.

So, instead of taking out our frustrations on the progressive youth, let's acknowledge Cancel Culture for what it really is: an over exaggerated concept of censorship that's merely an excuse for falling behind in the marketplace of ideas.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD EXTENSION

The Township of Cranford has extended a Contract with Circelli Construction, Inc. to provide Concession Rights for the Cranford Canoe Club for the 2021 season. The Township of Cranford has exercised an (1) one-year extension of the term of the 2019 contract agreement with Circelli Construction, Inc. This contract and Resolution No. 2021-162 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Executed with: Circelli Construction, Inc., 13 Mountain Avenue, Warren, New Jersey
Service: Concession Rights for the Cranford Canoe Club
Fee Paid To the Township: $4,242.00
Date: March 30, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
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2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES - CURRENT FUND	ANTICIPATED 2021	2020
1. Surplus	3,300,000.00	2,950,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	9,845,163.50	11,430,668.96
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	790,000.00	718,000.00
4. Minimum Library Tax	1,563,353.00	1,578,834.00
5. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	23,814,363.91	23,450,000.00
Total General Revenues	39,312,880.41	40,127,502.96

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - CURRENT FUND	2021 BUDGET	FINAL 2020 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	15,716,070.85	16,049,162.65
Other Expenses	14,345,651.56	14,473,712.75
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	4,058,029.00	3,914,057.89
3. Capital Improvements	215,000.00	200,000.00
4. Debt Service	3,538,129.00	4,050,569.67
6. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,440,000.00	1,440,000.00
Total General Appropriations	39,312,880.41	40,127,502.96
Total Number of Employees - Full & Part Time	346	346

2021 DEDICATED SWIM POOL UTILITY BUDGET

SUMMARY OF REVENUES	ANTICIPATED 2021	2020
1. Surplus	0.00	0.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	1,255,835.00	1,660,400.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)		77,258.00
Total Revenues	$1,255,835.00	$1,737,658.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS	2021 BUDGET	FINAL 2020 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	$760,919.00	$1,044,913.00
Other Expenses	353,500.00	540,500.00
2. Capital Improvements		
3. Debt Service	71,416.00	75,745.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	70,000.00	76,500.00
Total Appropriations	$1,255,835.00	$1,737,658.00
Total Number of Employees - Full & Part-time	136	182

BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT 12/31/2020

	GENERAL	SWIM POOL
Bond Principal	13,573,000.00	-
Loan Principal	5,767,507.68	
Outstanding Balance	19,340,507.68	

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union on April 13, 2021.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 11, 2021 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the detailed budget are available in the office of Patricia Donahue, Township Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue,Cranford, New Jersey 07016, (908) 709-7200, during the hours of 8:00 (A.M.) to 4:30 (P.M.).

1 T - 04/22/21, The Leader Fee: $179.01

— Obituaries —

Donald Charles Mueller, 82, Was Avid Outdoorsman

Donald Charles Mueller, age 82, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at the Columbine West Health and Rehab Facility in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Don was born on May 5, 1938 to Dorothy and Wilbur Mueller of Westfield, New Jersey. Upon graduating from Westfield High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served for three years as a Torpedoman's Mate, Second Class, on the USS Redfin Submarine.

After completing his military service, Don married Maureen Hoyer and relocated to Fort Collins, Colorado, to pursue a life embodying his love of nature. Don took great pleasure in the outdoors and was an avid fly fisherman.

His passion for freshwater fishing led to many trophy-sized trout from the streams and lakes of Colorado, Montana and Wyoming. If he wasn't fishing in the winter months, he could be found hunting in the Rocky Mountains for deer, elk and bighorn sheep.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Maureen; his son, Mark; his brother, Wilson, and his parents. He is survived by four siblings, brothers Robert of Broomfield, Colorado, and Charles (Bud) of Westfield and sisters Susan Dreier of Clark and Deborah Meyer of Westfield.

The family is planning to have a memorial service at a later date.

April 22, 2021

Elizabeth Bagger, Formerly of Westfield; Devoted Mother and Grandmother

Elizabeth (Broback) Bagger, 92, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 15, 2021, in Hingham, Massachusetts, where she had resided since 2017.

Born in Marshfield, Wisconsin, Betty was the eldest child of Paula and J. Irvin Broback and moved to Westfield as a young child. She graduated from Westfield High School as the valedictorian of the Class of 1946, studied at the University of Mexico in Mexico City, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College in 1950 with a concentration in Spanish.

Elizabeth Bagger

After living in New York City and working for *Glamour* magazine, Betty returned to Westfield, marrying Donald Bagger in 1952. They were married for nearly half a century, until Don's death in 2000.

Betty was devoted to her four children and supported their many activities and interests, working at countless swimming meets and serving as a Cub Scout den mother for nine years. She was an active volunteer for the Westfield Service League and the Muhlenberg Hospital Women's Auxiliary and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for 60 years, where she served on the Altar Guild. Betty was also active as a Wellesley alumna, serving as president of the Alumnae Class of 1950 and as a leader of class reunions.

In 1962, Betty and Don Bagger bought a colonial era farmhouse in Westfield and, together with their children, lovingly researched and restored the home and gardens during their 30 years' stewardship.

Betty worked for several local area businesses, including the Alan Johnston real estate agency and two law firms, Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook and Bourne, Noll & Kenyon.

In retirement, Betty enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, traveling in Latin America and Europe, swimming at the Westfield Y, and continuing her studies, especially in Spanish.

Betty is survived by her children, Jonathan and his wife, Deborah Dunham, of Baltimore, Maryland; Paula and her husband, James Vradelis, of Hingham, Massachusetts; Richard and his wife, Barbara, of Westfield, New Jersey, and Matthew, of Northport, Alabama, as well as her nine grandchildren, Helen Vradelis, Katerina Vradelis, Marija Bagger, Katherine Bagger, Justina Bagger, Jennifer Bagger, Meredith Bagger, Isabel Bagger and William Bagger. She was predeceased by her sister, Barbara Weigel, in 2019.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bursch/Butte Class of 1950 Memorial Spanish Fund at Wellesley College.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 11 a.m.

April 22, 2021

Daniel W. Hans June 23, 1939 — April 8, 2021

Daniel Hans, age 81, passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2021, in Inverness, Florida.

He was born to Charles and Mary Hans, longtime residents of Westfield, New Jersey. Dan was a member of the Westfield High School Class of 1957.

Daniel W. Hans

After college he served in the U.S. Army, mostly in Alaska, where he experienced the great earthquake of 1964.

He married Sara Foley in 1967 — celebrating 53 years of marriage last November. He had a long career with CT Corporation and Continental Glass Corporation, after which he and Sara retired to Florida. Dan was a member of The Sons of the Civil War Union Veterans and the Sons of the American Revolution. Other interests included birding, jazz and traveling to all seven continents. His favorite destination was Antarctica.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth, and is survived by his wife, Sara; brother, George; sister-in-law, Peggy, and nieces, Audra and Casey, and grandniece, Lexie.

His family will remember Dan as a loving and honest husband, brother and uncle.

He will be buried at the Bushnell National Cemetery in Florida.

April 22, 2021

SPRING FAVORITES...The Mountainside Restoration Committee is preparing to welcome the community to its annual Spring Geranium and Plant Sale. It will take place Thursday through Sunday, April 29 and 30, May 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, at the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House.

Restoration Committee Sets Geranium-Plant Sale Dates

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Restoration Committee will hold its annual Spring Geranium and Plant Sale Thursday through Sunday, April 29 and 30 and May 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The sale will take place outdoors at the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, located on Constitution Plaza adjacent to the Mountainside Public Library (off Birch Hill Road). The Spring Plant Sale is an important fundraiser for the committee.

There will be a selection of colorful geraniums, hanging flower baskets and other annuals available for purchase — all for immediate planting or gift giving, and, just in time for Mother's Day.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee's garden experts travel to the grower and hand-pick every plant to assure optimal quality. Supplies are limited.

The Mountainside Restoration Committee is a 501(c)3 charity and a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to restore and maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House and to collect and save historic information and items from destruction. For further information or to donate funds for historic restoration, call (908) 789-9420 or go to mountainsidehistory.org.

SUPPORT FOR MOBILE MEALS...Northfield Bank, located at 828 South Avenue West, Westfield, donated $5,000 to Mobile Meals of Westfield on April 9. Mobile Meals is a non-profit organization that has been providing meals to people unable to do so for themselves since 1968. The organization serves the communities of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield. Anyone wishing to have hot meals delivered to their door, or to donate to the organization, is invited to visit the Mobile Meals website at mobilemealsofwestfield.org. Pictured are Maria Fuentes, vice president and regional manager of Northfield Bank, left, and Ruth Maloney, president of Mobile Meals of Westfield.

F-SP Service League Shop Offering Diverse Merchandise

FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS— The thrift shop operated by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is open for business. Clothing, jewelry, shoes, handbags, linens, toys, games, books, housewares, pictures and bric-a-brac are available for spring and summer and upcoming events.

A "Vera Bradley" extravaganza is featured at the shop, as well as a selection of flower arrangements for one's favorite "Mom."

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is a totally volunteer organization and all of its proceeds go to local organizations and scholarships. Its thrift shop is located at 1741 East Second Street, Scotch Plains. Individuals may call the shop during business hours at (908) 322-5420 or check the website at scotchplainsthriftshop.weebly.com.

Donations that are clean and in good condition are accepted at the back door of the shop during business hours. The back door can be accessed via the Willow Avenue driveway.

The thrift shop currently is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines are being followed to ensure the health and safety of shop customers and volunteers.

JFSCNJ PROGRAM...Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey (JFSCNJ) will present a virtual information session on Thursday, May 6, at 4 p.m., to determine if there is interest in forming a support group for widowed persons. The "Widowed Support Group" will be led by Nancy Rosenthal, LCSW, a JFSCNJ therapist, pictured. For questions and to receive a Zoom link for the group, email Ms. Rosenthal at nrosenthal@jfscentralnj.org or call (908) 352-8375, extension no. 234.

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GREAT SWAMP STORY...The Westfield Historical Society will continue its virtual First Wednesday Luncheon programs with a May 5 presentation by Donald Stahl on "The History of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge." Reservations are required to receive the link to the live event, to be held at noon.

Donald Stahl to Detail Epic Battle to Save Great Swamp

WESTFIELD — As part of the Westfield Historical Society's First Wednesday Luncheon series, Donald L. Stahl will give a talk on May 5 at noon on "The History of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge." This will be a live and interactive virtual event. Guests will enjoy their own lunch, in place, while watching Mr. Stahl's presentation. Instructions and the link to the event will be sent to all paid registered guests. For anyone who may not be familiar with Zoom meetings, the Historical Society will set up a tutorial session on how to participate in a Zoom presentation with the Society. Those interested in this tutorial are asked to call or email the organization.

Mr. Stahl will discuss the battle to save the Great Swamp, which began when the Port Authority of New York unveiled a plan in 1959 to construct a 10,000-acre "jetport" in the portion of Harding Township called the Great Swamp. "In the name of progress, entire towns would be obliterated, the aquifer and wildlife destroyed, and a way of life threatened for thousands of people," according to the promotion for a recent documentary entitled *Saving The Great Swamp: Battle to Defeat the Jetport*. Runways would have extended to within seven miles of Westfield.

The jetport plan led to a grassroots movement in opposition, a battle spanning nearly a decade, and a President and an Act of Congress to stop. The fight ultimately led to the formation of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Stahl's presentation will cover the geological, historical and ecological significance of "The Swamp" and its legacy as a model for community action in the face of powerful forces.

Born and raised in New Jersey until college, Mr. Stahl grew up along the ridge of Long Hill in Gillette, which was planned to become fill for the Great Swamp. Mr. Stahl brings 35 years of senior leadership, fund-raising and consulting experience to a wide diversity of non-profit organizations. He has served more than 60 non-profits, ranging from those with modest budgets to some over half a billion. He is a vice-president with The Angeletti Group of New Vernon, has served on dozens of boards, and currently volunteers with multiple advisory boards. Mr. Stahl lives in Morristown with his wife, Liz.

Those wishing to join the virtual luncheon may make a reservation by email to westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or by calling (908) 654-1794, before Monday, May 3. The presentation fee is $10 for Westfield Historical Society members and $15 for non-members. The fee should be paid in advance (check payable to Westfield Historical Society) by mailing it to Westfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, N.J. 07091; by Venmo to @Westfield-HistoricalSociety, or online at westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/registration. Payments should be received by May 3 to assure receipt of the emailed link to the event.

Garwood Library Reveals Activities Planned For May

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library, located at 411 Third Avenue, has announced its calendar of activities for the month of May.

Virtual Kid's Craft will take place on Tuesday, May 4, at 3 p.m. Mother's Day craft supplies can be picked up that day, and participants can follow the Facebook tutorial at 3 p.m. Registration is required for craft kits and the program is limited to 15 participants. To sign up, visit the events calendar on the library's website, youseemore.com/garwood, or call the library at (908) 789-1670.

Mission: Code, comprised of eight coding sessions already underway, will continue at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 5 and 12. Participants will learn essential coding skills while also engaging in active games and hands-on learning. Each of the sessions provides kids with a fundamental skill set including algorithms, functions, relative directions and sequences. This program, for kids in grades 2 through 6, is limited to 15 participants. Registration is closed.

"Video Makers: Stop Action Animation" will be held on Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20 and 27, at 3:30 p.m. Children in second grade and older are invited to learn the skills to bring inanimate objects to life. Participants will have an opportunity to create their own series of digital stop action videos using a range of materials. Registration is required and limited to 10. Once registered, participants will be provided with a Zoom link.

"Don't Get Scammed" will be featured on Tuesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. This program will address fraud and other criminal activity, ranging from the IRS phone scams to lottery and sweepstakes scams. A representative from the Department of Consumer Affairs will tell participants how to avoid getting scammed.

Book Discussion Group via Zoom is scheduled for Monday, May 17, at 1 p.m. The group plans a lively discussion of this month's book, "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Once registered for the group, participants will receive a Zoom link via email.

Virtual Adult Craft is set for Tuesday, May 18, at 3 p.m. Participants may pick up their craft supplies and then watch the Facebook tutorial at 3 p.m. Registration is required for craft kits and the program is limited to 10 participants. To sign up, visit the library website events calendar or call the library.

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Five people are permitted in the library at a time for 30 minutes. No appointments are necessary. Thirty-minute computer use is permitted. Staff is available to copy and fax for the public. Curbside service also is available. The library will be closed on Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.

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2. Applicant's maximum annual income:

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Applications will be available weekdays from April 21, 2021, through May 4, 2021 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) at the address listed below, or may be obtained by mail, by calling (908) 233-5898, ext 119, or by e-mail by contacting mary.weber@westfieldseniorhousing.com.

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Westfield, New Jersey 07090
(908) 233-5898
www.westfieldseniorhousing.com

If you have a disability and need assistance with the application process, please contact Jessica Tresidder at 908-233-5898, ext. 114.

Applications must be received by 4:00 PM, Thursday, May 14, 2021.

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Education Forum Addresses Talking to Kids About Race

WESTFIELD — How to talk to children about race was the topic of a special virtual gathering on April 13, with about 50 people in attendance, organized by the Westfield Public School District in partnership with the Westfield Education Fund (WEF).

After guiding participants through a series of verbal exercises aimed at helping them delve into their own understanding of race and issues surrounding race, co-facilitators Melle Powers and Melissa Shaw advised adults to examine their own comfort level in discussing issues of race as they prepare to talk to children.

Melle Powers

"Don't avoid talking about it," said Ms. Powers, who leads training sessions on diversity and inclusion for educators, corporations and other organizations. "Be clear, direct and factual. Encourage questions and don't worry if you can't answer them."

Ms. Powers told the group to "model what it is to do research" in helping children to understand and to make sure to tailor the conversation to the child's age in ways that he or she can comprehend.

"You don't want to scare your children," she said. "What you do want to do is say that something happened and that it is being addressed."

