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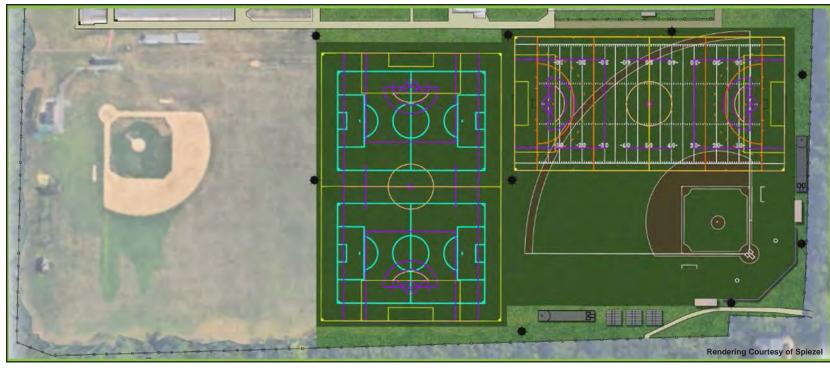
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Westfield Unveils Scaled-Back **Edison Fields Proposal**



By JESSE WINTER

WESTFIELD - After two publicinput meetings in July and impassioned feedback from residents, especially those living around Edison Intermediate School (EIS), Westfield town officials and the recreation commission unveiled a scaled-back version of their Edison School Multipurpose Fields Project Monday night that reduces the project's scope and cost significantly.

Originally estimated at \$18.2 million after the fields project was unveiled in June, the new Edison Multipurpose Fields site is priced at \$9 million and covers "approximately 60 percent of the surface area (~250k sq ft)," according to the recreation commission's presentation. The scrapped plan that was presented in June proposed 400,000 square feet of artificial turf. The project acquired the nickname "Mini-MetLife Stadium" among some of its most vocal detrac

In addition to a reduction of square footage, the field plan now features one unlit, natural-grass baseball field; two artificially-turfed, lit, multi-purpose fields, and a second, turfed baseball field.

The rendering presented by the recreation commission showed the turfed baseball field within range of the lights. The project, moreover, also will include "prefabricated restroom facilities," noted Monday's presentation, along with open, natural-grass field space used for different recreational

The presentation, led by recreation commission member Russell Howell, stated that, "approximately 40 percent of the Edison Fields project will remain "natural grass," and the fields' complex will be open for EIS staff and students "to use both natural grass and/or artificial turf for physical education, recess and other uses."

Edison fields "are intended exclusively for Westfield residents, athletes and students," explains the new plan. These intended users are Westfield schools' band and sports; Town of Westfield sports teams and EIS gym classes and "activities."

Given that the proposed Edison fields complex would be located on land owned by the Westfield Board of Education, and, as outlined in a letter of intent released in June, the land would be leased to the township, there is no "Green Acres" requirement, noted Monday's presentation. This means, by law, that the fields complex at Edison can be used exclusively for Westfield residents and athletes if the town

Field prohibitions also were shared during Monday night's meeting, specifically "intended prohibitions," vnich include "no usage during Kehler [Gary Kehler Football Stadium] events known to draw larger crowds." Events listed were varsity football, track invitationals and graduation ceremonies. Other intended prohibitions include "limited, or no usage" during "certain EIS evening events," and "seasonal downtimes.

And critically, given major concern from residents opposed to the project, with LED lighting being cited, the recreation commission's presentation said lights would be on "no later than 9:45 p.m., as with existing town recre-

Monday's meeting was certainly not limited to a release of information, but saw many residents — and even town officials — speak to the developing fields project at Edison.

Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle kicked off the night's proceedings, addressing a packed cafeteria at Edison Intermediate School with residents, town officials and even student-athletes in attendance. Many of the youth in attendance could be seen sporting athletic gear representing the likes of Westfield Soccer.

"Over the past 20 years, youth sports have grown dramatically," said Mayor Brindle. "We don't have adequate fields to meet our kids' participation.' Her comments touched upon a major area of contention, turf fields, with many residents at prior meetings, and again on Monday, objecting to artificial turf in principle. Those against turf fields, such as Citizens for Responsible Athletic Field Development (CRAFD), a Westfield residents' group, oppose synthetic turf in town due to it being "environmentally irresponsible," "unhealthy and unsafe" and "contrary to the town's character," according to a document outlining their positions in opposition to the Edison

During her comments, Mayor Brindle explained that, "in spite of the town's best efforts to adequately maintain our grass fields," it is "just not possible given the hours of continuous play from thousands of athletes.'

The recreation commission echoed the mayor's position and, in its presentation, said outright as part of its PowerPoint, "Grass Fields Cannot Sustain OUR Demand." Moreover, the commission stated in the presentation that "any attempt to maintain existing natural turf fields would fail...while requiring significant investment...and would involve the use of chemicals which are not used on

Westfield BOE properties today. Many town residents, backed up by Ward 3 Councilman David Contract, who spoke at the tail end of the meeting, did not buy the complete dismissal of grass fields in favor of turf without further examination.

"I think we need to keep studying grass versus turf," said Councilman Contract. "Let's make sure we fully evaluate both options before we make a final decision.'

Councilman Contract piggybacked on a public feedback section of the meeting that saw many residents offering their reactions to the updated proposal. Along with turf fields being objectionable to many in opposition to the unveiled, scaled-down project, issues such as LED field lighting was an area of major disagreement.

Allison Emery of Rahway Avenue, a resident living in close proximity to the proposed fields project and member of the resident group CRAFD, took time during the public-comment portion of the meeting to communicate CRAFD's objections to the project.

"Our group is committed to increasing fields throughout Westfield in a responsible way," said Ms. Emery. "In a nutshell, we believe grass is healthier and safer than artificial turf; lights do not belong in residential neighborhoods; fields should be spread around town equitably, and it should be developed in a financially-responsible way."

Ms. Emery said she wants Edison fields to be upgraded, along with more school properties being upgraded, but with "lush, natural grass fields that reflect the character of Westfield."

In addition to Ms. Emery's comments, the night featured residents expressing concerns regarding noise, storm-water dangers, and the traffic and safety impact on the EIS commu-

The recreation commission's presentation anticipated many of these issues, and outlined in detail ways to combat floodwater while expressing serious concern regarding the state of Robinson's Branch, or Robinson's Creek, as referred to by some Westfield

During the last town council meeting held on September 14, Mayor Brindle announced the formation of the Westfield Infrastructure Resiliency Committee (WIRC). The new committee "will be tasked with assessing our current town-wide storm-water infrastructure and its capacity to handle these severe weather events in the future," the mayor said during that meeting, following the devastation of Hurricane Ida at the beginning of the month.

"The flume and other general concerns regarding Robinson's Branch are explicitly in scope for this new committee, regardless of whether or not the Edison Multipurpose Fields Project proceeds," explained the recreation commission's presentation. "We are confident and committed that runoff would likely be improved upon with this project, especially post-Ida. As per New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) standards, athletic fields are required to be designed to either meet or reduce the current rate of rainfall runoff. The rate of runoff cannot be increased."

In terms of the lighting issue, the recreation commission believes that lighting is critical to solving the capacity issue, according to the presentation. With the advancement of LED field-lighting technology, offering "pinpoint accuracy," being highly effective at "lighting only what is intended to be lighted," explained the presentation.

The recreation commission also said that "parking and traffic safety is paramount." The commission said parking-assessment work is underway by Spiezle Architectural Group, the firm hired by the town to help oversee the Edison Fields Project. According to the presentation, the parking assessment could be done by Wednesday,

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BOE Passes District Goals; **STEM Amendment Fails**

By JESSE WINTER

WESTFIELD — During a spirited meeting of the Westfield Board of Education, members passed the 2021-2022 District Wide Goals by a margin of 6 to 1

Board President Amy Root, Board Vice President Brendan Galligan and board members Robert Garrison, Leila Morrelli, Gretchan Ohlig and Sonal Patel voted in favor. Board member Michael Bielen abstained, while board members Tara Oporto and Sahar Aziz were absent for the night's proceedings.

This year's district goals for the Westfield Public Schools include curricular and professional development goals such as "revising the K-12 Physical Education and Comprehensive Health Curriculum for a September 2022 rollout," according to an official district document included with the night's agenda. Moreover, other goals include "conducting a curriculum audit to assess the opportunities to incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion State standards and regula-

As was explained by multiple education officials during Tuesday night's meeting, some of the district goals are meant to align with state education mandates, aligning Westfield's curriculum review cycle with state-mandated curriculum.

'The reason the Health and Physical Education curriculum is listed here specifically is because it aligns with the implementation requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education," explained Superintendent Raymond González. "This year is the Health and Physical Education year, which is required by the Department of Education.'

Additional goals fall under professional development for the school's staff, such as implementing strategies "for pre-assessing learning gaps" and "designing learning activities to address student needs." Another goal outlines a "Responsive Classroom" approach for kindergarten through Hittn-grade teachers.

A responsive classroom "is about improving social and academic skills in the classroom," said Mr. Bielen. A responsive-classroom environment teaches students social skills "to grow their independence." This includes teaching kids to "listen more clearly" and "improving eye contact when speaking with other students," among other strategies.

One of the main activities of a responsive-classroom approach, according to Mr. Bielen, is the morning meeting. Moreover, "goal creation" by students and "collaborative problem solving" are key components to the responsive-classroom philosophy.

Within the 2021-2022 District Goals was the controversial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) measure that, according to the district, develops "a framework to promote DEI in the areas of professional development, recruitment, selection and retention of diverse candidates, curriculum and curricular materials, community engagement and school-wide programming.'

The measure, which was included in the district goals in order to align with state-mandated education policy, elicited an impassioned response from the public, both opposed to and in support of the measure.

One of the main reasons we chose Westfield was for the strong public school system, and the district's commitment to academics," said resident Lisa Donofrio. "Sadly, we seem to have lost our way. The priority over the last few years has shifted from academics to social-justice issues."