For middle-school students and older, "don't wait for your child to initiate the conversation about what happened in the news," said Ms. Powers, adding that, in this digital age, older students are quick to hear the news on social media and elsewhere. "You don't want them to hear it from their friends," she said.

Ms. Powers also provided guidance on talking to children of color about race and racial violence. "Ground your children in a worldview that includes their spirituality, family, traditions, heritage, cultural values and self-respect," she advised.

Ms. Powers and Ms. Shaw shared age-appropriate books, movies and materials to help adults broach the subject with young people. These resources and others are posted on the Westfield Public School District's "Racial Literacy" page under "Family Resources" at westfieldnjk12.org.

The co-facilitators also focused on storytelling, including the stories that exist behind those that are told societally. Using the example of Rosa Parks and the now famous image of the civil rights activist sitting on a bus, Ms. Powers pointed out that there is much more to Mrs. Parks' story than just a tired woman following a hard day at work refusing to give up her seat to a white man.

The event was part of the district's Racial Literacy initiative, funded by the Westfield Education Fund, which "strives to enhance the quality of education in the Westfield Public Schools by funding high-impact, district-wide initiatives that will promote a culture of innovation and enrich students' academic and social emotional learning." More information about the WEF can be found at westfieldedfund.org.

"I loved the focus on storytelling and the importance of sharing stories from different perspectives with children," said WEF President Nicole Breslow. "The value of having a more diverse set of books in classrooms could not have been clearer."

Also on hand for the evening were Cheryl Swift of the Westfield Human Resources Advisory Commission, Elizabeth Wolf of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield, and Kimberly Leegan, a social studies teacher at Westfield High School (WHS) and co-advisor of the WHS No Place for Hate Committee and the Jewish Culture and Development Club.

The three representatives described the ways their organizations are working to address racial and social injustice and invited members of the community to get involved. Links to their resources also are posted on the "Racial Literacy" page on the school district website.

As organizers of the community learning event, K-12 Supervisor of Social Studies Andrea Brennan and Dr. Tiffany Jacobson, Ed.D., interim principal of the Lincoln Early Childhood Center, thanked Ms. Powers, Ms. Shaw and all who attended.

"For as much talking as we are all doing here tonight, it is so, so important to take the time to listen and to take in the messages of the people around us," said Dr. Jacobson. "That is how we will continue to forge bonds, relationships and trust."

STORY OF FRIENDSHIP...Members of Girl Scouts of Cranford Daisy Troop 40901 pause in front of one of the "Story Walk" storefronts. The "Story Walk," which spanned multiple locations in downtown Cranford, focused on themes of race and friendship.

Girl Scouts Learn About Inclusion in 'Story Walk'

CRANFORD – The Cranford Public Library, in collaboration with the Cranford Unity Project and Downtown Cranford, created a special "Story Walk" in February that focused on themes of race and friendship.

The event drew hundreds of "listeners," including dozens of troops from the Girl Scouts of Cranford (Service Unit 48). Story Walk participants visited different downtown locations and at each stop they learned a little more about a story which featured a tale of friendship that crossed racial lines.

Lauren Antolino, children's librarian at the Cranford Public Library, explained that the library had already created two successful story walks in conjunction with programs sponsored by Downtown Cranford and the Cranford Unity Project. "I suggested a few titles that I thought would be a good fit, identifying Jacqueline Woodson and E.B. Lewis' 'The Other Side' as a top pick," said Ms. Antolino. "Two girls of different races, Clover and Annie, live on opposite sides of a fence that segregates their town. Though they've each been warned to never cross the fence, the girls eventually forge a friendship while sitting on top of it. I love the hopeful message, and I wanted children to end the walk knowing that they have the power to enact change in ways both big and small."

Many troops of all ranks used the Story Walk to hold socially-distanced outdoor meetings, where they were able to discuss the book's key messages of love and hope. Brownie Troop 40511 attended the Story Walk as its February meeting, where members enjoyed time with their troop mates and had the opportunity to unpack the deep messages in the story. Daisy Troop 40901 also attended the Story Walk for its February meeting. For these Kindergarteners, the message of inclusiveness, hope and love was well received.

"I liked that the little girls were strong and sat together even though people thought they shouldn't because they were black and white," said Daisy Troop member Bridget Novick. "They did it anyway and didn't care and that was okay."

One of the goals of the Story Walk, which coincided with Black History Month, was to feature a message of strength and love told through the perspective of children. "The Other Side" is a story that seeks to empower children to be upstanders in situations of injustice and adversity.

The Girl Scouts of Cranford includes more than 1,139 Girl Scout members in 71 troops and Juliettes, making it one of the largest non-profit organizations in the township. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council, which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. To learn more about local Girl Scouts or the Girl Scouts of Cranford, visit cranfordgirlscouts.com.

Westfield Library to Open To Resident Patrons Monday

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library will open the building on Monday, April 26, for Westfield resident patrons to borrow materials in-person and to use some of the library's services. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

To keep the public and the staff safe, the following rules are in place:

In-person visits will be open to Westfield residents only — patrons who want to enter the building must present a driver's license or Full-Service (white) Library Card. They will not be permitted in the building without identification.

All patrons must wear a mask, including children age 2 and up.

All children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

People who feel sick should stay home.

Patrons will be allowed a one-hour visit to browse throughout the library and check out materials. Computer access will be permitted for one half-hour session.

No tables and chairs will be available, and there will be no restroom access.

Curbside service and the ability to place Holds for Curbside service 24 hours a day, seven days a week will continue.

In-person visit and curbside pickup hours are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Patrons will be able to drop return items in the inside book bin or in the outside bookdrops. Outside bookdrops will be open for returns 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The library continues to offer online programs to children and adults on its website, wmlnj.org, and on Facebook at facebook.com/wmlnj. There are additional programs on the library's YouTube channel, which can be found at youtube.com/user/westfieldmemoriallib, or by clicking on the YouTube icon on the library's website.

SP-F Memorial Day Comm. Seeks World War II Vets

SCOTCH PLAINS/FANWOOD — On Monday, May 31, Memorial Day ceremonies in Scotch Plains and Fanwood will pay tribute to American military personnel of all wars who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to their country.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, there will be no parade this year. However, in keeping with the tradition of selecting a parade grand marshal, the Memorial Day Committee will identify "collective" grand marshals by recognizing the dedication, commitment and sacrifice of the World War II veterans in the two communities.

The committee invites all World War II veterans who are residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood to participate in the ceremonies. This invitation is extended to all World War II veterans, regardless of duty station, including stateside and overseas assignments.

World War II veterans who are interested in joining their military comrades in the Memorial Day observances should contact Bob LaCosta at (908) 939-8448 or blacosta@scotchplainsnj.com.

Novack Joins Assumption's Track and Field Team

WORCESTER, Mass. — The Assumption University Department of Athletics has announced that Tressa Novack of Scotch Plains has been named to the 2021 Track and Field team.

"Our student-athletes are committed to excellence in competition and in the classroom," said Peter Early, first-year head coach of Assumption's Track and Field team. "With the continued support of the Department of Athletics, we are invested in supporting our student-athletes' efforts to improve as competitors and individuals, and continue to build on the solid foundation and tradition this program has built over its many years."

The Assumption University Women's Track and Field team returned to competition in April after the 2020 Spring season was cancelled due to the pandemic. The Hounds tied for third place at the Merrimack Invitational, in which they competed against Division I schools Merrimack College, University of Massachusetts Lowell and Bryant University. Following the meet, the relay team of Kate Carleson '24, Chelsea Garcia-Baez '24, Jaimee Hirschfeld '23 and Victoria Steffon '22 earned Northeast-10 Conference Relay of the Week honors for their performance in the 4x100 relay.

On March 11, Assumption announced the full return to competition for all Spring sports programs with multiple safety protocols in place, including regular Covid-19 testing for student-athletes. Resuming participation in NE10 competition this Spring is contingent upon student-athletes' compliance with all Covid-19 health and safety protocols put in place by the university and the NE10 Conference. For more information, access assumptiongreyhounds.com/general/2020-21/files/Spring_Sports_Competition_Outline_Feb23-3-.pdf. More information on Assumption athletics also is available by visiting assumptiongreyhounds.com.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, maintains a centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Located in Worcester, Mass., the university offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies, as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information, visit assumption.edu.

Photo courtesy of Jefferson School PTO

COMFORT FOR KIDS...Among the donations and collections undertaken during Community Service Week in March, Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield put together colorful comfort and support kits for children in homeless shelters for the charitable organization Volunteers of America.

Public Is Invited Saturday For 'Library on the Lawn'

WESTFIELD — The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library and the Westfield Historical Society invite the community to enjoy "Library on the Lawn" this Saturday, April 24, on the grounds of the Reeve House, located at 314 Mountain Avenue, Westfield. A rain date is planned for this Sunday, April 25. The event is free.

Between 10 a.m. and noon, children will be treated to storytime with a Westfield librarian and then musical guest Yosi. From 2 to 4 p.m., a mini-lecture series will feature two local speakers. Eva Lesko Natiello, author of "The Memory Box" (2014) and "Following You" (2021), will give a reading and share insights on the writing process. Afterward, political historian John Lesher will discuss "Gerrymandering and Voting Rights."

Appropriate social-distancing measures will be in place and masks are required. Refreshments and merchandise will be available for purchase. A 50/50 raffle will be held as a fundraiser for both organizations. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs.

Registration is required per pandemic guidelines. Space is limited. To reserve a spot, contact (908) 654-1794 or westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or info@fwmlnj.org. When reserving, persons should indicate if they want the morning session for children (10 a.m. to noon) or afternoon session for adults (2 to 4 p.m.), the number attending and their phone number and email address.

To learn more about the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, visit fwmlnj.org, like the group on Facebook or follow it on Instagram (friendswmlibrarynj). For more information on the Westfield Historical Society, contact (908) 654-1794 or visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org, like the Society on Facebook and follow it on Instagram.

Seedling Giveaway Set For Saturday

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains residents are invited to stop by the Scotch Plains Public Library between 9 and 11 a.m. this Saturday, April 24, for a drive-through seedling giveaway. This event is being held as part of the township's Earth Day celebration. The free seedlings are part of a state tree recovery program and will be given out while supplies last.

The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. Information about the library's entire month of programming can be found on the library's website, scotlib.org.

Westfield Public Schools Support the Community

WESTFIELD — Comfort and support kits for children in homeless shelters, donations of Spanish-language books for an aftercare program and collections of granola bars and other nutritional treats for service men and women and first responders were among the many creative efforts undertaken during Community Service Week in the Westfield Public School District.

Community Service Week — held this year during the week of March 22 — is organized each year by the Parent Teacher Council (PTC) and school Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs), which found ways to continue the annual tradition in the midst of the pandemic.

Some schools utilized online "Wish Lists" of much-needed items to collect for food banks, animal rescue and other charitable organizations. Students joined the various efforts through involvement in student government, community service clubs and other student organizations.

"Community Service Week is an important part of who we are as a school community," said Superintendent Margaret Dolan, Ed.D. "I am grateful to the PTC, our PTOs, and our students and staff for their year-round commitment to helping others."

Optimist Club Seeks Nominees For Inter. Teacher Award

WESTFIELD — The Optimist Club of Westfield has announced that the deadline for receipt of nominations for the 23rd Annual Intermediate School Outstanding Teacher Award is Friday, May 7. Two intermediate-school teachers — one from Edison and one from Roosevelt Intermediate Schools — will be chosen to receive the award at a board of education meeting in June and at an Optimist Club dinner in September.

Nominations should specify ways in which the teacher has demonstrated outstanding teaching, interest in children and continued pursuit of professional growth. The nominee must be a full-time teacher in the Westfield Public Schools in grades 6 through 8 for a minimum of five years.

Students, parents and staff are encouraged to submit nomination letters to:

Outstanding Teacher Award Committee of the Optimist Club of Westfield, c/o Office of the Superintendent, Westfield Public Schools, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090. Letters also can be e-mailed to:optiaward@westfieldnjk12.org.

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GARDINER (PITCHER), McCAFFERY (SS), MANFRA (CF)

Softball Cougars Return Strong Senior Squad for Softball Season

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

Four seniors and a junior who were in the starting lineup during the 2019 season return to spearhead this year's Cranford High School softball team that will also feature several talented newcomers. In 2019 the Cougars did feature a strong sophomore influence and had a very productive season. The Lady Cougars advanced to the semifinals of the Union County Tournament (UCT) and to the semifinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament to finish with a 14-6 record.

David B. Corbin (April 2019 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
ACE PITCHER...Senior Morrigan Gardiner will be the Cougars' mound ace.

Two Cougars have been varsity starters since their freshmen seasons. Senior Morrigan Gardiner, who had been the starting pitcher her freshman and sophomore seasons, will be the mound ace this season. Senior Liz McCaffery, who was the starting shortstop her freshman and sophomore seasons, will remain at that position this season.

As a sophomore Gardiner achieved a milestone when she recorded her 100th career strikeout, in a late-season game against Westfield. In 109.1 innings, she struck out 162 batters, allowed 44 hits and walked 75, while hitting nine batters to finish with a 12-6 record. Gardiner also created a lot of spark at the plate hitting as a left-handed hitter. Gardiner led the team with a .524 batting average (BA), 33-for-63, which included six doubles, two triples and two home runs. Gardiner also had 15 RBI and scored four runs.

McCaffery anchored the infield but as the leadoff hitter, she led the team in scoring with 24 runs, while recording a .366 BA (26-for-71 with 13 RBI, five doubles, two home runs and a team-leading 10 walks. Once on base, McCaffery will force opposing pitchers and infielders to be vigilant, as she also led the team with 10 stolen bases in 2019.

The Cougars will receive some clout from senior centerfielder Ava Manfra, who rapped 12 hits, which included a team-leading three home runs, along with two doubles and a triple. Manfra also scored 15 runs, had six RBI, walked three times and stole three bases.

Junior Emma Ingraham, who covered third base her freshman season, finished with a .282 BA (11-for-39 with 3 doubles) and added three RBI, 16 runs scored, four walks and seven stolen bases. Ingraham could be sharing duties behind the plate this season with senior Mia Markase, who was used primarily as a courtesy runner in 2019. Markase did contribute three hits, five stolen bases, three RBI and scored 13 runs.

"Very excited about the season," expressed Head Coach Christine Permoule. "We have Gardiner, McCaffery, Markase, Manfra and Ingraham returning from our 2019 season. Markase and Ingraham will both be catching this season though. We have several newcomers including Sophia DeMarco (1st base/pitcher), Emma Grace Pachkowski (2nd), Giulia Olear (3rd), Maddy DeLong (right field) and Katie Bendert (leftfield). Alexa Joy and Erin Zarzecki are also on the team."

The Cougars, who will rely on their experienced returning players for leadership, were to open their season at Summit on April 19 and would follow with a home game against Jonathan Dayton on April 21.

"I don't actually have team captains, but will look for leadership across the board. I'm really excited about our great mix of veteran players along with really talented newcomers," Coach Permoule concluded.

David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
MAKING HER RUN DOWNFIELD...Blue Devil freshman midfielder Sofia Della Rocco, No. 1, sprints downfield during a scrimmage game with Northern Highlands at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on April 17.

Blue Devils Return Eight Seniors In Girls Lacrosse This Season

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

After a full Spring season of non sports in 2020, there will be a number of fresh faces in the starting lineup for the Westfield High School girls lacrosse team this season, however, the Blue Devils do return eight seniors, including several starters from the 2019 squad that finished with an 8-10 record and advanced to the sectional semifinals.

"Having missed a full season, our team has been extremely anxious to get back out on the field. I made sure to get them involved in as many opportunities to play together as a team as possible this past winter. They participated in team training, winter league, and in a March play day all together. Last season when we heard we would need to stay home, we kept in contact virtually while spreading as much positivity as possible," Blue Devil Head Coach Abby Cohn explained.

Among the seniors, Mia Fleming returns as the last line of defense at goalkeeper. Brooke Scheuermann returns on defense, while Liz Healey and Ellie Kate Brown will be on the attack and LJ Kehler will be at midfield. The other seniors are Maggie Aslanian (attack), Maddie Sullivan (midfield) and Chloe Pappalardo (defender).

For the juniors, Lauren Bloch returns on defense. On the attack are Addie Cummings and Avery Hoeft, Meghan O'Connor and Natalie Manzo are expected to be defensive midfielders, Lydia Murray is on defense and Jessica Zdep will be the backup goalkeeper. Sophomores Ella McLane (attack) and Lily Dickerson (midfield) will see some action as will freshman midfielder Sofia Dellarocco.

"This year's team hasn't skipped a beat. This is one of the closest teams I have ever coached, they are all friends and work so well together. I am confident that their relationships as friends off the field will translate into their play with optimal teamwork on the field this season."

Prior to the Covid situations most high school lacrosse regular-season games would begin at the end of March but this season the Blue Devils were to open with Montclair on April 19 then face Mendham on April 21. The Lady Blue Devils' next game will be at home against the Ridgewood Maroon on Tuesday, April 27.

Coach Cohn commented, "Fortunately, this season's schedule is pretty much normal. The only change was that the season was pushed back one month with an 'all virtual' month of March. I sort of preferred starting later this year so we can practice outside in some nicer more consistent weather, (March is always unpredictable!). This season we will look forward to both the County and State tournaments."

SINGLETARY WINS VAULT, FLOOR; GIBBS, FARLEY BARS

Lady Raider Gymnasts Repeat As County Tourney Champions

Fierce competition resulted in six teams recording 100+ totals but in the end, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders gymnastic team repeated as Union County Tournament Champions at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on April 15. The Raiders finished with a total of 108.525 and also recorded the highest event totals on the vault and uneven bars, while the Westfield Blue Devils took second with a total of 107.25 and recorded the highest event total on the balance beam.

The Summit Hilltoppers placed third with a total of 105.95 and recorded the highest total on the floor exercises. The Union Catholic (UC) Vikings placed fourth with a total of 102.775, followed by the Union Farmers at 101.225, the Cranford Cougars at 101.175 and the Jonathan Dayton Bulldogs at 98.675.

Summit's Catherine Singow took top All-Around honors with a 36.275 scored. Raider TT Singletary took second at 36.075. Union's Jasmine Jourdain placed third at 35.675 and Viking Alexis Roth placed fourth at 35.6. Dayton's Emma Kessler placed fifth at 34.775 and Viking Gabreila Prati took sixth at 34.55. Cougar Teegan Waters and Summit's Emma Burke tied for seventh at 34.35. Union's Hayley Jenkins placed ninth at 33.45 and Blue Devil Alison Bachman took 10th with a 33.35.

Singletary recorded the highest score of the tournament when she captured first on the floor exercises with a 9.45. Singletary also claimed top honors in the vault with a 9.3. Blue Devil Shannon Gibbs and Raider Shaylin Farley tied for first on the uneven bars with a 9.1 and Singow won the balance beam with a 9.35.

Raider Ava Fazio took second on the vault with a 9.25, followed by UC's Roth at 9.2. Dayton's Inoha

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Cougar Nine Returned Some Experience, Opened at Summit

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

The Cranford High School baseball team returned two varsity starters and several players who received varsity experience from the 2019 squad that captured the Union County Conference Watchung Division crown with an 8-1 record and finished with a 17-5 overall record.

Unfortunately for the Cougars, two one-run losses denied them their quest for a Union County Tournament (UCT) title and a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 title. The Cougars received the top seed for the UCT but they were stunned in the quarterfinals, 3-2, by the Summit Hilltoppers. As the third seed in the sectional tournament, they were nipped 2-1 by Somerville when the Pioneers scored twice in the top of the seventh inning then held on for the win.

Of the 10 returning seniors on the team, only one, Marcus Johnson, started on the 2019 squad and four - Jake Chapman, Joe Carrea, Aiden Riley, Rob Salvatore - received limited varsity time. Junior Will Gallagher was a starter his freshman season and junior Lucca Limeira experienced some playing time.

In 2019, the speedy Johnson had a .389 batting average (BA) with two home runs, five RBI, 11 runs scored and eight stolen bases. Gallagher had a .393 BA with six RBI and six runs scored. As the major courtesy runner, Chapman swiped 10 bases and scored nine runs. Carrea spent his time on the mound and allowed 14 hits and two walks, while striking out 11 in 14 innings. Salvatore had one inning on the mound. At the plate Riley went 2-for-3 with three RBI and a run scored. Limeira went 3-for-5 with an RBI.

Presently Gallagher, Carrea and Salvatore will see some time on the mound with others yet to be determined.

Others listed on the entire squad are seniors Garrett Lynch, Dan DeMarco, Nolan Spurr, Dom Fallone and Zach Carter, juniors Shane Van Dam, Kurt Petschow, Liam Kwiatkowski, Lukas Ruby, Dan Abrahamsen, Jack Conley and Antonio Silva and sophomores Shea Grady, Sean Woodruff, Sebastian Morales, Ben Monaham, Jake Carter, Matt Chapman and Ryan Jaros.

The Cougars were to open their season at home against Summit on April 20 then today, April 22, they will face Union Catholic in Scotch Plains. Tomorrow, April 23, the Cougars will host the New Providence Pioneers.

David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
SLIDING INTO SECOND BASE...Cougar Lukas Ruby, No. 34, slides into second base during the scrimmage game with Indian Hills on April 10.

KANTERMAN, DiGIOVANNI 3RD; MURPHY, LERNER 4TH

Region 3-4 County Mat Results:

Two Cranford High School wrestlers (Luke DiGiovanni - 138-lbs - & Shane Kanterman - 195-lbs) and one each from Westfield (Mike Murphy-152-lbs) and Scotch Plains-Fanwood (Rob Lerner - 195-lbs) advanced to the NJSIAA Tournament this weekend at Phillipsburg.

Kanterman had an interesting track. After pinning Julian Moszcynski (Madison) in 4:48, he was pinned by Lerner in 3:43 to be cast into the wrestlebacks. After beating Max Ruiz (Caldwell) and Dan Rivera (West Orange), Kanterman took third when he beat Lerner, 3-1, for third place.

DiGiovanni had beaten Dan DeLusant (North Hunterdon - NoH) by 11-2 majority decision then lost to third-seeded Josiah Queen (Elizabeth), 5-1 in the quarterfinals. In the wrestlerbacks, DiGiovanni beat Justin Carter (North Bergen) and Giovanni Rivera (Morristown) to vie for third place with Joe Davi (Delbarton - Del), whom he beat 5-3. Queen went on to place second after falling to top-seeded Joey Olivieri (Hanover Park) for the title. Angel Mejia (Roselle Park - RP) lost in the first round.

At 152-lbs, Murphy, a sophomore, topped Jake Bash (Watchung Hills), 7-4, then lost by 3-1 sudden victory to Owen Dishow (St. Thomas Aquinas STA) to be cast into the wrestlebacks. Murphy beat Nick Coletta (Cedar Grove) and Jack See (Somerville) to compete for third where he dropped a 4-0 decision to Dishow. Cranford junior Colin Murray lost to See, 12-8, in the first round. Pat Nevins (Governor Livingston - GL) also lost to See 6-4 in the quarterfinals.

Blue Devil sophomore Ethan Composto won by 5-1 decision over Juan Millan (Bloomfield) in the 113-lb first round then lost 5-0 to Angelo Pellicci (SPP) in the quarterfinals. Composto then lost in the wrestleback to Jack Myers (Morristown).

Blue Devil junior Luke Jacobs edged Jared Lee (Warren Hills) 3-2 in the 132-lb first round then lost to top-seeded Nick Nardone (Del) via 3:33 fall. Jacobs lost his wrestleback bout. Junior Jack Price pinned Charles Searle (Nutley) in 4:14 at 285-lbs then lost to Austin Scott (South Plainfield - SoP) in 3:59. Cougar Kevin Shriner and Dave Torres (Roselle Park - RP) lost their first bouts.

Raider senior Brandon Bowles, seeded third at 145-lbs, pinned Zach Vera (Livingston) in 2:53 then lost to Felix Lettini (St. Peters Prep - SPP) by 2-1 sudden victory in the quarterfinals. Bowles lost, 11-5, in the wrestleback to Brearley's Nick Stampoulos, who went on to place third. Cougar Jimmy Gluck lost by tech fall to Stampoulos in the first round. At 220-lbs, Blue Devil Jon Heard and Raider Larry Shoyoye both lost in the first round. Raider junior Anthony Robinson lost in the first round at 160-lbs.

Four additional Union County wrestlers also placed in the Top-4. At 132-lbs, third-seeded David Brearley's Pat Phillips won by 15-0 technical fall over Julian Irazarry (SoP) then won a 2-1 tiebreaker over Connor Quinn (NoH). In the semifinals, Phillips nipped Sean Reindero (SPP), 3-1, then in the title bout he dropped a 6-4 decision to Nardone. Corey Boss (Rahway) and Raider Ben Root lost in the first round.

RP Panther Mayson Harms, seeded third at 120-lbs, made it to the championship bout where he lost by 11-1 major decision to top-seeded Tyler Vazquez (Del). In Round 1, Harms claimed an 18-3 tech fall over Carlo Vanvolkenburgh (Seton Hall Prep), won by 4-2 tiebreaker over Donovan Chavis (SPP) then edged second-seeded Kaelan Francois (Rahway) 6-4 in the semifinals. Francois would go on to place fourth. Competing for Delbarton, Lou Cerchio (Scotch Plains) placed second at 160-lbs.

At 126-lbs, Rahway's Amajuwan Murray topped Nick Balella (Hackettstown), 11-5, then dropped an 11-2 majority decision to third-seeded Chris Tringali (Mendham). He won his first wrestleback then lost his next one, both by decision. At 182-lbs, Gavin Trippichio (New Providence) and JJ Ranieri (RP) lost in the first round. At 160-lbs, RP's Julian Colon and GL's Kyle Savino all lost in the first round.

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HEADING INTO THE MILLERS' CAMP...A Cougar, right, heads into Miller territory during a scrimmage game with Millburn in Cranford on April 10.

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TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-178

DOWNTOWN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

BUDGET NOTICE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget for the year 2021:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Westfield Leader in the issue of April 22, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve the following as the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget for the year 2021:

APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriated 2021	2020
General Appropriations		
Operating		
Salaries & Wages	82,435.00	120,464.00
Other Expenses	96,419.00	53,834.53
Total General Appropriations	**178,854.00**	**174,298.53**

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	Anticipated 2021	2020
General Revenue		
Surplus		
Miscellaneous Revenue		
Sub-total General Revenue		
Amount to be Raised by Special Improvement District Tax	178,854.00	174,298.53
Total General Revenues	**178,854.00**	**174,298.53**

Notice is hereby given that the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget was Approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, on April 13, 2021. A hearing on said Budget will be held at the Cranford Municipal Building on May 11, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget for the year 2021 may be presented by Downtown Special Improvement District taxpayers or other interested persons.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Budget is a true copy of the Budget approved by resolution of the governing body on this 13th day of April 2021 and that the public advertisement will be made in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.4(d).

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk

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Va. Tech Overcomes UCLA In GSLW National League

The Girls Softball League of Westfield Virginia Tech Hokies bested the UCLA Bruins on April 17 in a National League contest on the Memorial 4 Field. The competition which was tight throughout until Virginia Tech extended their lead late in the game.

The Maroon and Gold Hokies were paced by pitchers Angelina Tessitore and Avery Schwarzenbek, who also scorched two-run double to help lead the Hokies to their first win of the season. Virginia Tech's Phoebe Lyons Tech got on base in each turn at bat, including a hard shot to centerfield to lead off the game. Jefferson 4th grader Kayla Richman added a 10-pitch walk after fouling off 5 pitches to keep a big scoring 4th inning alive for the winning team.

The Bruins were led by 5th[h] grader Olivia Perez who's gritty pitching performance over the first two innings kept the Bruins in the game. Catcher/third baseman Amelia Donnelly smoked a line drive shot to leftfield in a big scoring inning to tie the score 3-3 before Va. Tech broke it open late. Kara Benacchio tossed the two middle frames for the Bruins. Ella Hartz added a highlight reel catch at shortstop leaping to snag a liner headed for leftfield.

Of Hartz catch, Bruins Coach Benacchio noted, "Ella is a great fielder and the only kid I've ever coached who wants to field more than bat. She's all heart (pun intended)!"

Oregon defeated Minnesota in a nail biter on a walk-off win in the bottom of the 4th. Andrea Licini pitched three solid innings to lead Oregon to its second win. Adley Grantz had two hits and two RBI and Leila Mehmedovic had a timely hit in the 4th. Sydney Man made a terrific defensive play on a line drive to end the third with bases loaded. Oregon overcame an early 5-0 lead by the Gophers due to some strong pitching and hitting performance by Mia Zbranak, who pitched two innings and had two hits. Contributing for the Gophers with a run each were Danielle Schreier and Nikki Del Re.

Texas came from behind in the 6th to beat Virginia. Teagan Greeley and Isabella Borghese combined for a strong pitching performance with Isabella Borghese closing out the game. For the 2nd week in a row, Erin Whelan's big bat led Texas. Timely hitting from Brooke and Mairin Moore, spurred the offense. Caitlin "MB" Brouder had another great defensive performance including throwing out two base runners.

Westfield Area 'Y' Devilfish Complete its Regular Season

The Devilfish finished off their regular season with several championship meets all held at the Westfield Area "Y". While not the same as the swimmers are used to from years past, it was still a great end to this scaled back season. Many new cuts were made and some records were broken or reset, giving the swimmers a jump start on the spring and long course season.

12U Championships were held virtually on March 6 and 7, the 13+ Championships were held virtually from March 12 to 14, and finally, the 13+ participated in the Shamrock Invitational from March 19 to 21. For this meet, the preliminary events were held virtually in the morning, with the Top-12 swimmers combined in each event from the Devilfish, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and the Summit Area YMCA swimming in person at the Westfield Area Y each evening.

The following swimmers made finals at the Shamrock Invitational: Abby Bebel, Henry Brown, Seth Camacho, Emily Constable, Will Crall, Madison Ebanks, Ava Gaspard, Charlie Jeckell, Emily Kapuuscinski, Colin Kavanagh, Lauren Lane, Alex Liu, Mason Liu, Clare Logan, Matt London, Billy Maguire, Emily Malpeso, Brooke McAndrew, Julia McGann, Erin McKinney, Patrick Miller, Jacqueline Moser, Anisha Ojha, Danny Pierce, Catherine Ritter, Sierra Smith, Kyra Stolarski, Maddie Sullivan, Logan Swenson, Matt Swenson, Bridget Thomas, Barney Veres, Hudson Wilcomes and Olivia Willemsen.

Records that were reset or broken throughout these meets are as follows:

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS:

Clare Logan(Girls 13/14):50 Free: 22.87, 100 Free: 49.90, 200 Free: 1:51.94, 100 Back: 55.18, 200 Back: 2:02.66, 200 IM: 2:07.80

Emily Constable (Girls 13/14): 100 Breast:1:03.68, 200 Breast: 2:19.64

RELAY RECORDS:

13/14 Girls 200 Free: 1:38.18 C. Ritter, M. Ebanks, E. Constable, C. Logan

13/14 Girls 400 Free: 3:35.36 C. Ritter, E. Constable, M. Ebanks, C. Logan

13/14 Girls 200 Medley: 1:47.99 C. Logan, E. Constable, M. Ebanks, C. Ritter

13/14 Girls 400 Medley: 3:56.67 C. Logan, E. Constable, A. Ojha, C. Ritter

13/14 boys 400Free: 3:25.76 L. Swenson, C. Jeckell, D. Pierce, P. Miller

One final qualifying meet is scheduled for this season replacing the YMCA Nationals Meet. The YMCA Swimming Festival NJ will be held in Voorhees, NJ.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional School District, in the County of Union, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 on Thursday, April 29, 2021, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2021-2022 school year. If a meeting cannot be conducted at this location, meeting will be via Zoom, as identified on the district's website (www.spfk12.org) where budget information will be posted.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Administrative Offices, 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, by appointment, and will be posted on the district's website.