"There is no curriculum audit for academic measurements, particularly after a year where so much is lost, said Ms. Donofrio. "I'm increasingly concerned that the line has been crossed between curriculum and politics. Gone are the days of a student not knowing where his teacher's political and personal feelings lie.'

Speaking out in favor of the DEI in the classroom was Westfield senior Sam Broaddus.

Sam spoke out in support of DEI being taught in the classroom and students learning about the difficult parts of United States history, especially when it comes to racism. He characterized racism as a "living organism" that must be confronted.

After referencing the activism of prior generations, like young people who protested the Vietnam War and prior generations' involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, Sam said, We, the new generation, will be responsible for social change.

As part of the 2021-2022 District Goals, Westfield Public Schools outlined communication as a top prior ity, with an emphasis on providing "clear, concise and consistent messaging regarding district-wide goals and initiatives.

Another top priority in this school year's district goals is providing a 'safe return to in-person learning with a focus on student and staff wellness, health and safety, and educational continuity.'

The passage of this school year's district goals was preceded by an attempt to amend the document to include Science, Technology, Engi-**CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**



Lauren S. Barr for *The Westfield Leader* NEW HOME...Westfield Foundation Executive Director Jay Boyle is joined by Mayor Shelley Brindle, members of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Foundation Board members and staff at the ribbon cutting for their new office on South Avenue. Mayor Brindle called the Foundation, "a gift to the community."

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Mountainside Pays Tribute to Sgt. 'Jack' Yerich

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL

MOUNTAINSIDE — A resolution memorializing the passing of former Mountainside Police Sergeant Jacob "Jack" Yerich was read Tuesday evening at the Mountainside Council

According to Mayor Paul Mirabelli, Sergeant Yerich passed away on August 28, 2021, at the age of 81. It was said that he served the residents of Mountainside as a police officer for 27 years before he retired in 1995.

Mayor Mirabelli added that Sergeant Yerich also served in the Air Force from 1950 to 1962 and then soon after settled down to start a family in Mountainside with his wife, Karen.

It was noted that he also was a $skilled\,hunter\,and\,additionally\,enjoyed$ cooking and farming

In other business, Ordinance 1299-2021 was unanimously passed on second reading following a public hearing. The ordinance was crafted to authorize the sum of \$17,415 from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase upgraded pager systems for the fire department. It was reported that, currently, the system is run on a 400 band system and will be upgraded to a 700 system to keep within the same systems as neighboring communities. It was said that the upgrade will provide much better communication.

Separately, members of the governing body unanimously passed upon first reading Ordinances 1300-2021 and 1301-2021. These ordinances allow the borough to terminate an agreement made in 1994 with the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority and the Township of Clark, the Boroughs of Garwood, Kenilworth and Roselle Park, the City of Rahway, the Town of Westfield and the Townships of Cranford, Springfield and Woodbridge and negotiate a new agreement.

In additional business, officials informed audience members of multiple events that will be held throughout the borough within the next few weeks. These include the fire department's Fire Prevention Week Open House event on Friday, October 8, at 7 p.m.; a Clean Communities Day on Saturday, October 23, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.; an Electronic Recycling Day on the same day, and a Four Centuries in a Weekend Open House on October 16 and 17, from noon to 5 p.m. The "Four Centuries" program will be held at the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, located on Constitution Plaza, and will include a Revolutionary War battle reenactment in miniature.

Other events will be announced at upcoming meetings.

The next meeting of the Mountainside Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m.



RAINBOW AFTER THE STORM...Girl Scouts in Cranford recently manned a lemonade stand and offered cookies and a cool drink for a donation to Cranford Family Cares. The girls said that although their homes were not flooded, they know people who need help from this organization.

Edison

In regards to mitigating dangers posed by increased traffic, the commission said, "common sense policies/restrictions for field scheduling will be key to mitigating concerns. The commission stated that it "would not be comfortable recommending or supporting any proposal that increases pedestrian-or traffic-safety

While the majority of speakers Monday objected to the scaled-down proposal, their voices were not the overwhelming majority as was the case at the input meetings hosted by the recreation commission in July. Resident speakers, many associated with town sports, or parents of kids participating in athletics in Westfield, were vocal in their support of the fields project that could potentially lead to a capacity increase for Westfield's young athletes. Many residents expressed difficulties involved in transporting their student-athletes out of town for practices and also described the dire state of many overburdened athletic fields

During prior public meetings, such as town council meetings held over the summer, some residents described Westfield's fields as an embarrass-

Paul Grygiel of Salter Place was one resident to take to the podium on Monday night expressing support for the proposed Edison Fields Project.

Mr. Grygiel described himself as a "Westfield resident, taxpayer, parent, former soccer coach, and long-time and current soccer player." As a "city planner by training" who has attended "thousands of meetings of this type," he urged officials on Monday "to take into account the broader public good,' while urging the town to move forward with the plan.

"Right now, it's not sustainable for parents such as me and others to be driving regularly to practices two to three nights a week in other towns; to be paying other towns to utilize fields," said Mr. Grygiel. "What if the youth of Westfield had a chance to ride their bikes or walk to practice and not be driven all the time? In many towns, that's the norm.

Goals

neering and Mathematics (STEM) language into the district's goals. The amendment was struck down 5 to 2. The failed amendment, led by Mr.

Bielen and seconded by Mr. Galligan, came after impassioned comments in which Mr. Bielen advocated for measurable academic goals to be included in this year's district goals, specifically measurable STEM goals.

"By the end of the year, we should show what our improvement is in the district, in the STEM- and engineering-focused areas," said Mr. Bielen. "And then next year, maybe we will go on to science. I understand we can't address everything at once."

Mr. Bielen drew upon his own personal experience with engineering and STEM and described the potential benefit for students post-graduation.

"I feel like we've gone astray from the purpose of the goals," said Ms. Olig, prior to the amendment vote. "The purpose of the goals isn't, 'this is the only thing we're focusing on," she stated. "We're calling out certain curriculum, that we're going to look at in particular, to align with new state requirements."

Ms. Root, Mr. Garrison, Ms. Morrelli, Ms. Ohlig and Ms. Patel voted no. Mr. Galligan and Mr. Bielen

Scotch Plains Intros Plan for Downtown Redevelopment

SCOTCH PLAINS — After more than four years of meetings, studies, surveys, consultations and hearings, the township council on Tuesday introduced the redevelopment plan for the publicly-owned properties in the central business district.

Mayor Joshua Losardo said at the council's business meeting that he was "very excited" to be formally introducing the plan, which the planning board will review next month before the council votes to approve the plan at its Monday, November 8

Township redevelopment coordinator Thomas Strowe, in response to comments and questions from some residents on Tuesday, called the introduction "just a first step" in what he said will be "a multi-year process." He said that it is still not known "what the final project is going to look like" until a redeveloper is found and actual site plans are formulated. In response to a question about the actual costs of the project and how much the township can expect to gain from the sale of the public properties, Mr. Strowe said that will not be known until a redeveloper conducts market analyses to see what is feasible in terms of capacity and building size.

If studies were to reveal that fewer apartment units or less commercial space were what the market could bear at the time, then the township and redeveloper would adjust the plans and negotiate a sales price in line with the revised needs.

"The plan can be changed and adjusted," Mr. Strowe said.

Responding to a resident who claimed that the plans called for a five-story parking deck to be built in the downtown, Mr. Stowe said that was not true. Instead, parking will be distributed throughout the central business district, he said.

Several residents spoke out in opposition to the plan to relocate the township's emergency-services headquarters to Plainfield Avenue, citing pedestrian safety and what they said is an already heavily-trafficked area. Mr. Strowe said that aspect of the redevelopment plan will be addressed separately from what was introduced this week, and promised that a traffic study along with neighborhood input would be part of the process before a separate redevelopment plan for Plainfield Avenue is drawn up.

Residents in that neighborhood have been critical of the possibility that some of the conservation zone adjacent to the site may be used for the headquarters, but township officials have long insisted that, at most, a small portion would be required for a new facility — and then, only if a new court facility was built there. The township currently is consulting with neighboring towns about a sharedservices arrangement for municipal

Mayor Losardo said on Tuesday that once the question of the new headquarters is settled, he would favor a proposal to convert the conservation zone into Green Acres property, which would shield it from any future risk of development.

The redevelopment plan calls for a maximum of 350 residential units, with certain set-asides for affordable units, to be located in new, five-story developments where the municipal building and adjacent parking lot are now situated as well as where the municipal parking lot in front of the library now exists. A minimum of 15,000 square feet of first-floor commercial space will be included in those new buildings. Anew, 27,000-squarefoot, two-story library will be built where the current library sits, and 16,000 square feet for municipal government offices will be located on the third floor of that same building. The plans also call for development of two sizable public plazas — an 8,000-square-foot plaza on Park Avenue on the town hall property and a 5,500square-foot plaza between the library and a new, mixed-use building on Bartle Avenue.

The council approved two traffic ordinances on Tuesday, one of which will place a stop sign on Montague Avenue at its intersection with Grand Street. The other will establish a reduced and uniform 25 miles-per-hour speed limit along the entire 2.7-mile length of roadway that encompasses Plainfield Avenue, Westfield Avenue and East Second Street, from Plainfield Avenue's intersection with Morse Avenue to East Second Street's intersection with Terrill Road.

The Union County HAWK will host a candidates' forum on Monday, October 4, that will be televised on Scotch Plains Television and livestreamed on Facebook Live. Democrat Matthew Adams and Republican Deanna Dell-Bene, who are running in a special election to fill out the remaining one year of an unexpired term on the governing body, will answer questions about a variety of local issues.

Garwood BOE Pays Tribute To Dr. Mary Ann Kjetsaa

By JULIA BONAVITACOLA

GARWOOD — The board of education held its monthly meeting Tuesday, where members highlighted students from the Gifted and Talented (G&T) group and also fondly remembered a longtime colleague.