The district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

Deborah S. Saridaki,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REGIONAL

ADVERTISED ENROLLMENTS

ENROLLMENT CATEGORIES	October 15, 2019 Actual	October 15, 2020 Actual	October 15, 2021 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	4,765	4,594	4,699
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	36	37	36
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	710	693	672
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	36	30	30
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	5,547	5,354	5,437
Private School Placements	49	56	68
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	0	1	0
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	30	26	35
Pupils in State Facilities	2	0	0

UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REGIONAL

ADVERTISED REVENUES

Budget Category	Account	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Revised	2021-22 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	91,197,248	93,021,192	95,364,671
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	20,312	0	0
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	415,321	420,000	183,200
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	21,069	750	800
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	45,039	1,000	1,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		91,698,989	93,442,942	95,549,671
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	792,773	792,773	792,773
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	2,124,658	400,000	1,100,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	3,115,770	3,320,671	4,266,477
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	98,844	98,844	98,844
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	6,862	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		6,138,907	4,612,288	6,258,094
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	44,882	48,044	47,703
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		44,882	48,044	47,703
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	1,205,129	1,000,000
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-307	0	91,446	0
Transfers from Other Funds	10-5200	35,290	0	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	6,720,215	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		912,135	0	0
Total Operating Budget		98,830,203	106,120,064	102,855,468
Grants and Entitlements:				
Tuition-Preschool	20-1310	299,372	356,400	378,000
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	88,213	126,926	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	387,585	483,326	378,000
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	49,500	49,500	49,500
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	570,700	722,078	722,078
Total Revenues from State Sources		620,200	771,578	771,578
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	104,010	137,117	92,000
Title II	20-4451-4455	34,198	131,225	49,000
Title III	20-4491-4494	3,380	19,767	7,200
Title IV	20-4471-4474	3,708	20,000	8,000
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	1,317,131	1,602,336	1,166,000
Cares Act Education Stabilization Fund	20-4530	0	385,172	0
Cares-Digital Divide Grant	20-4531	0	71,480	0
Coronavirus Relief Fund (Crf)	20-4532	0	164,359	0
Other	20-4XXX	0	41,586	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,462,427	2,573,042	1,322,200
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	160,292	178,833	140,578
Total Grants and Entitlements		2,630,504	4,006,779	2,612,356
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	1,352,250	1,294,500	1,231,125
Total Revenues from Local Sources		1,352,250	1,294,500	1,231,125
Total Local Repayment of Debt		1,352,250	1,294,500	1,231,125
Total Repayment of Debt		1,352,250	1,294,500	1,231,125
Total Revenues/Sources		102,812,957	111,421,343	106,698,949
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	160,292	178,833	140,578
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		102,652,665	111,242,510	106,558,371

UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REGIONAL

ADVERTISED APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Category	Account	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Revised	2021-22 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	27,825,550	30,691,830	29,640,384
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	7,514,271	8,010,155	8,086,986
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	928,984	1,026,922	1,031,439
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	119,423	193,282	240,046
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	320,494	377,005	373,880
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,078,102	1,142,172	1,209,950
Summer School	11-422-XXX-XXX	106,311	115,000	118,700
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	7,799,897	8,989,692	9,832,067
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	72,208	77,179	81,508
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	874,461	944,043	1,029,891
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	3,002,583	3,843,255	3,966,015
Undistributed Expenditures–Other Support Services, Students–Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	786,297	852,229	890,518
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	1,552,210	1,829,495	1,930,238
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,516,730	1,624,907	1,634,195
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,058,651	1,093,523	1,120,866
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	782,304	804,099	841,618
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	857,396	945,554	959,434
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services -General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	925,874	951,138	944,064
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services -School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	2,946,198	3,057,883	3,112,008
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	1,082,260	1,270,330	1,269,857
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	463,254	559,676	552,559
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	8,250,307	8,019,892	7,840,856
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	3,280,694	4,506,478	4,182,203
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	19,514,593	20,045,165	21,094,460
Total Undistributed Expenditures		54,765,917	59,414,538	61,282,357
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	750	800
Total General Current Expense		92,659,052	100,971,654	101,984,542
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	1,848,220	775,618	23,500
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	4,293,038	4,340,987	815,426
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	1,000	1,000
Total Capital Outlay		6,141,258	5,117,605	839,926
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	29,893	30,805	31,000
General Fund Grand Total		98,830,203	106,120,064	102,855,468
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	88,213	126,926	0
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	508,284	577,680	562,800
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	880	7,053	5,278
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	509,164	584,733	568,078
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	50,037	58,403	58,403
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	56,087	83,600	83,600
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	221,936	275,263	275,263
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	73,351	97,512	97,512
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	32,643	40,000	40,000
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	136,646	167,300	167,300
Total Other State Projects		570,700	722,078	722,078
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,079,864	1,306,811	1,290,156
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	104,010	137,117	92,000
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	34,198	131,225	49,000
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	3,380	19,767	7,200
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	3,708	20,000	8,000
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,317,131	1,602,336	1,166,000
Cares Act Education Stabilization Fund	20-477-XXX-XXX	0	385,172	0
Bridging the Digital Divide Program	20-478-XXX-XXX	0	71,480	0
Coronavirus Relief Fund (Crf) Grant Program	20-479-XXX-XXX	0	164,359	0
Nonpublic Technology Funds Under Crf	20-482-XXX-XXX		41,586	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,462,427	2,573,042	1,322,200
Total Special Revenue Funds		2,630,504	4,006,779	2,612,356
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	1,352,250	1,294,500	1,231,125
Total Debt Service Funds		1,352,250	1,294,500	1,231,125
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		102,812,957	111,421,343	106,698,949
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	160,292	178,833	140,578
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		102,652,665	111,242,510	106,558,371

UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REGIONAL

ADVERTISED RECAPITULATION OF BALANCES

Budget Category	Audited Balance 6/30/2019	Audited Balance 6/30/2020	Estimated Balance 6/30/2021	Estimated Balance 6/30/2022
Unrestricted:				
—General Operating Budget	3,450,272	3,708,124	1,876,604	1,876,604
—Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes - General Operating Budget:				
—Capital Reserve	5,684,469	3,264,059	3,173,613	3,174,613
—Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
—Maintenance Reserve	1,656,392	1,717,461	1,718,211	1,719,011
—Legal Reserve	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	0
—Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
—Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0
—Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
—Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
Repayment of Debt:				
—Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REGIONAL

ADVERTISED PER PUPIL COST CALCULATIONS

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2018-19 Actual Costs	2019-20 Actual Costs	2020-21 Original Budget	2020-21 Revised Budget	2021-22 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	$14,582	$14,839	$15,598	$16,530	$16,370
Total Classroom Instruction	$8,790	$9,020	$9,456	$10,087	$9,881
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	$8,484	$8,676	$9,111	$9,424	$9,563
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	$191	$235	$219	$526	$182
Classroom-Purchased Services	$115	$109	$126	$137	$136
Total Support Services	$2,516	$2,427	$2,778	$2,835	$2,912
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	$1,981	$1,956	$2,160	$2,189	$2,267
Total Administrative Costs	$1,255	$1,279	$1,304	$1,420	$1,420
Administration Salaries and Benefits	$1,100	$1,099	$1,133	$1,216	$1,231
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	$1,681	$1,759	$1,687	$1,796	$1,748
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	$969	$987	$1,065	$1,100	$1,114
Board Contribution to Food Services	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	$311	$324	$339	$360	$373
Total Equipment Costs	$187	$335	$4	$146	$4
Legal Costs	$16	$28	$22	$23	$22
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	36.77%	36.97%	35.39%	35.68%	36.48%

*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.
** Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: http://www.state.nj.us/education/guide/. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2020-21 revised appropriations and the 2021-22 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request Exceed Referendum
Lease Purchase for Technology	Not Applicable	$650,000	N	N	

1 T - 4/22/21, The Times Fee: $653.31

Area stores that carry The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains – Fanwood TIMES

7-11 Central Ave 800 Central Ave. (Leader)
7-11 Garwood 309 North Ave. (Leader)
7-11 Mountainside 921 Mountain Ave. (Leader)
7-11 Westfield 1200 South Ave., W. (Leader/Times)
Baron's Drug Store 243 E. Broad St. (Leader)
King's Supermarket 300 South Ave. (Leader)
Krauszer's 727 Central Ave. (Leader)
Kwick Mart Food Store 190 South Ave. (Times)
Mountain Deli 2385 Mountain Ave. (Times)
Shoprite Supermarket 563 North Ave. (Leader)
Wallis Stationery 441 Park Ave. (Leader/Times)
Westfield Mini Mart 301 South Ave., W. (Leader)
Westfield Tobacco & News 108 Elm St. (Leader)

Photo courtesy of Blossom Gao

WINNING OPENER...Westfield Baseball League 7-10 grade division Team Astros won their season opener at Tamaques Park Field 2 on April 17. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Noah Rubenstein, ilan Zaldua, Sam Reichel, Garrett Gao, Brenton Hatch and Owen Hilliard; middle row, Samuel Luzuriaga, Duncan Callow, Evan Swiat, Aidan Arabatzis, Andrew Capone and Derek Kobrin; back row, coaches Rob Reichel, Dali Gao and Tom Hatch. Not pictured are player James MacFarlane and coach Luis Zaldua.

Raiders Repeat as UCT Champs

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Bendezu placed fifth at 9.15, while Singow and Kessler tied for sixth at 8.975. Cranford's Waters and Blue Devil Emily McGovern tied for eighth at 8.95, followed by Raider Ella Burgio at 8.925.

Singow was second to Singletary on the floor with a 9.25, followed by McGovern at 9.2. Summit's Emma Burke placed fourth at 9.175, Jourdain was fifth at 9.15 and Summit's Kathryn Scallon was sixth at 9.05, followed by Waters at 9.025 and Kessler at 9.0. Raiders Isabella Stellakis and Erin Kennedy tied for ninth at 8.95.

Raider Ava Leonetti placed third on the uneven bars with an 8.9 and Blue Devil Allison Fernandez took fourth at 8.8. Blue Devil Vendala Surgent and Kennedy tied for fifth at 8.75. Singow, Prati and Raider Gianna Mavilla recorded scores of 8.7 and Blue Devil Jessica D'Agosta had an 8.55.

Singow was tops on the balance beam with a 9.35, followed by Blue Devil Isabella Pinto at 9.275. Raider Jordana Reisberg placed third at 9.25, Roth took fourth at 9.225 and Jourdain took fifth at 9.175. Blue Devils Fernandez and Gibbs tied for sixth at 9.15, followed by Raider Burgio at 8.875 and Bachman at 8.85, while Singletary and Summits Mia Murdock each had an 8.825.

Raiders Stop Colonia Patriots For 1st Girls Volleyball Title

The top-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls volleyball team claimed its first ever sectional crown with a three-game, 25-18, 13-25, 25-16, victory over the Colonia Patriots in the Central Jersey, Group 3 Championship match on April 19. The 12-4 Raiders began their run with a 25-13, 25-15 rout of the Woodbridge Barrons in the quarterfinals on April 14. On April 16, the Raiders crushed Colts Neck, 25-14, 25-14, to advance to the finals.

Adelina Berisha had eight kills, 12 digs and seven service points with four aces against the Barrons. Kaelie Chung recorded 18 assists, four digs and two service points. Abbey Glickstein had 10 service points with four aces. Morgan Kinard notched five kills. Melanie Acampora recorded four kills, a block and a dig. Tori Cirillo had three digs and six service points with two aces. Lindsey Bartley recorded four digs, two assists and two service points with two aces. Maddie Yessman had three kills and Kyra Antonello had two kills, a block and a dig.

Against Colts Neck, Barisha recorded nine kills, 10 digs and three service points with two aces. Chung had 25 assists, two digs and five service points with an ace. Yessman recorded six kills and Bartley had three digs and five service points with an ace. Cirillo had five digs and three service points. Glickstein had seven service points with an ace. Abbey Balagot recorded four digs and five service points with two aces. Kinard had three kills and Antonello recorded four kills, four digs and an assist.

Berisha really knocked them dead with 24 kills against the Patriots, while adding four digs, a block, an assist and three service points with an ace. Chung amassed 33 assists, 11 digs and 17 service points with four aces. Cirillo had seven digs, two assists and four service points with an ace. Balagot had three kills, nine digs and two service points with an ace. Glickstein had two service points with an ace. Acampora had four kills, three digs and a block. Kinard had three kills, Antonello had two kills and a block, and Yessman notched a kill. Victoria Skolsky had three digs.

No. Hunterdon Tops Westfield For Section Volleyball Crown

The second-seeded Westfield High School girls volleyball team made a good run in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament before being set back, 25-12, 25-16, by the top-seeded hosting North Hunterdon Lady Lions for the crown on April 19. The Blue Devils defeated the Linden Tigers, 25-12, 25-15, in the quarterfinals in Westfield on April 14. Two days later, the Blue Devils outlasted the Watchung Hills Warriors, 25-20, 25-21, to advance to the championship.

Gianna Mangiamele notched 10 kills and added six digs and a service point against Linden. Emma Hanley had six kills, 12 digs, a block and 11 service points with three aces. Anna Tichenor recorded 13 assists, a dig and eight service points with an ace. Rebekkah Dayon recorded six digs and three service points with an ace. Kerry Donovan had three kills, a dig and two service points. Chloe Kreusser (kill) and Caitlin Cabrales (dig) each had two service aces.

Against the Warriors, Mangiamele recorded 12 kills to go with six digs and six service points with three aces. Dayon had 11 digs and two service points. Victoria Toal had 10 assists. Donovan recorded three kills, five digs, a block and four service points with an ace. Kreusser recorded three kills, two blocks and five service points with an ace. Tichenor had three digs, 13 assists and nine service points with an ace. Hanley had seven kills, 11 digs and a service point. Taylor Addis had four blocks, a kill and a dig. Chelsea Duan notched a pair of kills.

North Hunterdon proved that it deserved its 16-2 record by getting a big jump on the 14-2 Blue Devils and remaining on top. Mangiamele recorded six kills, a block, three digs and a service point with an ace. Hanley had seven kills, four digs and three service points. Dayon had nine digs, four assists and a service point with an ace. Donovan recorded two kills, four digs and four service points with an ace. Tichenor had seven assists, Toal had two digs and two assists, and Kreusser had a service point. Duan had four digs, Carley Rodrigues had a dig and an assist, and Addis had a dig.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2214

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 923 CENTRAL AVENUE, SHOWN ON THE TOWN TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 4813, LOT 32 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND MODIFYING THE ZONING MAP

WHEREAS, by application to the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, 923 Central Ave, LLC, requested to designate the property located at 923 Central Ave a historic landmark, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions contained within the Historic Designation and Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, the Historic Preservation Commission gave full and complete consideration to the petition for historic designation of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission held a duly-noticed public hearing on March 22, 2021, on the proposed historic designation of the property, where all those who desired to be heard were heard; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission adopted a resolution on that date setting forth its findings of fact and providing its rationale for its recommendation to the Town Council that the Council approve the application for historic preservation designation of 923 Central Ave, shown on the Town Tax Map as Block 4813, Lot 32; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated April 20, 2021, the Town Council directed the Planning Board to review the proposed designation pursuant to the Historic Designation and Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Westfield and New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law Section 40:55D-26 to determine whether the designation of 923 Central Ave, shown on the Town Tax Map as Block 4813, Lot 32, would be consistent with the Historic Preservation Element of the Town Master Plan and the goals and objectives contained within the Master Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I. The Zoning Map shall be and is hereby amended and supplemented by identifying the following property as shown on the Official Tax Map of the Town of Westfield as a Historic Preservation Designated Landmark:

Block	Lot	Address
4813	32	923 Central Avenue

SECTION II. Appendix III of the Land Use Ordinance, titled an **Ordinance Establishing A Historic Preservation Commission and Providing for the Designation and Preservation of Historic Districts and Historic Landmarks in the Town of Westfield**, is hereby amended by adding a new Subsection 14.Q., to read in its entirety as follows:

Q. The private residence owned at the time of its designation by 923 Central Ave, LLC located at 923 Central Ave, Westfield, New Jersey, known as Lot 32, Block 4813 on the Town of Westfield tax map, being originally built circa 1757.

The Historic Preservation Commission shall be permitted to place an appropriate notation and plaque on said property indicating its historic landmark status.

SECTION III. 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 IV. In the event that 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 as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield held on April 20, 2021 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by said Town Council at a meeting beginning at 8:00 PM on May 11, 2021 or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

Due to the pandemic and the current closure of the Westfield Municipal Building, the meeting on May 11, 2021 will be held virtually. The public may connect to the meeting and participate via Zoom webinar using the following link: https://bit.ly/2021WestfieldTownCouncilMeeting, or via telephone by calling 646-518-9805, Webinar ID 873 4615 6495 #, Passcode 233043**.**

In the event the Town Council meeting scheduled for May 11, 2021 can be held in person, the meeting location will be the Westfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Copies of this ordinance are available in full at the Office of the Town Clerk, Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
1 T - 04/22/21, The Leader Fee: $113.22

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted resolutions at its meeting on April 12, 2021, for the following applications decided upon at the meetings held on February 18, 2021, and March 8, 2021.

Daniel Jemal, 16 Breeze Knoll Drive. Applicant sought approval to install an inground pool and a six-foot open fence contrary to Section 12.04G and 12.07C of the Land Use Ordinance to allow an improvement coverage of 48.4% (10,733.5 square feet) where the Ordinance allows a maximum improvement coverage of 40% (7,200 square feet); to allow a 6-foot open style fence when the Ordinance requires a pool to be enclosed by a solid fence not less than 6 feet tall. Application approved with conditions.

Cara Tabatchnick, 1000 Wychwood Road. Applicant sought approval to install a generator contrary to Section 13.02I13 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a generator located in the street side yard where the Ordinance does not allow generators to be located in the front or street side yard. Application approved with conditions.

Alex Mednick & Allison Stone, 621 Short Hills Court. Applicants sought approval to install a 6-foot fence contrary to Section 12.07C of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a 6-foot fence height where the Ordinance allows a maximum fence height of 4 feet. Application approved with conditions.

Pawel Kierzkowski, 171 Tudor Oval. Applicant sought approval to install a 6-foot fence and an inground swimming pool in the front yard contrary to Section 12.07C and 13.02D3of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a 6-foot fence in front yard where the Ordinance allows a maximum fence height and above grade wall height of four feet in the front yard; to allow a swimming pool in the front yard where the Ordinance requires a swimming pool to be located in the rear yard. Application approved with conditions.

Thomas Sevchuk, 888 Winyah Avenue. Applicants sought approval to construct an addition contrary to Section 11.06E6, 11.06E14, 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a side yard setback of 8.6 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 12.6 feet; to allow a one car garage where the Ordinance requires a 2-car garage; to allow a building coverage of 21.3% where the ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Application approved with conditions.

Lawrence & Donna Darrow, 4 Carol Road. Applicants sought approval to install a generator contrary to Section 13.02I13 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a generator to be located in the street side yard where the Ordinance does not allow generators to be located in the front or street side yard. Application approved with conditions.

Jeffrey & Elaine Heintz, 564 Sherwood Parkway. Applicants sought approval to construct a garage, patio, and driveway contrary to Section 12.04G and 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a coverage by improvements of 51.5% where the Ordinance allows a maximum coverage by improvements of 50%; to allow a building coverage of 22.6% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Application approved with conditions.

Adam & Jessica Weinstein, 417 Baker Avenue. Applicants sought approval to construct a covered front entry portico contrary to Section 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow building coverage of 21.84% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Application approved with conditions.

Plans and applications are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Linda Jacus
Board Secretary
1 T - 04/22/21, The Leader Fee: $88.23

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and Executive Orders 103 and 107, the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. will be held by **online/virtual means and telephonically only.** The following application will continue:

Plainfield Gas Realty, LLC, 2246 North Avenue, Block 8201, Lot 1, R-3 Zone, who is requesting an Amended Site Plan approval. The Applicant is proposing the addition of a drive-thru window to the existing convenience store with internal Dunkin', along with associated site improvements, which is not a permitted use, as indicated in **Section 23-3.7** of the Township's Ordinances.

The application and supporting materials are on file and will be available for public inspection, free of charge, at least ten (10) days prior to the online/virtual hearing at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zCGz1YjR9nNX_B4T7hfTcS3w08UVbL2S

Several other applications will also be heard. They are as follows:

Adam Bendik, 30 Allenby Lane, Block 14901, Lot 22, R-1 Zone, who proposes to install approximately 185 feet of 8 foot fence at the rear of the aforementioned property, contrary to the following Zoning Ordinance:

Section 23-2.3(o)-Fences: Maximum Allowed: Six (6) feet in the rear yard. Proposed: Eight (8) feet in the rear yard.

Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey (JCC), 1391 Martine Avenue, Block 10401, Lot 1.0101, R-2 Zone, who is requesting a Temporary Operating Permit to allow the continued use of nine (9) tents during the summer camp program at this location. The Applicant is also requesting approval of one (1) additional 20 ft. x 30 ft. tent, one (1) additional 10 feet x 20 feet tent, and seven (7) 20 feet x 20 feet tents to accommodate social distancing in order to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. Permission for a period of three (3) years, if granted, is pursuant to **Section 23-4.3** allowing for temporary permission.

Capitol Seniors Housing Development, LLC, 1814, 1820 & 1830 Raritan Road, Block 13901, Lots 4, 5 & 6, R-1 Zone, who is requesting Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan approval with variances. The Applicant is proposing an 86 unit assisted living facility, contrary to the following Zoning Ordinances:

Section 23-3.5 R-1 Single Family Residence Zone: Assisted living not permitted in this zone.

Section 23-3.4A, Para. A, R-1 Zone, Schedule of Lot, Yard & Building Regulations: Column 7 Front Yard Setback. Minimum Required: 60 feet. Proposed: 42.54 +/-.

Section 23-3.4A, Para. A, R-1 Zone, Schedule of Lot, Yard & Building Regulations: Column 12 Max. Number of Stories. Maximum Allowed: 2.5. Proposed: 3.

These applications and supporting materials are on file and will be available for public inspection, free of charge, at least ten (10) days prior to the online/virtual hearing at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1K3bwr_5dgtRAeIdTAFWaoivCp6FdON5X

Alternately, members of the public may contact the Board Secretary by email at srapant@scotchplainsnj.com or by phone, during regular business hours, at (908) 322-6700 x 307 in order to make an appointment to review the application(s) and supporting materials at the Municipal Building located at 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in these public meeting procedures may join from a computer or cell phone device at:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89750758638?pwd=NEhqczYxZEpJOG1GNWNRVU93LzR6UT09

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Shannon Rapant
Secretary to the Zoning Board
1 T - 04/22/21, The Times Fee: $107.10

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION
NISSAN ALTIMA 2018

Take notice, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10A-8 et seq., application has been made to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to receive title papers authorizing the sale of 2018 Nissan Altima VIN: 1N4AL3AP0JC212928 on April 15, 2021, 8a - 4p by means of public/ private sale. This described motor vehicle which came into possession of Northeast Collision through abandonment or failure of owners to claim it may be examined at 1128 North Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07062. Objections to this sale, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the following address: State of New Jersey, Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Titles Unit, 225 East State Street, P.O. Box 017, Trenton, New Jersey 08666.
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& 04/22/21, The Times Fee: $40.80

PUBLIC NOTICE

2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES - CURRENT FUND	ANTICIPATED 2021	2020
1. Surplus	700,000.00	640,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,285,934.10	1,411,154.50
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	150,000.00	140,000.00
4. Minimum Library Tax	248,409.00	239,090.80
5. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	6,352,512.19	6,208,177.82
Total General Revenues	8,736,855.29	8,638,423.12

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - CURRENT FUND	2021 BUDGET	FINAL 2020 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	3,360,612.00	3,222,020.54
Other Expenses	3,580,710.29	3,629,086.58
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	929,528.00	854,998.00
3. Capital Improvements	10,000.00	75,000.00
4. Debt Service	456,005.00	457,318.00
5. Judgments		
6. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	400,000.00	400,000.00
Total General Appropriations	8,736,855.29	8,638,423.12
Total Number of Employees - Full & Part Time	76	76

BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

	GENERAL
Bond, Loan & Note Principal	5,501,000.00
Bond, Loan & Note Interest	70,365.00
Outstanding Balance	5,571,365.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union on April 8, 2021.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held virtually May 13, 2021 at 7:15 p.m., at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

To join the meeting from desktop/laptop or phone visit:
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Meeting ID: 643 297 0558
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Copies of the detailed budget are available in the vestibule of the Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey 07027 or by email request to s-bruns@garwood.org or on the Borough website at www.garwood.org.

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Routine tasks will include working with parents, staff, and church officers to run these ministries, coordinating with the Pastor on a weekly basis and maintain weekly correspondence with parent groups, and coordinate with the Nursery School Board and the Christian Education committee on a monthly basis.

The candidate should have experience working with children in a church setting, familiarity with Scripture, lesson planning, and event planning, be skilled with facilitating group activities and large-scale events, should work well on a team, and be proficient with Keynote, iMovie and general technological skills. Pay is $20–$25/hour. Please contact Rev. Anastassia Cooper at stassiahsarpe@gmail.com to apply.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 21-10-S
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An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on April 19, 2021. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES FOR 2021

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on May 3, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., via virtual conference and phone conference.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk

1 T - 04/22/21, The Times Fee: $23.46

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION
302 ELM STREET
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Westfield school district, in the County of Union of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held via Webex of the Westfield Board of Education, on April 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2021-22 school year. The Webex meeting can be accessed via the following link: https://westfieldnjk12.webex.com/westfieldnjk12/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4b9a89576dbdfc1d5bb49e8f1f4b88e5

Members of the public can also call into the meeting using the following phone number and access code.

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Dana Sullivan,
School Business Administrator

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

UNION - WESTFIELD TOWN

ADVERTISED ENROLLMENTS

ENROLLMENT CATEGORIES	October 15, 2019 Actual	October 15, 2020 Actual	October 15, 2021 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	5,183	4,959	5,197
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	12	4	0
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	992	981	1,088
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	26	12	0
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	6,213	5,956	6,285
Private School Placements	46	49	48
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	0	0	2
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	31	36	42
Pupils Received	13	16	13
Pupils in State Facilities	1	1	0

UNION - WESTFIELD TOWN

ADVERTISED REVENUES

Budget Category	Account	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Revised	2021-22 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	101,420,397	103,448,805	105,517,781
Total Tuition	10-1300	37,005	80,000	80,000
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	22,095	36,000	50,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	1,206,983	830,000	830,000
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues / Paycheck Protection Program (Apssds Only)	10-1XXX	96,500	91,625	50,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		102,782,980	104,486,430	106,527,781
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	575,681	575,681	575,681
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	1,494,821	975,000	975,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	3,267,760	3,497,975	4,501,010
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	437,833	437,833	437,833
Total Revenues from State Sources		5,776,095	5,486,489	6,489,524
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	42,572	38,503	43,484
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		42,572	38,503	43,484
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	2,475,188	2,110,588
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-307	0	2,503,473	12,012,688
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-310	0	441,105	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	1,394,601	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-6,796,548	0	0
Total Operating Budget		101,805,099	116,825,789	127,184,065
Grants and Entitlements:				
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	616,799	306,356	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	616,799	306,356	0
Revenues from State Sources:				
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	196,638	327,785	327,785
Total Revenues from State Sources		196,638	327,785	327,785
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	119,675	175,585	123,711
Title II	20-4451-4455	72,443	84,090	65,014
Title III	20-4491-4494	18,459	22,570	11,833
Title IV	20-4471-4474	3,133	22,307	9,091
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	1,501,605	1,698,313	1,404,994
Cares Act Education Stabilization Fund	20-4530	0	130,130	0
Cares-Digital Divide Grant	20-4531	0	25,655	0
Coronavirus Relief Fund (Crf)	20-4532	0	170,774	0
Other	20-4XXX	0	325,885	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,715,315	2,655,309	1,614,643
Total Grants and Entitlements		2,528,752	3,289,450	1,942,428
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	3,329,393	2,701,644	2,666,148
Total Revenues from Local Sources		3,329,393	2,701,644	2,666,148
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	779,119	833,695	838,234
Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303	0	123,734	75,863
Total Local Repayment of Debt		4,108,512	3,659,073	3,580,245
Total Repayment of Debt		4,108,512	3,659,073	3,580,245
Total Revenues/Sources		108,442,363	123,774,312	132,706,738
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		108,442,363	123,774,312	132,706,738

UNION - WESTFIELD TOWN

ADVERTISED APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Category	Account	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Revised	2021-22 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	34,287,015	36,162,648	36,581,846
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	8,638,083	8,883,023	9,028,779
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	1,108,700	1,182,881	1,397,330
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	192,454	264,628	264,929
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	465,398	474,655	497,517
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,342,802	1,405,134	1,452,162
Summer School	11-422-XXX-XXX	6,971	7,784	7,994
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	5,597,633	6,444,984	7,409,628
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	40,908	43,596	44,451
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	1,318,408	1,383,923	1,430,753
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	3,073,484	3,251,665	3,341,645
Undistributed Expenditures–Other Support Services, Students–Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	2,095,712	2,276,349	2,359,335
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	2,332,089	2,498,697	2,488,387
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	2,277,280	2,504,563	2,573,778
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,369,304	1,488,267	1,538,746
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	1,209,192	1,187,096	1,147,422
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	82,406	98,168	107,456
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services -General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	1,971,503	2,510,433	2,177,318
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services -School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	3,512,031	3,604,812	3,661,866
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	1,320,454	1,522,825	1,465,975
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	1,177,222	1,361,906	1,262,993
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	6,222,553	6,702,352	6,731,235
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	2,938,311	4,059,763	4,168,194
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	17,777,922	22,490,758	22,554,591
Total Undistributed Expenditures		54,316,412	63,430,157	64,463,773
Increase In Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	100,000	200,000
Total General Current Expense		100,357,835	111,910,910	113,894,330
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	671,416	1,160,289	0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	59,157	48,016	48,016
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	685,825	2,503,474	12,012,688
Increase In Capital Reserve	10-604	0	1,130,969	1,160,588
Total Capital Outlay		1,416,398	4,842,748	13,221,292
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	30,866	72,131	68,443
General Fund Grand Total		101,805,099	116,825,789	127,184,065
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	616,799	306,356	0
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	15,186	24,131	24,131
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	49,779	83,160	83,160
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	58,624	97,951	97,951
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	30,912	40,290	40,290
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	11,433	13,128	13,128
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	30,704	69,125	69,125
Total Other State Projects		196,638	327,785	327,785
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	196,638	327,785	327,785
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	119,675	175,585	123,711
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	72,443	84,090	65,014
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	18,459	22,570	11,833
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	3,133	22,307	9,091
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,501,605	1,698,313	1,404,994
Cares Act Education Stabilization Fund	20-477-XXX-XXX	0	130,130	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	308,700	0
Bridging the Digital Divide Program	20-478-XXX-XXX	0	25,655	0
Coronavirus Relief Fund (Crf) Grant Program	20-479-XXX-XXX	0	170,774	0
Nonpublic Technology Funds Under Crf	20-482-XXX-XXX		17,185	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,715,315	2,655,309	1,614,643
Total Special Revenue Funds		2,528,752	3,289,450	1,942,428
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	4,108,512	3,659,073	3,580,245
Total Debt Service Funds		4,108,512	3,659,073	3,580,245
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		108,442,363	123,774,312	132,706,738
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		108,442,363	123,774,312	132,706,738