Four students, ranging from fifth to eighth grade, presented their G&T projects that were done over the past year. In previous years, the G&T students would work on a group project but, due to the pandemic, instead took on individual projects.

"We used the situation with lockdown and the pandemic to our advantage, because, as you know, there were lots of people during that period who were homebound and were learning new crafts...So we transferred that same idea to the G&T students," said Tamara Benc, who runs the G&T program along with Carol Del Conte.

Mrs. Benc said the goal was to have the students learn something new and interesting to them as well as something that will give them skills for high school and beyond. One of the requirements of the project was to contact someone in the industry in which the project was based; for example, an electrician to learn how to build a lamp.

Eighth grader Isabella Lind showed the gathered parents her sewing project, which involved making a sweatshirt and hood using her sewing machine. She added a front pocket to the original design, which was "definitely more difficult than I thought it would be, to say the least," she said.

Fifth grader Madison Howard displayed her homemade cookbook to the parents in attendance. She said she got the idea for a cookbook after helping her mother cook while most restaurants were closed last March. Her cookbook features recipes for breakfast, lunch, after-school snacks, appetizers, dinners and desserts.

Eighth grader Dylan Mason



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showed his work with coding. He created his own website, made entirely through his own coding and JavaScript. "I think that coding would make a strong foundation...for pos-

my career," he said. Sixth grader Oliver Viccaro built his own lamp in a steampunk style. The lamp, with a base made to look like water pipes, also includes an outlet in which Oliver can charge his phone and computer. Oliver, who received help from his uncle in building the lamp on display, said he hopes to build another lamp more independently in the future.

sible future interests in coding for

Superintendent Teresa Quigley, Ed.D., thanked all of the students for coming to the meeting and Mrs. Benc and Mrs. Del Conte for organizing the program during the past year.

In separate business, the board of education acknowledged the passing of longtime member Dr. Mary Ann Kjetsaa on September 12.

"Dr. Kjetsaa brought passion, numerous ideas and a smile to every one of our meetings. She has served not only this board but the whole community with the same enthusiasm. She was an instrumental voice...and because of that, she's made a lasting impact," said Board President Ralph Trentacosta. "While I've only known Mary Ann for three years, I quickly saw her desire to do good. To do good for the school, the community and everyone around

Christine Guerriero spoke a few words about Dr. Kjetsaa, who she knew for 30 years. "We met in 1991 when we both served on the Garwood Board of Education. We were on the board together and then we were off. I came back in '05. I encouraged her to come back...and finally there was an opportunity in 2017," said Ms. Guerriero. "She definitely was someone who worked hard and behind the scenes. She encouraged people. And while we didn't always agree with each other, there was a lot of respect. She would be amazed at the kind words...because she never did it for the kind words. She always did it for the people of Garwood...to make Garwood a better place and a better school district.'

Dr. Kjetsaa's picture was displayed at her usual seat, along with flowers to commemorate her passing. A new job posting will be going out to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Kjetsaa.

The next board of education meeting has been moved from October 19 to Monday, October 18, and will be held in the Lincoln School cafeteria.



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Westfield Announces Events For Green Energy Week

WESTFIELD-As part of its ongoing focus on sustainability, the Town Westfield will hold its first Green Energy Week from Sunday, September 26 through Saturday, October 2, which Mayor Shelley Brindle announced by proclamation at the September 14 Town Council meeting. The proclamation and slate of related activities highlight the importance of green energy to address global warming, and also demonstrate to residents in Westfield and neighboring communities that there are easy ways to be part of the solution.

Green Energy Week will kick off on Sunday, September 26, with the Tour de Westfield, the Town's first-ever resident community biking event. Activities include a two-mile family bike parade led by the Westfield Police

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinances were passed on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey on the 21st day of September 2021, and that said Ordinances will be considered for final adoption at a meeting of the said Township Council to be held virtually and by remote means, on the 5th day of October 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at which time and place a public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said Ordinances and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same. Copies of said Ordinances can be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office at any time prior to final adoption at no cost to any member of the general public who requests same.

ORDINANCE 2021-24

ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

ORDINANCE2021-25

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF A CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1994, BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF **CLARK AND THE RAHWAY** VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, THE BOROUGHS

OF GARWOOD,
KENILWORTH AND ROSELLE PARK, THE CITY OF RAHWAY, THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND THE TOWN-SHIPS OF CRANFORD, SPRINGFIELD, SCOTCH PLAINS AND WOODBRIDGE, **PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 30** OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH

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Department (WPD), a WPD Bike Safety Rodeo, the Tour de Tots activity for younger children on tricycles, and a Safe Bike Check hosted by Jay's Cycle Center. The festivities kick off at 10 a.m. at the North Side Train Station Lot with DJ entertainment. Additional details and registration are available at bit.ly/TourdeWestfield. This event is presented by the Westfield Recreation Commission and Department, in collaboration with the Westfield Police Department, Green Team, Bicycle Advisory Board, BRAKES Coalition and Downtown Westfield Corporation.

The Westfield Green Team is partnering with the Central Jersey Electric Auto Association, who will lead this virtual information session on Wednesday, September 29, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. This webinar will discuss the many benefits of driving electric, including state and federal incentives, cost efficiencies, and the health and climate advantages. Sign up to receive the Zoom link at bit.ly/ EV101web.

The Westfield Green Team will host its first Alternative Energy Fair on Saturday, October 2, at the South Avenue Train Station Lot to help keep residents informed of eco-friendly solutions in the face of climate change.

Attendees can view electric vehicles, electric bikes, and lawn equipment, and learn all about alternative energy and sustainability programs available in Westfield. The event will also feature live music by local band Save Mary, as well as food offerings from some of Westfield's restaurants for attendees to enjoy. The rain date is Sunday, October 9. For additional details and a link to pre-register, visit bit.ly.com/AlternativeEnergyFair.

The Alternative Energy Fair is a part of National Drive Electric Week, which is presented by Plug In America, Electric Auto Association, Sierra Club, and EVHybridNoire





DAR CONSTITUTION WEEK...Members of the Westfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently met with Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle, where she signed a proclamation recognizing the week of September 17 to 23 as Constitution Week. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution created a resolution for this week, which was adopted on April 21, 1955 and signed into Public Law 915 on August 2, 1956. Pictured, from left to right, are: Gwyn Nielsen, Gayle Lechner, Barbara Benko, Mayor Brindle, Julie Diddell, Kathy McElroy and Sharon Stockwell.

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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 10/14/21 at which time the bid roposals submitted will be downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFER-ENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

Route 27, Dehart Place to Route 21, Contract No. 033153710, Resurfacing, City of Elizabeth, Union County, NJ; City of Newark, Essex County, NJ Federal Project No: NHP-0027(302); UPC NO: 153710; DP No: 21138

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 Compli-

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 (<u>BUT NOT OB-TAINED</u>) by contracting organizations at our various Design Field Offices at the following

200 Stierli Court Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

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

FEMA Ida Assistance Tops \$23.5 Million

TRENTON – More than \$23.5 million in federal assistance has been approved for New Jersey survivors of Hurricane Ida two weeks after landfall.

More than 42,000 News Jersey residents have registered for FEMA assistance. FEMA has approved more than \$11.7 million to more than 2,700 families in New Jersey including:

More than \$10.8 million in Housing Assistance grants for repairs to primary residences or for rental of temporary housing

More than \$950,000 for grants to repair or replace damaged personal property or to pay for disaster-related necessary expenses and other serious needs.

Other assistance provided also includes:

More than \$9.8 million in flood insurance claims in New Jersey. More than 6,000 claims have been paid.

More than \$1.9 million in lowinterest disaster loans provided to 56 survivors through the U.S. Small Business Administration.

There are currently eight Disaster Recovery Centers open in New Jersey where survivors can speak to representatives from FEMA's Individuals and Households program, FEMA's Hazard Mitigation program, and Small Business Administration loan programs, to get answers to questions about written correspondence and get literature about repairs and rebuilding to make homes disaster resistant. These locations can be found on the FEMA app or online at https://egateway.fema.gov/ ESF6/DRCLocator

A total of 17 FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams and two FEMA Corps teams are helping survivors in 11 counties register for assistance, identify potential needs, and make connections with local, state, federal and voluntary agencies



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with the resources to assist them. Individuals in Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic,

Somerset and Union counties are eligible to apply for disaster assistance. If you are uninsured or underinsured, you may be eligible

for federal assistance. The fastest and easiest way to apby is visiting disasterassistance.gov/.

If it is not possible to apply online, call 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585). The toll-free telephone lines operate are currently operating 24 hours per day, seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA

the number for that service. If you have homeowners or renters insurance, you should file a claim as soon as possible. By law, FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If you are uninsured or underinsured, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was passed on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey on the 21st day of September 2021, and that said Ordinance will be considered for final adoption at a meeting of the said Township Council to be held virtually and by remote means, on the 8th day of November 2021 at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place a public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said Ordinance and all interested persons wil be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same. Copies of said Ordinance can be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office at any time prior to final adoption at no cost to any member of the general public who requests same

ORDINANCE 2021-26

ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND **ESTABLISHING A REDEVEL-**OPMENT PLAN FOR THE TIER 1, PHASE 1 SECTION OF DOWNTOWN SCOTCH PLAINS CONSISTING OF BLOCK 1601, LOTS 13 AND 14 AND THE BARTLE AV-ENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY, BLOCK1104, LOT16, BLOCK 1105, LOTS 1.02 AND 1.03 AND THE SENGER PLACE RIGHT-OF-WAY, BLOCK 1501, LOTS 10 AND 11, AND BLOCK 1201, LOT 31.02, AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS.