UNION - WESTFIELD TOWN

ADVERTISED RECAPITULATION OF BALANCE

Budget Category	Audited Balance 6/30/2019	Audited Balance 6/30/2020	Estimated Balance 6/30/2021	Estimated Balance 6/30/2022
Unrestricted:				
—General Operating Budget	3,080,166	3,564,798	2,555,306	2,308,624
—Repayment of Debt	123,735	123,735	75,863	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes - General Operating Budget:				
—Capital Reserve	7,582,812	12,896,987	11,524,483	672,383
—Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
—Maintenance Reserve	2,009,505	1,633,475	1,292,370	1,492,370
—Legal Reserve	2,957,135	3,329,602	1,863,906	0
—Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
—Current Expense Emergency Reserve	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
—Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
—Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
Repayment of Debt:				
—Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

UNION - WESTFIELD TOWN

ADVERTISED PER PUPIL COST CALCULATIONS

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2018-19 Actual Costs	2019-20 Actual Costs	2020-21 Original Budget	2020-21 Revised Budget	2021-22 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	$14,872	$14,798	$16,208	$17,010	$16,226
Total Classroom Instruction	$9,112	$8,998	$9,819	$10,286	$9,868
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	$8,744	$8,735	$9,507	$9,946	$9,565
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	$292	$195	$207	$228	$195
Classroom-Purchased Services	$77	$68	$105	$111	$108
Total Support Services	$2,729	$2,722	$2,998	$3,114	$3,001
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	$2,317	$2,330	$2,575	$2,649	$2,566
Total Administrative Costs	$1,503	$1,545	$1,711	$1,855	$1,681
Administration Salaries and Benefits	$1,227	$1,245	$1,341	$1,419	$1,332
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	$1,179	$1,175	$1,291	$1,352	$1,283
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	$811	$805	$871	$908	$863
Board Contribution to Food Services	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	$349	$357	$389	$403	$394
Total Equipment Costs	$223	$108	$0	$195	$0
Legal Costs	$29	$34	$54	$59	$54
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	28.42%	27.15%	32.98%	32.93%	32.42%

*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.
** Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: http://www.state.nj.us/education/guide/. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2020-21 revised appropriations and the 2021-22 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
JES HVAC Improvements	5730-120-21-2000	$821,100	Y	N	
EIS HVAC Improvements	5730-070-21-2000	$394,400	Y	N	
FES HVAC Improvements	5730-100-21-2000	$821,100	Y	N	
MES HVAC Improvements	5730-140-21-2000	$862,100	Y	N	
RIS HVAC Improvements	5730-060-21-2000	$165,800	Y	N	
TES HVAC Improvements	5730-145-21-2000	$866,550	Y	N	
WAES HVAC Improvements	5730-150-21-2000	$566,600	Y	N	
WHS Courtyard renovations	5730-050-20-1000	$320,000	Y	N	
WIES HVAC Improvements	5730-160-21-2000	$952,000	Y	N	
EIS digital controls upgrades	5730-070-17-2000	$984,375	Y	N	
FES digital controls upgrade	5730-100-17-1000	$518,438	Y	N	
JES digital controls upgrade	5730-120-17-1000	$328,125	Y	N	
MES digital controls upgrade	5730-140-21-2000	$87,150	Y	N	
RIS digital controls upgrade	5730-060-17-1000	$409,500	Y	N	
TES digital controls upgrade	5730-145-17-1000	$329,700	Y	N	
WAES digital controls upgrade	5730-150-17-1000	$94,500	Y	N	
WHS digital controls upgrade	5730-050-17-1000	$1,061,550	Y	N	
WIES digital controls upgrade	5730-160-17-1000	$329,700	Y	N	
Technology upgrade	5730	$2,100,000	Y	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Administration building, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, Union County, New Jersey between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

1 T - 4/22/21, The Leader Fee: $690.80

Letters to the Editor

New Ways to Celebrate Earth Day, Every Day

As Earth Day approaches, many Union County residents and visitors look for ways in which to commemorate the event.

Picking up litter, planting trees and producing educational programs are among the many traditional Earth Day activities supported by the Board of Commissioners.

We also recognize that our everyday habits can have an impact on the environment and we encourage the whole Union County community to learn new ways in which we can all make a difference, every day.

One good place to start is the statewide "Choose to Reuse NJ" campaign. The campaign aims to encourage shoppers to bring reusable bags when shopping to help cut down on single-use bag.

In particular, single-use plastic bags have become notorious symbols of environmental damage. When disposed improperly, plastic bags easily become windblown litter that can harm wildlife in our County parks. They can also blow into local waterways and travel to the ocean, where they impact marine life.

To help prevent this damage, a new state law will ban single-use paper and plastic grocery bags effective in May of 2022. Visitors to Union County parks can help prepare for the change by using sturdy tote bags or backpacks to carry picnic items and other gear, instead of relying on single-use bags.

Used or broken fishing line is another form of plastic waste that can harm wildlife. Visitors to county parks can help prevent birds, turtles and other local wildlife from getting tangled up by depositing used or broken fishing line in the "Reel in and Recycle" bins now located at several popular fishing spots throughout the County parks system.

Visitors to our parks can also pitch in this year by keeping an eye out for the spotted lantern fly. This invasive pest threatens our native trees and other plants and they should be destroyed on site.

We also continue our free countywide recycling events and we recently introduced the Recycle Coach mobile app to help our residents keep up-to-date on news and schedules for their local recycling programs as well as countywide events.

More information about Recycle Coach and all Union County recycling programs is available online at ucnj.org/recycle.

This year we are also continuing our traditional Arbor Day activities, aimed at encouraging the public to plant and care for trees. Earlier this month, we provided free trees for tree-planting activities at local schools and we are now reviewing submissions to our annual Arbor Day poetry contest for students.

Another ongoing program supported by the Board of Commissioners is the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County. The Extension continues to run environmental programs for adults and students, and they have introduced new online activities, too. More information is available at ucnj.org/rce.

And finally, I am very happy to report that Union County will host a special Earth Day celebration this year, on Saturday, April 24, on the grounds of our Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

We are delighted to bring back this annual event. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet live animals, celebrate wildlife and embrace environmental conservation in our community. Visitors can stroll the grounds or sign up in advance for scheduled activities. For more information, visit ucnj.org/trailside.

For quick links to all environmental programs and activities in Union County, visit ucnj.org/green-connection.

Let us all celebrate this Earth Day, every day.

Alexander Mirabella, Chairman,
Union County
Board of Commissioners

Councilman Requests Public's Help Identifying Local WWII Veterans

Every day, we take one step closer to losing the World War II generation, as so many of the courageous men and women who fought and secured this enormous global victory are now in their late 80s and 90s.

It is difficult to recognize that we will soon lose the memories of World War II through the eyes of the people who experienced it. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, only 352,574 of the 16 million people who served in the war were alive last year.

That national number is expected to drop to 50,000 veterans by 2025, and next to zero within a decade. In New Jersey, there is an estimated 9,000 World War II veterans now living within our 565 municipalities.

Honoring the tremendous sacrifice of our remaining heroes from the "Greatest Generation" must be paramount in Scotch Plains. It is why we are launching our latest effort to collect the names of residents who served during the World War.

As we look to mark another Memorial Day, we want this national holiday to be as meaningful as possible for these brave enlisted men and women, as well as to serve as an educational tool for our youngest residents who still have the gift of World War II veterans living perhaps on their streets or within their neighborhoods.

While Scotch Plains cannot have its annual parade again this year because of the lingering pandemic, I ask the entire community for help. Please let us know if you have the name of a World War II veteran living in town. We keep an ongoing list at town hall, but I can only surmise that there are names were are missing.

There is no time to lose, as each and every Scotch Plains resident who served should be continually recognized for his or her valiant defense of our principles of freedom. Please, if you know of a veteran living here or in Fanwood, I ask that you reach out to Bob LaCosta at blacosta@scotchplainsnj.com or call (908) 939-8448.

Councilman Roc White
Scotch Plains

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 21-11-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on April 19, 2021. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on May 3, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., via virtual conference and phone conference.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

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 **05/13/21**, 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:

ITS Maintenance Job Order Contract North-2021; 100% State Funded
UPC NO: N/A; DP No: 21600

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 (P.L 1975, c. 127); N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.19, contractors must provide a Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form prior to contract award.

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.

Plans, 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 Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Stierli Court
Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856
973-601-6690

One Executive Campus Rt 70 West
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002
856-486-6623

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:30 PM, the Township of Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment will conduct a virtual hearing of the Zoning Board online by virtual means (through ZOOM Meeting) and telephonically only to consider a request for Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan and Variance approvals, (Section 23-3.5: assisted living use not permitted in the R-1 Zone; Section 23-3.4A: front yard setback - 60 feet minimum, approximately 42.54 feet proposed; Section 23-3.4A: building height (stories) - 2.5 stories maximum, 3 stories proposed) and such other variances, relief and/or waivers that may be required upon an analysis of the plans and testimony at the VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING on the Application submitted by the Applicant, Capitol Seniors Housing Development, LLC, for the properties located at 1814, 1820 & 1830 Raritan Road, Block 13901, Lots 4, 5 & 6 on the Tax Maps of the Township of Scotch Plains. The Applicant is proposing to construct an 86-unit assisted living facility along with parking, lighting, landscaping, signs and related site improvements. The properties are located in the R-1 (single-family) Zone.

In compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq., as amended by A-3850, and in consideration of the Executive Orders signed by Governor Murphy related to the current COVID-19 pandemic, and in an effort to follow best practices recommended by the United States Center for Disease Control to limit personal contact and public gatherings, and pursuant to the guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, the Township of Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment will consider this Application at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:30 PM by online/virtual means and telephonically only. Members of the public who wish to monitor or present any objections to the granting of this Application and participate in the virtual online meeting, may join the Zoom meeting from a computer or cell phone with internet access by visiting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89750758638?pwd=NEhqczYxZEpJOG1GNWNRVU93LzR6UT09

and using Meeting ID: 897 5075 8638 and Passcode: 192267, or to participate by phone, please use the following: for one-tap mobile:

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https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1K3bwr_5dgtRAeIdTAFWaoivCp6FdON5X

If you are unable to access the Application materials utilizing the above link, please contact the Zoning Board Secretary, Shannon Rapant by email at srapant@scotchplainsnj.com or by phone, during regular business hours, at (908) 322-6700 ext. 307 to make an appointment to review the Application and supporting materials at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076. Additionally, if you have any questions regarding the virtual hearing process or accessing and participating in the virtual hearing of the Township of Scotch Plains Zoning Board scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:30 PM, please contact the Board Secretary. The public hearing may be continued without further notice at such additional or other dates as the Board may determine.

Joseph A. Paparo, Esq.
Porzio Bromberg & Newman, P.C.
Attorneys for the Applicant

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
GARWOOD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of the Garwood Public School District, in the County of Union, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Garwood Board of Education, on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, via ZOOM Broadcast, at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2021/2022 school year.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Lincoln School, 400 Second Avenue, Garwood, Union County New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

Dr. Dennis R. Frohnapfel, Interim Business Administrator / Board Secretary

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

UNION - GARWOOD BORO

ADVERTISED ENROLLMENTS

ENROLLMENT CATEGORIES	October 15, 2019 Actual	October 15, 2020 Actual	October 15, 2021 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	294	295	295
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	64	62	62
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	358	357	357
Private School Placements	2	8	8
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	108	113	114
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	23	29	36

UNION - GARWOOD BORO

ADVERTISED REVENUES

Budget Category	Account	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Revised	2021-22 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	7,949,970	8,183,873	8,347,550
Other Local Governmental Units-Unrestricted	10-12XX	12,000	60,000	60,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	83,665	75,000	34,570
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	0	0	273
Total Revenues from Local Sources		8,045,635	8,318,873	8,442,393
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	88,326	88,326	88,326
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	121,983	68,289	85,400
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	342,950	372,413	394,101
Equalization Aid	10-3176	77,425	77,425	77,425
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	11,310	11,310	11,310
Adjustment Aid	10-3178	3,963	3,963	3,963
Total Revenues from State Sources		645,957	621,726	660,525
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	272,362	437,980
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-309	0	0	231,472
Withdrawal from Tuition Reserve for Tuition Adjustments	10-311	0	150,000	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		825,100	0	0
Total Operating Budget		9,516,692	9,362,961	9,772,370
Grants and Entitlements:				
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	2,301	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	2,301	0	0
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	33,074	28,989	24,640
Title II	20-4451-4455	10,122	8,139	6,918
Title IV	20-4471-4474	10,000	10,000	8,500
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	103,952	104,858	89,130
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		157,148	151,986	129,188
Total Grants and Entitlements		159,449	151,986	129,188
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	526,625	530,300	531,800
Total Revenues from Local Sources		526,625	530,300	531,800
Total Local Repayment of Debt		526,625	530,300	531,800
Total Repayment of Debt		526,625	530,300	531,800
Total Revenues/Sources		10,202,766	10,045,247	10,433,358
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		10,202,766	10,045,247	10,433,358

UNION - GARWOOD BORO

ADVERTISED APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Category	Account	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Revised	2021-22 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	1,607,843	1,579,619	1,689,101
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	684,729	754,509	889,914
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	0	100	0
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	21,344	50,000	50,000
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	24,967	7,129	7,129
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	3,026,802	3,421,525	2,986,352
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	91,976	80,366	86,527
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	330,777	176,140	178,837
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	7,348	66,465	64,437
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	249,479	246,268	307,802
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	32,326	72,837	233,055
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	26,027	25,655	56,970
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	4,170	1,650	20,150
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services -General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	221,997	227,394	210,365
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services -School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	185,215	193,770	165,390
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	146,699	123,683	177,645
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	35,396	39,107	27,700
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	738,823	644,285	634,423
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	430,532	489,157	502,900
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	1,072,349	1,133,625	1,222,251
Total Undistributed Expenditures		6,599,916	6,941,927	6,874,804
Total General Current Expense		8,938,799	9,333,284	9,510,948
Capital Expenditures:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	577,893	29,677	261,149
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	0	273
Total Capital Outlay		577,893	29,677	261,422
General Fund Grand Total		9,516,692	9,362,961	9,772,370
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,301	0	0
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	33,074	28,989	24,640
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,122	8,139	6,918
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,000	10,000	8,500
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	103,952	104,858	89,130
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	157,148	151,986	129,188
Total Special Revenue Funds		159,449	151,986	129,188
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	526,625	530,300	531,800
Total Debt Service Funds		526,625	530,300	531,800
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		10,202,766	10,045,247	10,433,358
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		10,202,766	10,045,247	10,433,358

UNION - GARWOOD BORO

ADVERTISED RECAPITULATION OF BALANCES

Budget Category	Audited Balance 6/30/2019	Audited Balance 6/30/2020	Estimated Balance 6/30/2021	Estimated Balance 6/30/2022
Unrestricted:				
—General Operating Budget	347,352	366,056	519,180	250,000
—Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes - General Operating Budget:				
—Capital Reserve	272,844	272,844	272,844	41,645
—Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
—Maintenance Reserve	152,310	0	0	0
—Legal Reserve	385,000	378,800	168,800	0
—Tuition Reserve	300,000	150,000	0	0
—Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0
—Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
—Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
Repayment of Debt:				
—Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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ADVERTISED PER PUPIL COST CALCULATIONS

	2018-19 Actual Costs	2019-20 Actual Costs	2020-21 Original Budget	2020-21 Revised Budget	2021-22 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	$14,153	$15,201	$15,147	$15,189	$16,798
Total Classroom Instruction	$7,730	$8,205	$8,470	$8,493	$9,323
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	$7,229	$7,839	$8,091	$8,113	$8,758
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	$451	$347	$372	$373	$566
Classroom-Purchased Services	$51	$18	$7	$7	$0
Total Support Services	$2,246	$2,467	$2,367	$2,374	$3,311
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	$1,765	$1,736	$2,065	$2,071	$2,735
Total Administrative Costs	$1,866	$2,014	$2,012	$2,018	$1,899
Administration Salaries and Benefits	$1,494	$1,611	$1,582	$1,586	$1,422
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	$2,110	$2,343	$2,084	$2,090	$2,046
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	$1,109	$1,249	$1,180	$1,184	$1,123
Board Contribution to Food Services	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	$193	$162	$206	$206	$206
Total Equipment Costs	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Legal Costs	$51	$93	$84	$84	$118
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	29.04%	30.82%	31.74%	31.74%	31.53%

*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.
** Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: http://www.state.nj.us/education/guide/. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2020-21 revised appropriations and the 2021-22 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

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Arts & Entertainment

Performances, Exhibitions Stream From The Watchung Arts Center

WATCHUNG – The Watchung Arts Center (WAC) will kick off this Spring Season by streaming live music from different genres including folk-rock, classical and banjo! Join us for a spectacular concert featuring folk-rock artist Chip Mergott on Saturday, May 8 at 8 p.m. Next, enjoy an exquisite evening of classical music by virtuoso pianist Sophia Agranovich on Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m. Tune into the internationally renowned Tony Trischka, the man who made the banjo bigger, jazzier and more worldly, on Saturday, June 5 at 8 p.m. Due to the Pandemic all these Concerts will be streamed live from the Watchung Arts Center to the comfort and safety of your home via Zoom.