> BOZENA LACINA. RMC Township Clerk

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POLICE BLOTTER

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Friday, September 10, a resident of the 1100 block of Boynton Avenue reported an incident of fraud. According to the victim, he was contacted through an email by an unknown suspect pretending to be a McAfee Antivirus vendor. The suspect advised the victim of an outstanding balance on his account and convinced him to provide his personal information and allow him remote access to his computer. After gaining access to the victim's computer, suspects fraudulently withdrew \$7,399 from his bank account. Furthermore, the victim provided the suspect with \$4,500 in various gift cards as a bill payment for the McAfee Antivirus service. The total amount of monetary loss is \$11,899.

Monday, September 13, a resident of the 200 block of Tuttle Parkway reported that his motor vehicle was burglarized. An unknown suspect(s) gained entry into his unlocked vehicle, which was parked in the driveway. The resident reported that no items were stolen from the vehicle.

Tuesday, September 14, a resident of the 1700 block of Dakota Street reported that an unknown individual had changed his wireless telephone carrier on him without his permission. The resident reported that he had a similar incident occur in the year 2020.

Wednesday, September 15, an unknown suspect(s) stole a specialized bicycle along with a metal chain and a combination lock from the south-side train station lot between the hours of 5:10 a.m. and 9:52 p.m. The value of the items stolen amounted to \$416.

Wednesday, September 15, a resident reported being the victim of a bicycle theft. The resident stated that he left his bicycle, described as a silver-colored Trek 12 gear mountain bicycle, in the area of West North Avenue and Elm Street. Upon his return to the area, his bicycle, along with a chain and padlock, were missing. The value of the items taken totaled approximately \$1,022.

Wednesday, September 15, a resident of the 800 block of Forest Avenue reported being the victim of a motor vehicle burglary and theft. He stated that sometime in the prior week, an unknown suspect(s) entered his 2002 Audi and removed one license plate. The rear license plate affixed to the vehicle also was removed. The vehicle was unlocked due to a malfunctioning door lock.

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Tuesday, September 14, Osmond Franklin, 48, of Elizabeth was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Officers responded to the CVS store on Park Avenue and located Franklin inside the store with items placed inside a backpack. Franklin was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Tuesday, September 14, a resident of Gales Court reported the theft of a catalytic converter from their motor vehicle. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, September 15, a resilent of South Plainfield reported the theft of items from a locker at the YMCA, located on Martine Avenue. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, September 15, a resident of Woodside Road reported that a fraudulent unemployment benefits claim was made in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, September 15, a resident of Heritage Lane reported the theft of a silver 10-speed, pink-andpurple bike that was left at a bus stop overnight. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, September 15, Robert C. Moskal, 34, of Manville was arrested and charged with driving under the influence during a two-car motor vehicle accident investigation. Moskal was transported to police headquarters and processed. Thursday, September 16, a North

Plainfield resident reported that they left their motor vehicle unlocked in the parking lot of Darby Road, located on Park Avenue. They returned a short time later and items were removed from the vehicle. The matter is under investigation.

Friday, September 17, Aaron M. Brinkley, 41, of Plainfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop and charged with driving under the influence. Brinkley was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Friday, September 17, a resident of the 2000 block of Westfield Avenue reported that two of their motor vehicles were burglarized during the overnight hours. The matter is under investigation.

Friday, September 17, a resident of

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD **CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY** NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township of Cranford received bids for the Winterizing and Start-up of the Township Pools on August 5, 2021. The Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for the Winterizing and Start-up of the Township Pools. This contract and Resolution No. 2021-325 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Awarded to: Aquatic Services, Inc., 550 Hartle Street, Suite F, Sayreville, New Jersey 08872

Service: Winterizing and Start-up of the Township Pools

Fees: -2021-2022 season is \$76,051.20 -2022-2023 season is \$77,952.55

Patricia Donahue, RMC Township Clerk 1 T - 09/23/21, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

Mountain Avenue reported that someone had fraudulently applied for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Friday, September 17, Maria Powers, 43, of Piscataway was arrested on an active warrant out of Scotch Plains. Powers was processed and released.

Saturday, September 18, Jessica R. McGovern, 27, of Scotch Plains was arrested during a motor vehicle stop and charged with driving under the influence. McGovern was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Saturday, September 18, a resident of Julia Court reported fraudulent purchases were made on a credit account. The matter is under investigation.

Sunday, September 19, Brooklyn O Singleton, 25, of Brick was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice during an investigation into a reported stolen motor vehicle. Singleton was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Monday, September 20, a resident of Greenside Place reported that someone had fraudulently applied for disability benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

CRANFORD

Thursday, September 16, police units were dispatched to the intersection of North Avenue East and Elizabeth Avenue on a report of a black Infiniti being driven erratically. Units subsequently located the motor vehicle stopped in traffic at this intersection. Following a brief investigation, police arrested Christopher Badstein, 33, of Pomona, N.Y., on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI), possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS)/ cocaine, possession of CDS paraphernalia and being under the influence of CDS. Badstein was processed and provided with a Superior Court appearance date. In addition, Badstein was issued motor vehicle summonses for possession of CDS in a motor vehicle and careless driving.

Saturday, September 18, police units were dispatched to the area of Parkway Village on a report of a suspicious, occupied motor vehicle in a rear parking lot. Subsequent to a brief investigation, police arrested Nicholas James, 24, of Kenilworth on an outstanding warrant out of Garwood and a charge of hindering his apprehension. James was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date.

Sunday, September 19, police units were dispatched to a business on the 200 block of South Avenue East on a report of an assault. Following an investigation on scene, police arrested Elijah Arroyo, 21, of Cranford on charges of simple assault, criminal mischief and theft by unlawful taking. Arroyo was processed and provided with a Superior Court appearance date.

Sunday, September 19, a white Kia was observed by police traveling eastbound on North Avenue at a high rate of speed while failing to maintain its lane. Police effected a motor vehicle stop of the Kia, and subsequent to a brief investigation arrested the driver identified as Julio Palacios Jolon, 34, of Piscataway, who was charged with DWI. Palacios Jolon was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, Palacios Jolon was issued motor vehicle summonses for refusing to submit to a breath test, failure to maintain lane, careless driving, failure to wear a seat belt, failure to possess a driver's license credential and failure to have insurance.

CLARK

Monday, September 13, in the vicinity of Central Avenue, police arrested Jevon Evans, 39, of Union and charged him with shoplifting merchandise valued at \$750.66 from the ShopRite supermarket on Central Avenue. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

Thursday, September 16, police took a report of the theft of a motor vehicle from a residence on Riverside Drive. The incident is under investigation.

Saturday, September 18, police took a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle that was parked at a residence on Westfield Avenue. The incident is under investigation.

Monday, September 20, police took a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle that was parked at a residence on Harding Avenue. The incident is under investigation.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township of Cranford advertised for a Requests for Proposals for Architectural Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4

The Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for such Architectural Services. The contract and Resolution No. 2021-326 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal

Awarded to: LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc., 445 Godwin Avenue, Suite 9, Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

Service: Provide Architectural Services for the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (CFDA #97.029) FMA-PJ-02-NJ-

Fee not to exceed: \$128,500.00

Patricia Donahue, RMC Township Clerk 1 T - 09/23/21, The Leader Fee: \$24.99



WHEELS OF PROGRESS... Chairman Warren Rorden is pictured with collected bikes during the Rotary Club of Westfield's 2019 drive in partnership with the nonprofit Pedals for Progress to benefit people in Third World countries.

Pedals for Progress to Hold Bike Collection

WESTFIELD — Pedals for Progress, in it continuing effort to recycle bicycles properly, is having a used bike and sewing machine collection sponsored by the Westfield Rotary Club. Anyone with an adult or child's bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate his or her bike to this wor-

Pedals for Progress does not accept bikes for parts or disassembled bikes. Bikes can be dropped of from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 9, rain or shine, at the board of education building, located at Walnut and Elm Streets in

To date, more than 159,000 bikes and 5,100 sewing machines have been shipped to developing countries in Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe. These bikes provide reliable transportation for commuting to work, transporting produce to market, or accessing health care and other services.

It costs \$45 to collect, process, ship, rebuild and distribute each bicycle. A donation toward shipping costs is necessary (suggested minimum \$20 per bike). All cash and material donations are fully tax deductible and a receipt will be available at the collection site.

Pedals for Progress/Sewing Peace is a 501 (c) (3) corporation and a registered charity in the six states including New Jersey and New York. Brochures explaining this innovative program will be available at the collection site. Pedals for Progress seeks donations of wrenches for its overseas shops. For detailed information about overseas projects and a current schedule of bicycle collection,

Man Arrested in Connection With Plainfield Homicide

PLAINFIELD – A Plainfield man has been arrested and charged in connection with the fatal shooting of a delivery driver subcontracted by Ama-

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinances were finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey, on the 21st of Septem-

ORDINANCE 2021-22

ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENT-ING AND AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDI-NANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, CHAP-TER 7, ENTITLED TRAFFIC §7-6.2 STOP INTERSEC-SCHEDULE VIII.

ORDINANCE 2021-23

ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENT-ING AND AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDI-NANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, CHAP-TER 7, ENTITLED TRAFFIC -§7-11-SPEED LIMITS AND **CHAPTER 7A-17 SCHEDULE**

BOZENA LACINA, RMC Township Clerk Fee: \$28.56 1 T - 09/23/21, UC Hawk

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zon, Union County Prosecutor William A. Daniel and Plainfield Police Department Officer-in-Charge Captain David M. Guarino jointly announced. Quahif Lane, 26, of Plainfield, has

been charged with first-degree homicide and two related second-degree weapons offenses in connection with the death of 36-year-old Jamar S. Harris of Newark. Shortly after 2 p.m. on September 8, members of the Plainfield Police De-

partment responded to the 200 block of Garfield Ave in Plainfield and found Harris at that location having sustained a fatal gunshot wound, according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor Colleen Ruppert, who is prosecuting the case. Harris was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene

Video evidence recovered at the scene revealed Mr. Harris was approached by Mr. Lane during the course of a delivery, with the fatal attack taking place just outside the delivery van.

A defendant found guilty of firstdegree homicide may be sentenced up to life in prison.

These criminal charges are mere accusations. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Union County Residents Can Apply to be Poll Workers

COUNTY – Union County residents seeking an opportunity to help during the 2021 Gubernatorial election cycle still have time to apply to become poll workers this year. All poll workers must attend a paid, mandatory training session as Electronic Poll Books will be used for the first time ever.

Poll workers will earn \$200 for the day, starting at 5:15 a.m. through the close of the polls at 8 p.m.

Poll workers perform essential services on Election Day, by ensuring every eligible voter is afforded an opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Any Union County resident who is 18 years or older, and registered to vote in Union County, can apply to become a poll worker.

No experience is needed. All new poll workers must attend a single-session training course. Returning poll workers take a paid, training seminar on the use of the new electronic poll

Persons interested in becoming a poll worker for the General Election on November 2nd are advised to apply

now to reserve a spot. To apply online, click here: https:// ucnj.org/boe/election-day-pollworker-application/, or request an ap-

plication form by mail by calling the Board of Elections at (908) 527-4236. For more information, follow the Poll Worker Resources link at ucnj.org/

For all Union County Board of Elections information visit online at ucnj.org/ucboe.



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, October 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. will be held by online/virtual means and telephonically only. The following applications will be

The following application will continue **John Angeleri**, 1513 Gables Street, Block 101, Lot 10, B-2 Zone who proposes to construct a two-story, two-family dwelling of approximately 3,562 square feet in size on the above-referenced site.

Section 23-3.11 B-2 Business Zone: A two-family dwelling is not a permitted

Section 23-2.3 (b) Regulations Applicable to All Zones:

Minimum Requires: Every principal buildgarden apartment structures, shall be built upon a lot with frontage upon a public street improved to meet the Townships's requirements.

Proposed: New two-family dwelling be-

Jennifer Phillips, 418 Warren Street Block 4103, Lot 16, R-3A Zone who proposes to construct a two-story addition consisting of a grade level garage, as well as three bedrooms and two baths on the second floor; as well as a side one story bathroom addition for the premises which is a single family dwelling.

The applicant's proposal requires variance relief from Section 23-3.4A, Schedule of Lot, Yard and Building Regula-

Required.: 12 feet x 20 feet minimum garage dimension required under Section Proposed: New single car garage at 11

feet 8 inches x 21 feet 9 inches.

Louis Cerchio, III and Gary Jandersit, 1928 Bartle Avenue, Block 1501, Lot 14, B-2 Zone who propose to construct a new 1 ½ car garage on the first floor, with a master bedroom, master bath and walk in closet on the second floor as w paved driveway and a new rear porch for

The applicant's proposal requires variance relief from Section 23-3.11, B-2

the premises which is a single family dwell-

Business Zone: Permitted primary uses do not include

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single family dwellings

ance relief from Section 23-6.1, Continu-

That no nonconforming use may be expanded.

Fanwood Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340-1380 Martine Avenue, Block 11905, Lots 5.01m, 16 & 17, R-1 Zone who proposes to construct a 1,800 square foot building addition with outdoor recreational area and walking trail for the premises of the existing building being operated by chartered membership organization for the benefit of the public and not for profit.

The applicant's proposal requires variance relief under **Section 23-5.2 Permit**ted Conditional Uses: A conditional use variance is required

since the site does not meet the amount of parking required by the conditional use standard. The ordinance requires 982 parking spaces. Currently, there are 265 parking spaces, the applicant proposes 4 additional parking spaces. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/

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Alternately, members of the public may contact the Board Secretary by email at mszeman@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:

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Educator's Corner: Homework...Help!

By JENNIFER GLACKIN

As a teacher of young kids, I'd always send home a "Helpful Homework Hints" sheet at the beginning of the school year. Now, for the first time, I'm on the other side of the classroom door when it comes to homework and it feels slightly overwhelming. (I might have been looking at my daughter's Google Classroom last night at 11 p.m. trying to see what was in store for the week...) Life seems more complicated now, harder to juggle homework along with ever-changing guidelines, more digital options, and extra-curriculars pick-

ing up.

Much has changed in the world since I sent home that carefully crafted sheet, but most of it is the same recommended advice we still see today – with a technological twist! So, here is an updated list of Helpful Homework Hints to help you set the tone from the very be-

1. Find a routine - Create a routine for when you get home (wash hands, grab something to drink and set up at the dining room table). It doesn't have to be the same time each day, but if you keep the same order of events, it will clue your child's brain into "work

2. Break Time – It might be helpful to set breaks into a homework routine. Kids have spent all day in school and can be a bit restless

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Deadlines

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during homework. You can break it up by assignment or with a timer to give your child a stretch or a quick chat.

3. Flexibility - If you have multiple activities and feel like you live out of your car, grab a few cheap clipboards, a few extra school supplies, and a dollar store timer. Keep these in your car so you can get homework done those days you are "on the go!"

4. Set reminders – My kids know that as soon as I say, "Hey, Siri...' that I need to remember something. Remind yourself to check the Google Classroom or a different digital home resource. You can create a schedule to focus on the digital resources on individual days.

5. Read - Read. Every. Day. The recommended amount for elementary aged children is 10 to 40 minutes per day, depending on grade level. Reading every day is one of the biggest indicators for student learning growth in all areas. If your child is still learning to read, read with them. If they are older and "too cool" for being read to, listen to a book on CD, Audible, or another service. Follow along with

the book if you can. 6. It's okay to stop – If homework is ever making your kid cry – STOP! Teachers do not want kids crying over homework. Write a note or an email to the teacher explaining the issue. Was he or she frustrated by the assignment? More often than not, this information helps inform the teacher's next move. Kids can do well on a task during the day and struggle at night because the supports offered at school are not there. This is important information for the teacher to

Letters to the Editor

The Comeback is Always **Greater Than The Setback**

Like many of my fellow residents of Westfield, my family suffered immeasurable loss/damage during Tropical Storm Ida. Our story is no different than those heard throughout Union County and the state. Upon getting close to five feet of water, we lost everything in our basement (furnace, hot water heater, etc.), the first floor of our home, the contents of our garage and both of our cars. While not having those items is an inconvenience to say the very least, the act of seeing baby photos, Christmas ornaments and family keepsakes both waterlogged and destroyed felt like an emotional punch in the gut.

Yet we are so grateful for the support we received from family as well as friends and neighbors; many from within this community. Whether it was cleaning debris, providing food or even a much-needed hug meant so very much. We want to thank Mayor Brindle, Councilwoman Mackey and Councilman Katz for coming to our Genesee Trail neighborhood to hear our concerns as well as to provide informa-

Letters to Editor Deadline

Monday 9 a.m.

words. Due to the volume of letters we

receive we are unable to respond to each

letter. Not all letters will be published.

Letters should be no more than 500

tion on how to report our damages to FEMA, in an effort to get Union County declared a major disaster area (which soon thereafter was accomplished). Mayor Brindle and Councilwoman Mackey were on foot in our neighborhood for three consecutive days making sure our issues were heard and if possible, met. Next, we thank the Westfield Fire Department for coming out late at night addressing our water and gas shutdowns. Lastly, what can we say about the Westfield Department of Public Works? The contents of what we lost measured the length of our property and from both an emotional and cosmetic standpoint was hard to look at. Within days, those same contents were removed, and the street cleaned making us feel a bit closer to normal.

One of my favorite t-shirts has this quote emblazoned on its front: "The COMEBACK is always greater than the SETBACK." I hope this is proved true for not only my family, but everyone affected by what happened a few weeks ago. Rebuilding and recovering is made that much easier when you have a strong support system around you and this community has played a big part in the beginning stages of that process.

> Vince Gagliardi Westfield



Letters to the Editor

Spread the Fields Around Town, No **Lights in Residential Neighborhoods**

Would you pour gasoline on a camp

Of course not, however Mayor Brindle and most of the Westfield Town council are more than happy to in your name. Without having completed any traffic or parking studies, the Mayor and the Town Council are charging ahead to create a massive 200,000 to 400,000 sq. ft. illuminated artificial turf sports complex with a \$3.1M concession stand behind Edison Intermediate School (EIS). There are safer, more equitable, financially and environmentally responsible options. Public safety issues and concerns already exist and will greatly increase if this project moves forward.

Volume and speed of traffic – There is no denying how bad the existing traffic is on Rahway Ave. It is so bad, the town installed a hawk type signal, an expanded and highly visible cross walk and Mr. Bolton, Principal at EIS, sends out emails about the dangers; including heavy traffic, busy cross-walks, and even the glare of the sun. There are better options and as Westfield parents we owe it to our children, ourselves and our neighbors to demand a better solution.

No parking study has been completed. During events cars park throughout neighboring streets as people avoid the mayhem of Rahway Avenue. Many cars are improperly parked and reduce/eliminate sightlines which provide some margin of safety. The Parks Master Plan suggests overflow parking at WHS. In downtown Westfield people resist walking 20 yds or less to use a cross walk, they jay walk constantly. Does anyone honestly believe people will walk 880 yards, that is ½ mile one way, lugging gear, in the heat, rain, dark, etc..? No reasonable person believes that will

happen, it's not done today. During a single event on the Edison field in June of 2021, I took over two dozen pictures that highlight tangible safety issues: babies in strollers being pushed down the middle of streets, parents unloading and loading kids in the middle of street while inhibiting traffic, bicyclists riding down the street obscured by vehicles, multiple pedestrians, adults and children, walking side by side with and without dogs, congesting the roadway and delivery trucks, lawn service companies, with little clearance on each side of their vehicles as they pass through car lined streets

Just imagine how bad it will be, every Spring, early and late Summer, Fall, Friday, Saturday and Sunday up until 10 p.m. at night, with visiting drivers unfamiliar with traffic patterns. When you significantly increase the density of traffic, coming and going, daytime and night, with overlapping games, mixed with cars, bikes, pets and pedestrians you are building an even more dangerous situation than exists today; by your own choice. If you live around Memorial Park, Tamaques Park and the Elm Street field, this nightmare is coming your way next. Show that you care and tell the mayor to make a better choice; use grass not turf, spread the fields around town and do not use lights in any residential neighborhood.