Each month, the WAC typically displays the work of local and professional artists in its two galleries. Due to Covid, the Center has scheduled a virtual screening of the art exhibitions on its website. The Watchung Arts Center's Members Exhibition showcases the work of Ruth Brown, Albert E. Cook, Jr., Virginia Carroll, Charlann Meluso, Bryan Murray, Monica Schraiber Otero and Cecilly B. Sullivan.

In addition to its performance and exhibit schedule, the Watchung Arts Center also offers classes for adults and children. The Spring Yoga Session begins April 6 to June 18 and offers gentle, restorative, and Level II/III Iyenger Classes. Children's classes in drawing and painting enrichment are also slated to run from Monday, April 12 to Monday, June 7. In view of the current and uncertain times all these classes are being offered virtually.

The Watchung Arts Center, located at 18 Stirling Road in Watchung on the Watchung Circle, is a multi-disciplinary arts facility serving Watchung, the surrounding communities and the Tri-State Area. To obtain more information about upcoming performances, classes and workshops and monthly art exhibitions, please visit WatchungArts.org or call (908) 753-0190.

Learn All about Archery At Oak Ridge Park

COUNTY – As the summer approaches, the Union County Board of Commissioners welcomes residents to enjoy the Union County Archery Range at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. This outdoor public archery range is the first, and only, facility of its kind in the region.

"The Archery Range provides an inclusive activity for all Union County residents to enjoy, from beginners to seasoned archers and it is fully accessible to welcome persons with disabilities," said Board of Commissioners Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

The Archery Range is open to any Union County resident or visitor age nine and older with an Archery ID Card. The ID card can be obtained by passing a safety course offered through the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, consisting of a training session followed by hands-on instruction at the range.

To sign up for a group safety lesson, or to renew an existing Archery ID card, call (908) 527-4900 or visit ucnj.org/archery.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, mask and social distancing measures have been implemented at the Archery Range. All even-numbered stalls are closed to allow for social distancing and only one archer and one household member are allowed to share a lane.

In addition, the size of the group safety lessons has been limited to eight participants to allow for social distancing and the range will be closed to other archers during the lessons.

For more information about Oak Ridge Park and all Union County recreation facilities, visit ucnj.org/parks.

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Ralph's Famous Italian Ices & Ice Cream Opening in Westfield This May

By: HILLARY SHOPE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — After a delayed opening due to the pandemic, Ralph's Famous Italian Ices & Ice Cream of Westfield is opening Saturday, May 1.

Catherine Jensen, President of Ralph's Famous Italian Ices & Ice Cream of Westfield, has been working hard to get the shop up and running.

"We are a brand new store. Everything had to be done from scratch," said Ms. Jensen. "It used to be a monument store for thirty five years."

The store has come a long way since it was purchased by Ms. Jensen and received a full makeover: fun and unique artwork by local artist, Rich Janusz (@ryzart), a redesigned interior to meet their ice cream needs, and a welcoming and nostalgic outdoor dining spice.

Although Ralph's has faced challenges and delays due to Covid-19, there has been a silver lining for Ms. Jensen through it all.

"It has been such a journey in so many different ways, not just as a matter of construction, but a journey of making friends with people that I would never have met had I not been on this journey," Ms. Jensen told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*. "It's almost like we've become an extended family of these people."

Ms. Jensen hopes Ralph's will become a gathering place for friends, family and loved ones. Ralph's will have outdoor seating beside their new mural, also crafted by Mr. Janusz. Ms. Jensen plans to have speakers outside during the warmer months and will always be playing some tunes.

"What I expect is to have people come into Ralph's and I expect those people to have a warm and happy feeling as they enter into the store," said Ms. Jensen. "The colors and the decor [are] all about happiness and about feeling good. It's about walking in and being happy and having a smile on your face when you walk in."

Ms. Jensen told *The Leader/Times* that the three ingredients that make Ralph's so welcoming are its sunny demeanor, delicious products and friendly, customer-oriented staff members that leave customers even happier than when they first came into the store.

Ralph's has an extensive menu, ranging from their classic ices, creme ices, sundaes, and their latest creation called "doughnado," which includes an overload of ice cream and your choice of cookie dough. They also have various toppings, flavors, and more. The full menu can be found on their website: http://ralphsicesofwestfieldnj.com/.

Ralph's is open seasonally and is located on the corner of Central Avenue and Park Street. Ralph's will be open Monday through Sunday, 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. during the summer months. Customers can follow @ralphsfamouswestfield on Instagram for the latest updates.

Photo Courtesy of Ralph's

THE INSIDE SCOOP...The Ralph's team of Westfield prepares for opening day. Pictured from left to right are: Ellie Sacks, Jessica Zdep, Joey Tortorella, Cathy Jensen, Jane Sullivan, Brian Sampson, Alexia Vieites, Mattie Waller, Grace Imperial and Phoebe Kotch.

Westfield PD to Host Autism Family Day on Sunday

WESTFIELD – As part of the Town's recognition of Autism Awareness Month, Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro announced that the Police Department will host an Autism Family Day on Sunday, April 25, from 12 to 2 p.m.

Joined by the Westfield Fire Department, Public Works, and the Rescue Squad, the Westfield Police Department will provide this open house format for residents on the autism spectrum and their families. Emergency vehicles and equipment will be on display, and attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy light refreshments and interact with officers and Town employees in an informal, approachable environment.

"One of our ongoing priorities in the department is inclusivity, and hosting this event is one way for us to invite members of the autism spectrum community to see our resources and speak with officers so that we can better understand their needs," said Chief Battiloro. "Following the success of this event in 2019, we are looking forward to its return this year."

This year's event will also feature local author and illustrator Cindy Gelormini, who will be reading *Robbie's World and His SPECTRUM of Adventures!* at 1 p.m., which is about a little penguin with autism. The book series is based on her journey raising her son Robbie, who was diagnosed with autism at age two. After her son passed away at age 27, she started writing children's books and recently appeared on The Today Show.

Historically Living

Station Wagons, Sports Cars, Sedans - We Sold & Serviced Them All

By **Jennifer Jaruzelski**, Historic Preservation Commission
Sponsored by **Carol Tener**, Coldwell Banker West

A Ford Woody wagon comes In for service at a filling station on Prospect Street In the late 1930s or early 1940s. (Photos courtesy of Westfield Historical Society archives).

Like most suburbs, Westfield was largely shaped by the car. The first gasoline-powered automobile rolled into town in 1902, and by the end of the decade Hiram L. Fink had converted his car-riage business on Elm Street into one of the first dealers, selling Elmore, Overland and Maxwell cars.

At the time of Its closing In 2009, Norris Chevrolet was Westfield's oldest dealership, having done business for over 80 years. It occupied a prominent spot at Central and North Avenues before moving further east on North. (Photo courtesy Sherry Cronin).

The influx of cars following WWI gave rise to a host of related businesses, including mechanics, car washes and filling stations. By the 1920s, garages were a standard feature of most homes and photos of families posing with their shiny new status symbols became increasingly common. At the peak in the mid-1960s, no fewer than 10 different dealerships lined North and South Avenues, primarily family-owned businesses selling a host of domestic makes, including Buick, Chevrolet, Dodge, Oldsmobile and Pontiac, among others.

A gathering of early roadsters and touring cars at Lambert's garage at Central and Lenox Avenues, c. 1914.

As the industry consolidated, so too did the dealers. Auto sales had largely moved to the highway and later online by the time of the financial crisis in 2008. Westfield's last new car dealership closed in 2013, but our love affair with the automobile contin-ues, along with the associated parking issues.

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The Strange Science of Smell Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m. Dr. Robert Pellegrino of the Monell Chemical Senses Center will join participants via Zoom to talk about what we know and we're learning about smell. He'll share the ways our lives can be improved through ongoing research, including the development of a rapid COVID-19 diagnostic test based on smell. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

Caring For Your Trees Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Stop by the Scotch Plains Library for a drive-thru seedling giveaway as part of the Township's Earth Day celebration. For more information, go to scotlib.org/event/caring-for-your-trees.

Trinitas "TRAC" Program Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. Dr. James McCreath, Ph.D., LCSW, will introduce a new Trinitas program called TRAC to benefit people who need community support services to complement their mental health medical treatment. To register, please email Denise at namiunioncounty@yahoo.com or visit us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrfuqvpz4pGdyuAjsMDF1SWeOg0EDE-UX-.

Bagels and Books Monday, May 3, 10 a.m. Use this Zoom meeting to share what you have been reading or listening to and pick up suggestions for future reading. This month, the group will also discuss their dream literary dinner parties. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

Consumer Fraud Protection Monday, May 3, 7 p.m. Listen to a representative from the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs as they present a virtual presentation on how to avoid being scammed. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

Zumba Gold Thursdays, April 15 to May 20, 11 a.m. This is perfect for active, older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower-intensity. This class will run for 4 sessions and will be held at the picnic pavilion in Tamaques Park. Pre-registration is required, $40. To register, please visit bit.ly/WRDseniors. For additional information, please contact Lauren at lharmer@westfieldnj.gov or (908) 789-4080 ext 4088.

Senior Fitness Thursdays, April 15 to May 20, 12 p.m. A combination of seated and standing cardiovascular work, strength training and balance work suitable for the older adult. This class will run for 6 sessions and will be held at the picnic pavilion in Tamaques Park. Pre-registration is required, $30. To register, please visit bit.ly/WRDseniors. For additional information, please contact Lauren at lharmer@westfieldnj.gov or (908) 789-4080 ext 4088.

April Cookbook Club Thursday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. Celebrate the arrival of spring by focusing on vegetables. Prepare the recipe at home and we'll meet on Zoom to discuss the results. To register, please visit scotlib.org or call (908) 322-5007.

Basket Bingo Friday, April 16. Join us for Basket Bingo where there will be different baskets that you can win such as dinner for two, gardening supplies, spring cleaning supplies, and more at the picnic pavilion at Tamaques Park. Pre-registration is required, $5. To register, please visit bit.ly/WRDseniors. For additional information, please contact Lauren at lharmer@westfieldnj.gov or (908) 789-4080 ext 4088.

Songs of the Suffragists Monday, April 19, 7 p.m. Join the virtual presentation of "Songs of the Suffragists: Lyrics of American Feminism from 1850 to 2020," by Susan Ferris. To register, please visit scotlib.org or call (908) 322-5007.

Afternoon Book Club Tuesday, April 20, 1 p.m. Join a Zoom discussion about "All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation" by Rebecca Traister. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

Kids Create: Chocolate Whipped Cream Thursday, April 22, 4 p.m. Students in Kindergarten to 5th grade can learn to make their own Chocolate Whipped Cream. For this activity participants will need: powdered sugar, unsweetened cocoa powder, and heavy whipping cream. To register, visit scotlib.org.

Scripting Your Success: Becoming Your Own Best Advocate & Empowering Yourself Toward Your Goals Tuesday, April 27, 7 p.m. Dr. Colleen Georges will discuss methods for speaking to yourself with compassion and empowerment in order to achieve your personal and professional goals and manage struggles and stressors with hope and resilience. To register, visit wmlnj.org.

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ANOTHER LOOSE BALL...Blue Devil Carley Farella, No. 17, and a Mountain Lakers Laker notice a loose ball as Blue Devil Maggie Aslanian, No. 10, watches from a far at Gary Kehler Stadium on April 3, 2019.

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BEGINNING THE SECOND LEG OF THE DMR...Blue Devil Mia Melao, right, hands the baton to Molly Ryan to start the 400-meter leg of the distance medley relay at the Blue Devil Invitational at Kehler Stadium on April 21, 2018.

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From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* - complete accounts can be found at www.goleader.com - year - month - week.

April 6, 2019: Eight strong innings by Blue Devil starting pitcher Mike Catanzaro was not quite enough as the Somerville Pioneers tapped reliever Mike Carlone for four runs in the top of the ninth inning to overcome the hosting Westfield baseball team, 8-4, on April 6. Working with Mike Charlton behind the plate, Catanzaro held the 2-0 Pioneers scoreless in six of the eight innings. Five of those scoreless innings, which included denying hits or walks to 12 straight batters, came after the Pioneers put together four singles and took advantage of a throwing error to score three runs in the second inning. Catanzaro worked his pitches well to allow no walks, while striking out two batters.

Blue Devil senior Matt McIntyre, fresh off a winter track season where he was part of the WHS record-setting 4x400 team, had the Pioneers' number and was able to get on base his first four at-bats with three walks and a single, while scoring three runs and stealing three bases. Jake Bencivenga walked and scored the other run.

April 6, 2019: The Scotch Plains-Fanwood baseball team pounded Union City, 15-2, in five innings in Scotch Plains on April 6. Tyler Stines went 3-3 with a triple and a double. Willy Gale had two hits, an RBI and scored once. Jon Ramos tripled, doubled and scored twice. Pitcher Danny Wilkinson, who struck out eight batters, singled, scored twice and had an RBI. Mike Dieu tripled and scored twice. Pat Cuccurullo doubled and had two RBI. Josh Canavan (RBI), Angelo DiNizo and Dean Kirian each singled and scored once. Ricky Lopez scored once.

April 6, 2019: Conor Halpin flicked in seven goals, added an assist and scooped six ground balls as the Cranford boys lacrosse team sank Lakeland, 14-5, in Cranford on April 6. Cole Blazek netted three goals and an assist. Nate Caldwell and Dante Cassaro each had two goals and an assist, while Mike Kalnins contributed four assists. Adam Kutzer had an assist and six ground balls. Goalkeeper Phil Marotta made 10 saves.

April 6, 2019: The Westfield girls lacrosse team, led by Nicole Scheuermann with six goals and two assists and Olivia Shields with four goals and five assists, blasted Saddle River Day, 17-5, in Westfield on April 6. Kellie Leuthold and Paige Radice each netted two goals. Mikaela Buoscio, Carley Farella and LJ Kehler each scored once.

April 21, 2018: Westfield High School (WHS) junior Samantha Stravach recorded the best throw in the javelin event and Raider Trinity Hart had the longest leap in the long jump to lead their threesomes to top honors at the Blue Devil Invitational Track & Field Meet at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield. The Blue Devil

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PLAY AT THE PLATE...Blue Devil catcher Mike Charlton gets the throw from leftfield and puts the tag on Patriot Jason Hilenski in the second inning at Bob Brewster, Sr. Field in Westfield on April 20, 2018.

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BEGINNING THE SECOND LEG OF THE DMR...Blue Devil Matt Meusel hands the baton to Jackson O'Brien to start the 400-meter leg of the distance medley relay at the Blue Devil Invitational at Kehler Stadium on April 21, 2018.

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girls won the javelin, sprint medley relay (SMR) and the pole vault, while the SPF Raiders took top honors in the long jump event.

Stravach with the meet's best toss of 112-5, Kylinn Kraemer and Bekah Dayon won the javelin with a total distance of 272-8. Blue Devils Leah Norton, Kraemer and Olivia Mueller won the pole vault with a height of 24-6. Blue Devils Tani Horton, Alexis Hammer, Jaimie DeDea and Mia Melao crossed first in the sprint medley relay (SMR) with a time of 4:29.59. Raiders Trinity Hart (meet's best leap of 17-6.25), Corinne Lyght and Abbe-Gayle Burton took first in the long jump with a distance of 49-10.25.