> Stephen Kircher Westfield

Friends of Brightwood Park **Look Back on First Year**

Friends of Brightwood Park (FOBP) is about to celebrate its one year anniversary. Over the course of this year, we have advocated for and worked to restore Brightwood Park, our town's nature preserve. In the past year, we have volunteered hundreds of hours to:

Offer programs and events that welcomed families to the park for Girl Scout week, Earth Day, preschool and primary grade programs, plein air painting, yoga, and more;

Remove yards of surface trash from the park and cut down invasive plants that had overtaken native plants; and

Bring to life the stories of the mostly African American community that once lived in this part of the 'Big Woods."

Though we have done much in the past year, there is much more to do. The invasive plants that threaten the native plant understory and canopy will take years of consistent effort to defeat. The forest, meadows, and shoreline habitats need to have native plants and shrubs restored. The pond's water must be monitored and have proper aeration. The invasive trees that harbor the spotted lanternfly must be addressed. FOBP is committed to work and to advocate to Save The Sanctuary from these threats.

Fifty years ago, Dr. Seuss was inspired to write The Lorax in response to development in his neighborhood that was taking down trees and threatening the environment. He

hoped to spread the message of stewardship of the earth to young children. Thinking locally inspired Theodore Geisel to write a book with a global appeal that has lasted half a century. FOBP has at its core the ideal of thinking globally but acting locally. We seek to address the needs of this one small park to make a broader statement for the health of our environment. Visit our website www.friendsofbright wood.org/#/ to follow our progress. Our hope is to spread a life-long

love of nature in our community by sharing the peaceful sanctuary that a nature preserve offers. Many of our programs offer outdoor adventure to the children of Westfield. We hope you will check out our Brightwood Kids – Nature Detectives newsletter found www.friendsofbrightwood.org/ brightwood-kids.html#/.

As we move into year two, FOBP hopes to build a strong collaboration with the town to restore Brightwood Park and protect this nature preserve. We look forward to the day when wildflowers abound in the park. We encourage you to take some time to take a walk in the "Big Woods" of Brightwood. We welcome you to join us in our efforts. If you would like to become a member, please join at www.friendsofbright wood.org/join.html#/.

> **Denise Ricci** President. Friends of Brightwood Park

Scotch Plains Should Reverse Position on Marijuana

Much to our dismay, Scotch Plains Mayor Losardo and the town council have opted into the sale, distribution and smoking of Marijuana (MJ) for both medical and recreational use in town. They have also agreed to a possible second site on Jerusalem Road boarding Westfield that could be used as a grow - distribution facility. Both sites will bring more traffic, heavy equipment, and commercial trucks. At a grow facility in Readington, Warren County, residents are up in arms as the area smells like skunks. Of note, there were no town hall meetings or public discussion with Scotch Plains taxpayers! If there had been, I have no doubt it would have been voted down.

Both residents of Scotch Plains and Westfield should be alarmed as it will create the need for more police or police overtime to deal with more traffic and people driving under the influence, as patrons will be able to smoke on site. Scotch Plains Police Chief Conley expressed concerns about this, and he has pointed out, that in states where MJ is legal, auto accidents have gone up. The need for more police/overtime will offset the revenues the mayor and town council envisions.

Of upmost concern, it sends the wrong message to our young, impressionable children. We tell them to say NO to drugs! Studies show that MJ use contributes to work/ school absences, decreases motivation, causes accidents and injury. There are health related consequences to smoking MJ, a lung irritant. Having worked as a clinical social worker on an inpatient psychiatric unit, I can tell you that for some individuals, MJ can be a gateway drug to other mood-altering drug use. We already have an epidemic of Oxycontin use and deaths in this country.

Scotch Plains wants to redevelop our downtown and envisions the town being like Princeton or Red Bank. This is questionable. However, if the two MJ sites goes through, we may well be referred to as POT PLAINS! I urge you to contact your mayor and town council to ask them to put pressure on our elected officials to reverse this decision NOW!!

Cindy Newman Co-Chair - Scotch Plains Neighborhood Alliance **Scotch Plains**



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?

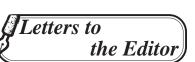
If you can guess one correctly – good guess. If you get two – well-read individual. If you get three – word expert. If you get all four – You must have a lot of free time!

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

- Answers to last week's arcane words.
- 1. Spreaghery Cattle stealing 2. Matanza A slaughterhouse
- 3. Sulcate Furrowed or grooved 4. Bodega – A wine cellar or place where wine is sold or kept

ATRABILIOUS

- A hypochondriac
 Balanced; stable
- 3. Cranky; irritable 4. Mentally ill; insane SUPAWN
- 1. Twining about; twisting
- 2. Boiled corn meal; mush3. Wet mud
- 4. Salty; saline **SCORSE**
- 1. To belittle or humble 2. Wild strawberries
- 3. To spread, as a disease
- 4. To trade or barter
 - **VRILLE**
- 1. Shiny; glossy; beaming with light 2. In aviation, a spinning nose dive
- 3. Scarred; grooved 4. Very bright green shade



WHS Marching Band Says Thank You for **Supporting Shako Day**

Did you notice a slew of teens standing in front of businesses throughout Westfield holding funny looking hats on September 10 and 11? That wasn't your everyday teenage hangout - and it wasn't your everyday hat, either. That was the Westfield High School Marching Band's largest annual fundraiser, Shako Day!

Shakos are the cylindrical hats worn by our Drum Majors. Once a year, we go out into the community, turn over our Shakos, and ask for community support of the Westfield High School Marching Band. The money raised is used to offset the many costs involved with marching band including travel, competition expenses and feeding 126 band members each weekend during full-day practices, to name a few. This year's Shako Day fundraiser was a tremendous success, raising over \$8,000 and shattering our record from the past several years. This level of support would not have been possible without the help of so many.

Westfield Businesses: More than 20 downtown businesses allowed our students to stand in front of their storefronts. Our Shako Day fundraiser could not have been a success without the unwavering support of our local businesses. Thank you!

Parent Volunteers: It takes a lot of energy to shuffle through town checking in on students, answering questions, collecting money and ensuring everything runs safely and smoothly. Thank you for taking time from your

busy schedules to help.

Marching Band Students: Your parents have always known you were charmers! We are glad the Westfield community agrees. Your polite perseverance paid off, making this the Band's most successful fundraiser in recent years. Thank you!

The Westfield Community: The Marching Blue Devils literally passed a hat and asked you to show your support for their efforts. And you really did! We are overwhelmed by your generosity and can't wait to show our thanks by serving up performances you won't forget at our Westfield High School Football games this fall. Come on out and see our show knowing that your support helped put us on the field. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Didn't get a chance to show your support of our Marching Blue Devils but would love to contribute? You can still make a donation by visiting https://bit.ly/3C0T644.

Thanks again to everyone who made the Westfield High School Marching Band's Shako Day a success. We hope to see you at the football games this fall!

> **Jodie Borenstein** Barbara Wellnitz **Co-Presidents** Westfield High School Band **Parent Association**



The Westfield Lumber delivery truck pulled over, and the driver got out after a tiny bird hit his windshield. The man gently took the little bird off his windshield, where it made an attempt to fly, but landed in the middle of a busy road. It was nearly run over, but the truck driver was not detered. He went out into the roadway, picked

up the tiny bird, and delivered it to some shrubs by the sidewalk. He waited to make sure it flew off before getting back on the road.

Share random acts of kindness you witness by emailing editor@goleader.com

Letters to the Editor

Edison Fields: An Important First Step

On Monday night, the Recreation Commission held their third public meeting to discuss the proposed Edison School fields project. I'd like to thank all who attended, and especially Recreation Committee Chair Jennifer Gilman and Vice Chair Russ Howell for all of their efforts in guiding this process. I would like to provide you with my perspective on where things currently stand.

It's important to first reiterate why this proposal is even being contemplated: We have incredible youth sports and recreation programs in town, yet we don't have adequate fields to meet the needs of our kids participating.

Over the past 20 years, youth sports has grown dramatically, with a welcome expansion of girls' teams. In that time, we've only added two fields at Houlihan/Sid Fay, which isn't nearly enough to keep up with demand.

In spite of the Town's best efforts to adequately maintain our grass fields, it's just not practical to do so with the daily hours of continuous play from thousands of athletes where demand far exceeds capacity. The personnel and chemicals required to properly maintain grass fields is not something the town, nor the Board of Education (BOE), can reliably sustain which we experienced first hand last year.

When schools and team sports were suspended during Covid, our Department of Public Works (DPW) used the down time to aerate and reseed some of our grass fields at Tamaques. Today, all of that work has been undone in just the few short months since daily practices have resumed. As a general rule, experts suggest it takes at least four grass fields to equal the amount of play possible on one turf field, a standard that is not possible to attain in our densely populated residential town.

To help us solve this challenge, the town hired Brandstetter Carroll, a preeminent and nationally recognized recreation consulting firm to assess our parks and recreation programs, benchmark Westfield relative to comparable communities across the country, and make short and long term recommendations to ensure town resources reflect residents' priorities.

Brandstetter Carroll spent nearly a year in Westfield, hosting public forums, walking every park, interviewing community stakeholders, and surveying residents. The net result of this public process was our first ever comprehensive Strategic Parks Plan, adopted unanimously by the town council in February 2020, which provides a 10-year roadmap for our recreation facilities and programs, with new playing fields being just one of hundreds of recommendations. The recreation commission subsequently prioritized the top ten areas of focus, which includes the Edison field project.

Since July, in response to our request for public input, we've heard from neighbors at three publicly held meetings, two neighborhood advisory meetings, and our town council meetings. We also viewed the comments at the most recent BOE meeting, and have received many emails representing a range of opinions.

We've heard neighbors' concerns about traffic, parking, noise, lights, environmental safety, and flooding, further exacerbated by Ida, and we're doing our best to address each one. We've also heard from our sports leagues, players, coaches, and parents, who overwhelmingly voiced their support and need for new playing fields during the public input process of the Strategic Parks Plan and at recent council meetings.

These sports families are tired of traveling to other towns for practices and "home" games, often forcing parents to juggle competing schedules for multiple kids playing in various locations. They're tired of paying other towns to use their fields when they pay property taxes to Westfield. They're

Correction

A quote from Christine Binder in the September 16 edition of The Westfield Leader and HAWK, should have read, "I'm not comfortable with him being in a mask; "he's had a lot of issues with it." The online version of the story has been corrected. We regret the error.

tired of endangering their kids who play at Tamaques on dirt fields that are hard as concrete from overuse, and using their car headlights to light up football practice in the fall.

Every year we let these issues persist, thousands of Westfield families will continue to bear the unnecessary burden of time and money to have their kids play sports elsewhere. With every year that passes, we are asking our kids to assume unnecessary risk to play youth sports on unsafe fields here at home. It's way past time to come together to figure this out.

Our collective job is to minimize the impact on our neighbors, and use this proposed plan as an opportunity to finally improve issues in and around Edison School so the neighborhood is not as burdened as it is today. While we still undergo cleanup from Ida, it's important for residents to know this project could provide us the opportunity to redirect water away from flood prone areas around Knollwood Terrace and Robinson's Creek.

We are sincere in our desire and commitment to do so.

The recreation commission has heard residents' concerns and scaled back the initial Edison turf fields proposal by nearly half, reducing the neighborhood impact and allowing for natural grass for Edison students and neighbors. The revised plan they presented on Monday reflects their desire to balance the current field shortage, neighbor concerns, and costs, which have also been reduced by half to \$9 million — which will be funded primarily by the recent PILOT agreement with Elite Properties mitigating the tax burden on residents.

Why Edison? Let me be clear: Edison is not and never was intended to be the only location for new fields. We intend to start with Edison because it solves for the largest capacity increase in the shortest amount of time, with future consideration for Elm Street, Tamaques, and/or Memorial as recommended in the Parks Plan. There's also no reason to assume that turf fields today will be replaced with turf fields in 10 years if adequate field

rotation is accomplished. Clearly, Edison alone will not solve the field shortage, but it is the best first step. And there is still much work to do to bring a plan to fruition, including further and ongoing conversations with the Edison neighborhood advisory group, and evaluating the findings of the commissioned traffic and parking study due in December, which will inform a proposal to eventually be shared with the BOE for consider-

I want to thank everyone for their valuable feedback that have been brought to us to this point. You can check out last night's presentation at westfieldnj.gov/edison-fields-project and continue to provide your com-

edisonfields@westfieldnj.gov. I sincerely hope we can continue to work together to find a solution that mitigates the neighborhood impact while providing the much needed benefit to the community at large. And please, let us not forget that we are all neighbors first, doing our best to work together to solve a very complex problem in our community, for our community.

> **Mayor Shelley Brindle** Westfield

Union County GOP Seeks Interns, Volunteers

AREA -- The Union County GOP is looking for interns and volunteers to help "The Union County Republican Committee," 425 North Avenue East, Westfield.

We are in campaign season with lots of work to do. Volunteers and interns can gain credits for high school or college (in some cases with approval of course from the school) and build their resume.

Duties vary, between office work, phone work, communications and out in the field.

Anyone interested may call Alex Kardis at (908) 516-4827 or email Dorothy Burger gopunioncounty@gmail.org.

There is No One Better to Serve Ward 1 Than Amanda Como

Almost 25 years ago, Amanda was among the first members of my marketing and special events team in the growing Southeast Nordstrom region. She immediately established herself as an invaluable member of the team - someone who led with positivity and confidence and got things done, no matter what challenges she was faced with. There was nothing that Amanda would not take on and with great success. She's a problem solver; she does it with grace and a smile on her face, with her sleeves rolled up.

It's who Amanda is. Amanda has only improved with age, gaining invaluable life and professional experience to hone her professional and interpersonal skills. She understands what is truly important

and diligently seeks to bring people together to achieve a common goal. She is open-minded, a big picture thinker, and a person of great integrity. Her energy and positivity is magnetic and she is unequivocally committed to whatever she sets her mind to. She is a natural leader and motivator. If you know Amanda, you know you want her working for and with

There is simply no one better to serve the people of Westfield's Ward 1.

> Meg Ferguson Westfield

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Elections 2021

Shawn Mullen Discusses

'Misinformation' Issues

A recent theme in the mayor's remarks—whether on tax breaks for developers or the Edison fields project—is 'misinformation'. In fact, you search the town's website for this word you'll find several references pertaining to subjects like: the budget, historic preservation,

PILOTs, deer management, bike

lanes, and affordable housing. A common tactic from the current administration is to accuse anyone who questions their version of the facts of spreading misinformation. Shortly after assuming office, our full time, volunteer mayor created the new position in town government of public information officer—a role that used to be filled by the town administrator. This \$43 per hour employee has become the mayor's taxpayerfunded voice—pushing her agenda in

print, online and on social media. Westfield taxpayers have the right and obligation to question one-sided facts coming from town hall, especially when the current administra-

Tells us to 'shop local' while spending nearly all of the thousands in Federal bailout funds it received at businesses outside of town.

Claims to limit growth while approving new subdivisions and redevelopment projects for hundreds more apartments.

Claims that wealthy developers who paid over \$5M for South Avenue property need a sweetheart tax deal to be able to build affordable housing.

Says that school enrollment is declining while the school board projects increases

Claims it reduced crime when vehicle thefts are at all-time highs. Says that our roads are safer when

enforcement of traffic laws is at its lowest level in five years. Claims it cut tax increases while

delivering the largest tax increase in seven years and raising taxes to stateallowed maximums.

Says it's fiscally responsible while

increasing budgets and spending millions in surplus—with nothing to show

Claims it's filling downtown storefronts while building additional retail space and leaving tens of thousands of square feet of existing space va-

Says it supports our restaurants while allowing an outside food preparation and delivery service to operate in town unimpeded. Claims it's increasing town ser-

vices while leaving TS Isaias debris uncollected and asking us to clean storm drains ourselves. Launches a 'listening' tour after announcing a massive Edison fields

project without prior public input. Gives unelected boards the authority to involuntarily designate homes as 'historic' but claims they will never

use that power. Takes credit for street paving performed by utility companies and County government.

Says that local elections matter while citing divisive national political issues.

Lauds its 'green' efforts while promoting plastic grass fields and massive redevelopment projects—leading to increased population and traffic congestion.

Cites its transparency while partnering with Streetworks in a nobid redevelopment deal for town property made behind closed doors while quietly transferring a coveted liquor license to them worth nearly \$1 mil-

Despite the slick messaging coming from town hall, voters should endeavor to learn all sides of the issues affecting Westfield today. Speak up, ask questions, get the facts, and solve this manufactured issue of misinformation by electing new leadership this Fall.

> **Shawn Mullen** Candidate for Ward 3 **Westfield Council**

Restivo Says: I Will Put Residents' Best Interests First

It's really an honor be on the 2021 ballot for Westfield Town Council representing Ward 4. As a resident of Westfield for over 14 years I am excited about the opportunity to represent my friends and neighbors and be their voice on the council. My family and I have gotten so much from Westfield and now I have the chance to give back to the community.

Over the next few years, a lot of important decisions are going to be made that will shape Westfield's future. As your council member I will make sure that the community and the residents' best interests are at the at heart of those decisions. Improving our parks and fields, preserving our tax dollars, and creating trust between the residents and our council will be my priorities. I will be accountable and transparent in everything I do and take responsibility for the decisions my fellow council members and I make. We will move Westfield forward by working together.

I have spent the last few months meeting with the residents of our town, hearing your concerns and sharing ideas about Westfield. Your voices are important, and I want to hear them. The only way I can truly represent you is by knowing what it is important to you. I will continue to knock on doors until election day and do as many meet and greets as I can so that I have a chance to engage with as many residents as I possibly can. I want to know you and I want you to know me.

It is time to get things done in Westfield. For too long we have put off important improvements while watching our town's funds disappear. As your council member I will watch over the way our money is used, work to rebuild the surplus we once had and see that the dollars that are used are spent in a responsible and beneficial way.

This is an exciting time for Westfield and I look forward to being part of our future.

James Restivo Candidate for Westfield Town Council Ward 4

Former Councilman Endorses Garrett for Ward 2

As a Westfield Ward 2 resident who previously served on the town council, I understand well the work required to serve our great town. I commend all those candidates who run and serve on the council, as it is a position that requires a significant commitment to properly do the job.

I have known Denise Garrett since 2013 as her family lives in our neighborhood and we have children the same age. As I have gotten to know Denise more over the years, I see a committed and determined person who strives to make things better. Whether it is her commitment to the school community or town athletics, I have seen that Denise is laser focused to complete things to the best of her ability. I was excited when I heard that Denise decided to run against the incumbent to represent Ward 2 on the town council and it is why I agreed to be her campaign treasurer when she asked me.

Denise has the right mindset and temperament to proactively address the issues that affect our great town. Denise is an independent thinker who will listen to all residents and then work with our town officials to do what is best for Westfield. I have seen firsthand how much enthusiasm and energy that Denise exudes when she meets with residents and shares her vision of how to fix the parts of Westfield in need of repair. This includes fostering economic development for our downtown, managing against residential overdevelopment, partnering on the best solution for our parks and sports facilities, reducing crime, and a criti-

cal need for a non-political envi-

ronment that emphasizes transparency and communication.