April 21, 2018: The Westfield Blue Devil boys captured first in the team javelin event and the distance medley relay (DMR) and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders won the 400 hurdles at the Blue Devil Invitational Track & Field Meet that featured many of the state's top teams at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield. The Blue Devils and Raiders also recorded a number of second and third place finishes.

Blue Devil senior Joe San Giacomo recorded the meet's best toss in the javelin with a toss of 158-4. San Giacomo, Brendan Riccardi and Conner Hoch finished with a total distance of 429-3. In the DMR, Blue Devil Matt Meusel ran the opening 1,200 leg and handed off to Jackson O'Brien for the 400 leg. Cooper Brennan took the handoff for the 800 leg and Spencer Weigand ran the 1,600 anchor leg to cross first in 10:45.49 more than 14 seconds ahead of Union Catholic. Raiders Dhvanil Nanshah, Kyle Estivene and Will Loop took top honors in the 400 hurdles at 2:59.91.

April 18, 2017: The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team shook off a weeklong hitting slump with a solid 14-2 victory over Linden on April 18 in Scotch Plains. Senior Colin McAlindin went 2-for-2 with a pair of doubles, drove in three runs and scored twice to spark the Raiders' offense. Jonathan Ramos rapped a two-run single. Peter Yarem had two RBI, a double and three runs scored. Jake Canavan tapped an RBI single and an RBI sac fly and stole home. Peter Warren had an RBI single as did Ryan Yawger.

April 20, 2017: Hitting called the shots and the Morristown baseball team delivered the majority of them in an 11-6 victory over Westfield at Bob Brewster Memorial Field in Westfield on April 20. The 4-5 Colonials rapped 15 hits, including a pair of home runs and five doubles, while the 4-6 Blue Devils had 11 hits, including four doubles. Blue Devil Alex Pancini rapped an RBI double, singled and scored twice. Chris Wagner ripped an RBI double and an RBI single and scored once, Matt LaCorte singled twice and scored once and Jake Vall-Llobera singled twice and had an RBI. Victor Cruz slammed an RBI double, was hit-by-a-pitch and scored once. Arthur Xiao singled and scored once and Drew Ortiz drilled a double in his only plate appearance.

April 20, 2017: A late rally came up short once again as the

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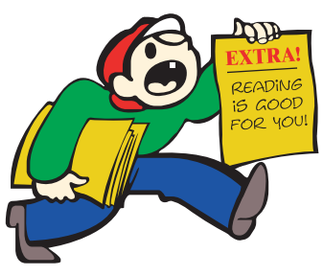

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TRYING TO PULL OFF ANOTHER SQUEEZE...Raider first baseman Matt Fox charges a squeeze bunt that rolls foul. The Blue Devils did pull off a successful squeeze bunt with the previous batter Devin Anderson (April 15, 2016).

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KEEPING PACE WITH A COUGAR...Raider midfielder Johnny Moore, No. 9, keeps pace with Cougar midfielder Cameron Kutzer, No. 20, in the "Cole's Cup" game in Scotch Plains on April 17, 2014. The Raiders won in overtime, 9-8.

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Cougar boys lacrosse team dropped a 7-5 decision to New Providence on April 20 at Memorial Field in Cranford. The Cougars came up with three unanswered fourth-period goals to cut a 7-2 deficit to just two at 7-5. With still over three minutes to play and a man up advantage for the next 1:20, the Cougars had a chance to pull within one goal. But it never happened. Instead, the Cougars failed to notch another goal when they needed it most and ended up with another close loss, dropping their overall season mark to 1-8. Cougar Jack Callan netted two goals and an assist, Sean Bryson scored twice and Hunter Brogan scored once.

April 16, 2016: Westfield catcher Devin Anderson said after the victory over Governor Livingston on April 15, "If we throw strikes, keep low in the zone, play solid defense and hit when we need to, we will do very well." The Blue Devils did do very well in their second outing against the hosting Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders. They hit when they needed to hit, especially in the second inning, and received a fine five-inning performance from starting pitcher Alex Pancini and two strong innings of relief from Matt Busardo, which resulted in a 6-2 victory, giving the Blue Devils their sixth straight victory after dropping their first three games.

Pancini limited the Raiders to just a pair of singles (George Mueller, Jake Canavan), while ceding a walk and a hit batter and striking out three. Busardo allowed one hit (George Leichtling) and hit one batter. Raider Peter Warren walked twice and scored on Sam Schetelich's RBI groundout. Canavan singled, stole second, moved to third on a groundout then scored on Peter Yarem's groundout.

The Blue Devils' bats were working well and accumulated 13 hits, which included three hits from first baseman Victor Cruz, who also scored once and had an RBI. J Mack Rembisz and Chris Rinaldi each pounded a pair of singles an added an RBI. Bobby Abbott (RBI), JD Marner and Jake Vall-Llobera each singled and scored once. Anderson had an RBI single, Jacob Kurstedt singled, Steve Barmakian scored once and Owen Kessler boomed an RBI triple.

April 19, 2016: Momentum has appeared to be rolling in the Westfield High School softball team's favor and apparently at the right time, just before the first round of the Union County Tournament. Sophomore pitcher Bridget Hyland tossed a complete game three-hitter and walked only two batters in an eight strikeout performance to lead the Blue Devils to a 5-2 victory over the Elizabeth Lady Minutemen at Westfield on April 19.

Blue Devil Natalie Patterson rapped a hopping RBI single over second to score Abby Gulla in the second. Erica Lawrence stepped to the plate and bounced an RBI single up the middle to score Hailey Reilly in the third. Jordan Sacher and Gulla singled in the sixth and Danielle Rinaldi hammered an RBI single that got past the leftfielder, allowing her to round the bases and score.

April 19, 2014: Senior midfielder Andrew Capuano fired in two goals within the final 20 seconds of regulation to force overtime, but attacker Matt Shippee scored on a wraparound to give the No. 11 Ridgewood Maroon an 11-10 victory over the No. 12 Westfield High School boys lacrosse team during the Imagine (children and families coping with loss) Fundraiser at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on

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CLOSE TABS ON A MAROON...Blue Devil sophomore defender Owen Colwell, No. 16, keeps close tabs on Ridgewood Maroon midfielder Matt Donovan, No. 15, during the Imagine Fundraider at Kehler Stadium (April 19, 2014).

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TAKING THE LEAD AND KEEPING IT IN THE DMR...Blue Devil Kevin Smith keeps the lead in the 1,600-meter leg of the Distance Medley Relay. Matt Luppino, Joe Obiajulu, Dan Luzzi and Smith won the event (April 20, 2013).

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April 19.

Junior attacker Luke Prybylski led the 5-3 Blue Devils with three goals and a pair of assists against the 5-3 Maroon. Senior attacker Chris Aslanian provided two goals and an assist, and senior attacker Jackson Boyle had a goal and an assist, while midfielders Patrick Decker (assist) and Pat Aslanian each added a goal and sophomore attacker James Bohlinger contributed an assist.

April 18, 2013: Casie Milmoe, Lauren Ednie and Jackie Brozyna found the seams in the second half to pull the Verona Hillbillies past the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls lacrosse team, 12-5, in Scotch Plains on April 18. Midfielder Annie Cannone and attacker Andrea McNeeley each notched a pair of goals and midfielder Haley Regan added a goal and an assist for the 3-5 Raiders. Raider goalie Megan Welsh made five saves in the first half and three in the second half.

April 16, 2012: Strong defense, especially on the part of sophomore goalkeeper Megan Welch, nearly allowed the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls lacrosse team to topple Caldwell from the ranks of the undefeated, but a pair of late goals from Annie Mergner salvaged a 10-9 victory for the 6-0 Lady Chiefs in Scotch Plains. Welch, who had six saves in the first half, withstood a barrage of shots on goal to add, at least, 12 more saves in the second half.

Raider senior Liz Schiller and sophomore Andrea McNeeley each scored three goals and had an assist, while sophomore Julie Hagan had two goals, and junior Haley Regan netted a goal and two assists.

April 20, 2012: Chaos overcame sanity and the result was a 15-10 slugfest, mixed with a multitude of errors, that was salvaged by the hosting Westfield Blue Devil softball team over the SPF Raiders. The Blue Devils banged the ball hard but nobody more than Cali Chambliss (4-for-5, 3 runs scored), who hammered a solo home run and added a three-run blast. Julia Criscuolo went 5-for-5 with a two-run homer and an RBI single. Shannon Schaefer rapped three singles, had two RBI and scored four times.

Raider Kelly Lapham ripped a pair of singles and a double and scored twice. Mary Coloney went 2-for-3 with three RBI and a run scored. Liz Gallo singled twice and scored twice. Sara Killeen (RBI, run scored) poked a pair of singles.

April 21, 2012: Top teams from North and Central New Jersey converged on Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield and proceeded to break 15 meet records at the Blue Devil Classic Relays. The Union Catholic Viking boys broke three meet records and the Cranford Cougar girls broke one meet record. In the girls' events, Cougar Bryanna Grant (37.5.5) and Regine Hunter (35-11.75) broke the Cougars' own meet record of 67-10.75 (2011) in the triple jump by combining for a distance of 73-5.25.

Blue Devils Peter Fagan with the top height of 14 feet and John Stelmach took top honors in the pole vault with a height of 26-6. Blue Devils Meghan Reilly (113-11 – third best) and Christina Mosco took top honors in the javelin with a distance of 212-7. Raiders Justine Valdes, Devora Ward, Dariana Devore and Erin Pierce took first in the sprint medley relay with a time of 4:16.64.

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ACTION AT 2ND BASE...Blue Devil Tyler Bowman leaps over Lion Rob Young as he slides into second base in the first inning. North Hunterdon defeated the Blue Devils, 13-3, on April 17, 2013.

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COMPETING IN THE TRIPLE JUMP...Raider Leah Salituro attempts to get a huge leap in the triple jump at the Blue Devil Classic Relays (April 20, 2013).

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April 16, 2011: Waves of "Blue" gushed over the finish line in emphatic fashion in the distance medley relay (DMR) as the Westfield High School boys overcame chilling weather conditions to finish 1-2-4 in the event at the Blue Devil Relays at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on April 16. The Blue Devil boys also finished 1-4 in the 4x800 meters, and the Blue Devil girls took top honors in the team javelin. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls brought home a first place in the team long jump, and the Cranford Cougar girls grabbed first in the team triple jump.

The Westfield "A" foursome of Jack Leahy, Jacob Vergara, Sam Tooley and Andrew Kirna crossed first in the DMR with a time of 10:38.52, followed by the Westfield "B" team of Zach Lizmi, Jason Isbit, Kevin Ingram and John Kirna at 10:45.37. Westfield "C" team members Kevin Smith, Eddy Han, Bryan Reilly and Evan Tarlow crossed fourth in 10:59.7.

Blue Devils David Carville, Jon Henry, Tooley and Andrew Kirna crossed first in the 4x800 with a time of 8:11.44, while the Westfield "B" foursome of Leahy, Lizmi, John Kirna and Kevin Smith crossed fourth at 8:25.15.

Lady Raiders Christine Charles (15-6.5 – third-best jump) and Emily Nagourney (14-11.25 – sixth-best jump) won the long jump event with a distance of 30-5.25. Christina Mosco had the best toss in the javelin at 103-5, topping her previous personal record by nearly seven feet, and teammate Meghan Reilly with a toss of 91-2 earned the Lady Blue Devils first in the event with a total distance of 194-7. Cougars Bryanna Grant, with the day's best leap of 35-1, and Gillian Burke (32-9.75 – fifth-best distance) took top honors in the triple jump with a distance of 67-10.75.

April 18, 2011: The Westfield High School boys lacrosse team handled the New Providence Pioneers, 13-1, in Westfield on April 18. Junior attacker Jackson O'Leary netted three goals and added a pair of assists to lead the 4-4 Blue Devils. Nick Arnold, Sam Rosenburgh and Josh Posluzny each notched two goals.

April 16, 2010: Selective pitching and a saving snare for a game-ending double play played a key role in the Blue Devil baseball team's stormy, 4-3 victory over the Raiders in Scotch Plains. Blue Devil Robbie Anderson was locked in a pitchers' duel with Raider Gary Binkiewicz for six innings, each yielding just one run and four hits during that stretch. Anderson finished with nine strikeouts, while walking six and hitting a batter before being relieved by Zach Archembault in the seventh inning. Binkiewicz, who fanned four, walked four and yielded eight hits, was relieved by Connor Thompson with one out in the seventh.

The Blue Devils scored three times in the top of the rainy seventh and the Raiders scored twice and had the bases loaded with one out. After a rain delay, the next batter skid a line drive into the glove of shortstop Tim Younger, who flicked to second for the game-ending double play.

April 17, 2010: Several local athletes turned in personal-best performances despite enduring a chilling day at the Blue Devil Classic Relays held at Gary Kehler

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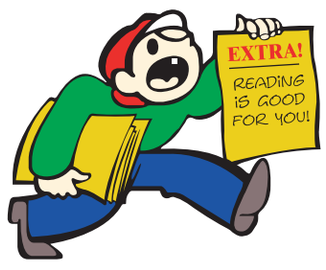

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UNION COUNTY THIRD SINGLES CHAMPION…Blue Devil Max Mancini captured the third singles crown at the Union County Tournament in Plainfield on April 19, 2012.

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BEGINNING THE FINAL LEG…Blue Devil Kevin Ingram, left, receives the baton from Jason Isbit to begin the final leg of the 4x800 at the Blue Devil Classic Relays on April 21, 2012.

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Stadium in Westfield. Raider Frank Mellana cut smoothly through the wind resistance to have the longest toss in the javelin, a personal-best 192'4" (third best in the state), and Sebastian Valdes had a toss of 115' to win the event with a distance of 307'4".

Cranford Cougar Kelly Burke finally overcame her nemesis of 12'1" in the pole vault when head coach Pete Kane had the bar raised to 12'2" and she cleared it to record a personal best. Burke and Samantha Dooley won the event with a height of 18'8".

April 14, 2008: "It ain't over till it's over!" The famous "Yogism" bellowed oh so clearly in the season's first meeting between the visiting Raiders baseball team and Westfield. What initially appeared to be a five-inning wipeout turned out to be a seven-inning battle for survival, which was decided on the final at-bat in the Blue Devils' 13-12 victory. In his final inning, the fourth, Chris Jenkins got tagged for a two-run home run from Raider Joe D'Annunzio and an RBI triple from James Dinizo. Blue Devil Mike Mosier rapped a three-run homer.

The Blue Devils had a 12-4 lead but the Raiders brought down the house in the sixth with an eight-run wrecking ball, which included six hits, three wild pitches, a passed ball and five walks. With the score tied 12-12 in the bottom of the seventh, with one out, Mike Clark was hit by a pitch, Evan Einstein walked and Melillo popped out to right for the second out. Shapiro tapped a grounder, which was grabbed by the second baseman, who flicked the ball to shortstop Mike Ridge, who tagged second as the ball dropped. The umpire ruled the runner safe. After some discussion, Justin Olsen hit a single to left for the winning run.

April 14, 2008: "Total Team" was the theme for the 4-1 Westfield High School softball team as it rocked host Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 12-1. The Blue Devils played a solid game defensively and offensively, while grouping 11 hits, including a two-run home run from Cyndil Matthew. Matthew, the starting pitcher, struck out five Raiders, allowed just two hits and walked none in her three innings. Reliever Jamie Wisnowski (2-0) allowed one hit and three walks, while recording two strikeouts. Katie Abruzzo went 3-for-4.

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THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE…Raider sophomore goaltender Megan Welch tries to prevent Caldwell's Emily Banaszynski, No. 8, from scoring. Welch made seven stops within a span of three minutes in a 10-9 loss to undefeated Caldwell (April 16, 2012).