I know that Denise will strive to take action to address our town's issues and that she has the drive and temperament to work collectively with the other council members to solve our problems, even if the other members have differing views. I have been impressed with Denise's knowledge about the issues that matter most to our town and her ability to connect with the residents to understand their point of view.

I served on the town council in the seat for which Denise is running, so I know first-hand the qualities that will make a person successful in this position and Denise has all of these qualities - honest, hard-working, open minded, service oriented, intelligent, proactive, persistent, vocal, organized. That is why I am confident that Denise is the better candidate for this position. Denise has the mindset, approach, and demeanor to fix the issues that impact Westfield.

If you have not already met Denise, then please reach out to her at garrett4westfield.com to get to know her. Once you do, I'm convinced that vou will feel just as strongly as I do that Denise Garrett is the best choice for Ward 2 and worthy of your vote on November 2.

> **Ken Donnelly** Former Ward 2 Councilman Westfield

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Brightwood Park Should Remain Passive Nature Park

Do you know about the ongoing conversation, or debate, around adding mountain biking trails to Brightwood Park? Brightwood Park users sure do, as well as the neighbors that live next to and around the park. It's been a topic of interest for quite some time and most recently, at the latest Recreation Commission meet-

Making leadership decisions is difficult, especially when they affect a wide variety of people. It's nearly impossible to please everyone, but if there's an outcome favored by most, that's probably the best place to land.

After multiple visits and spending time listening to passionate residents, I am convinced that Brightwood Park should remain an unstructured, passive nature park. I do not believe additional new trails, or modification of existing trails for mountain biking, are a good fit in this location.

My sentiment of the park aligns with that of Noel Taylor when he describes Brightwood as "a quiet sanctuary for all lovers of nature where one can relax and listen to the sounds of nature, enjoy its beauty, or begin to understand the lesson that man depends on wildlife for survival."

Making Brightwood Park a structured, active park is contrary to all we

know it to be. My intention as your council representative is to maintain the integrity of the park while respecting its history as a former neighborhood and the residents who use the park as it was intended.

For the time being, there is no upcoming vote to permit the construction of mountain biking trails that I am aware of. But I have come to understand that we should pay close attention to the phrases "at this time" "there's nothing happening" and "there's nothing currently being discussed". Just because it's not happening now, doesn't mean it won't happen in the future.

As your Ward 1 Councilwoman I will continuly advocate for Brightwood Park to remain the peaceful, 44 acre nature preserve that it is.

Now, more than ever, we need the respite that nature can provide.

To learn more about me please visit como4westfield.com or find me on Facebook Instagram @como4westfield.

I hope to earn your vote Tuesday, November 2nd.

Thank you for reading!

Amanda Como

Ward 1 Council Candidate

Garwood Democratic Candidates Say Public Safety is Our Top Priority

We enjoyed attending Garwood's Public Safety Virtual Town Hall Meeting held this past Wednesday, September 15th via Zoom. Mayor Sara Todisco hosted a conversation on public safety with the new Borough Administrator, Kyle Harris, and Chief of Police James Wright, who both spoke with the public about safety related issues.

Public Safety is an essential part of any community, a point made clearer during and after the recent Tropical Storm Ida here in New Jersey. Our police chief gave an extremely informative presentation and highlighted just what a safe community Garwood is while also addressing pedestrian and traffic safety, two issues at the front of everyone's mind after the tragedy of two deaths from pedestrians being struck by vehicles in 2020. The chief, mayor and administrator also answered questions and heard ideas from the public.

Over the last few years the town hall meeting has been a feature of the current council's efforts to educate and involve the public in important issues. These town hall meetings have addressed a variety of topics such as development projects and the purchase of a ladder truck for volunteer Garwood Fire Department. These types of initiatives are the mark of a well-functioning, transparent local government which is honestly interested in feedback from residents and other local stakeholders. Previous town halls have resulted in excellent suggestions from the public, leading to the mayor and council to adopt plans such as the recent addition of

flashing pedestrian crossing signs and the painting of lines to clearly mark the no-parking zones leading up to intersections. If elected, we would make public

safety our top priority and guiding principle when making decisions. Also, we would continue the practice of town hall meetings on important, specific topics like this one. We look forward to continuing con-

versations such as this one on public safety as we try to meet as many of our neighbors as possible during our campaign for the council. We want to hear from you, Garwood! Please reach out email clarissa@dems4garwood.com and jeff@dems4garwood.comanytime, or call Clarissa at (732) 713-8195 and/

or Jeff at (201) 232-0851.

Clarissa Nolde **Democrats for Garwood Candidates for Borough Council**

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Candidate Forums Planned

Candidate Forums are planned for both Westfield and Scotch Plains in October. Send your questions/topic suggestions to editor@goleader.com.

Councilman Mike Dardia is **Leading With Kindness**

I have known Mike Dardia for close to 10 years and I still remember the first time I heard his name. My husband had just come home from my oldest son's first travel lacrosse tournament playing on a new team. The tournament weekend also happened to be on my son's birthday. When my husband got home Sunday night he said to me, "I met the nicest people -Mike and Meredith Dardia. They were so kind, they barely knew Dylan and they came with a birthday cake for him so the team could celebrate." Needless to say that I was so touched by this act and from that grew a wonderful friendship.

In all the years I have known Mike that is what I have seen each and every time. I have spent many years on the sidelines with him and I have never seen him be anything but a positive, kind and supportive person to both fellow parents and kids.

As a town councilman, I have also seen how he has responded to various situations such as the ice rink, Covid concerns or aftermath of storms. He responds with kindness to everyone, no matter what. He is responsive and will take the time to answer each

question and concern and patiently address every issue from his constituents. His temperament is one of patience and reasonableness. Public Safety is one area where Mike has shown great leadership. He is committed to making our neighborhoods safer for our kids.

In the past four years, I have seen Mike's dedication to Westfield get even stronger and I believe he is fighting to do what is best to move our town forward in these challenging times. There will always be issues to deal with and hard decisions to be made, but rest assured that with Mike on town council, the solutions will always be considered thoroughly, reasonably, and most importantly, with kindness. So on November 2, please cast your vote for Mike Dardia to represent Ward 2 and help keep moving Westfield forward.

> Sandra Alfano Westfield

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Joseph Berger, Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather

On Sunday, September 19, Joe Berger passed away peacefully. He did not want us to mourn his death, but instead, celebrate his life of love, resilience, and family. He was 79.

Joe is survived by Lois, his wife of 57 years; his son, Erik, and wife, Sara, of Cranford; his daughter, Jill Skibinsky, and husband, Alexander, and two grandchildren, Abigail and Jacob Skibinsky, of Fanwood, and his brothers, Gene Berger of Scotch Plains and Robert Berger and his wife, Gloria, of St. Louis, Mo.

Joe was the son of Rudolph and Gertrude Berger, born and raised

in Jersey City. As a young man, Joe had a love for the Jersey shore, where he worked summers as a waiter and lifeguard. Joe was an Army veteran. He graduated from Adelphi University with a Bachelor of Arts in accounting and an MBA in business administration. Afterwards, he became a CPA in both New York and New Jersey. He lived in Westfield for 48 years. Joe and Lois had a marriage that was the envy of many people. She was the love of his life and it showed in every way. They did everything together: from traveling to exotic places like Fiji and Micronesia to Australia, New Zealand, Europe, the Caribbean Islands and all over the U.S.

Whatever it was, Joe really knew how to live life. He loved sports. First, it was judo, tennis, racquetball and skiing. As he got older, car racing intrigued him. Driving a Ferrari on the corporate track in Maranello, Italy, was his highlight. Golf, and ultimately, scuba diving were his passions. He

> became a master diver. Joe loved his children and grandchildren. Cooking for them always interested him. Preparing fondues and pasta from scratch were his specialties. He was a consumer of good

> Joseph was involved in the Westfield Soccer Association as a coach of girls and boys and a referee. He also coached boys' and girls' baseball teams. He played softball

for many years on the Sour Grapes. He had a successful and varied career. He worked in public and corporate accounting, as well as being the controller of the Americana Hotel, N.Y., European Trading Corp., Pirelli Tires, and CFO of Palmer Video. Ultimately, he started his own businesses.

As many have described Joe, "he was a man's man, driving around in his convertible with the top down.' He had a great personality and he loved to laugh and joke. He adored his family and dogs, especially Sam. He was a soul mate who will be truly missed!!!

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Alzheimer's New Jersey, 425 Eagle Rock Avenue, Suite 203, Roseland, N.J. 07068. Alznj.org, (973) 586-4300.

Ana Maria de Torres, 85, 25-Year Garwood Resident

Ana Maria de Torres, 85, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, August 20, as her daughter Ann

held her hand. Her grandchildren, as well as other family members, spent her last day with her. Ana was born in Havana, Cuba, before moving to Elizabeth and then Hillside before settling in Garwood 25 years ago. She loved spending time gardening. She was so proud that many would walk by the house and take pictures of her flower garden. Ana was a de-

with her family.

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voted Catholic, but most

Ana was predeceased by her husband, Luis, as well as a daughter, Lily de Torres.

She leaves behind her daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Paul Tarantino; a son, Luis de Torres; three grandchildren, Stacey and her husband, Jeff McPartlan, Ryan Palmer and Sarah Palmer; a greatgranddaughter, Lily McPartlan, as well as a former son-in-law, Stan Palmer. She will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

In memory of Ana, donations can be made to the Lindsey Meyer Teen

important to her was spending time Institute at www.njlmti.org/donate.

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Cranford	182 Baltimore Ave	Bungalow	6	3	1.0	0	\$250,000
Cranford	708 Gallows Hill Rd	Colonial	6	3	1.0	1	\$435,000
Cranford	14 Rutgers Rd	SplitLev	9	4	2.1	1	\$565,000
Cranford	17 Chester Lang Pl	SplitLev	11	4	3.0	1	\$660,000
Cranford	215 Cranford Ave	Colonial	11	4	3.0	1	\$870,000
Cranford	11 Woods Hole Rd	Colonial	10	4	2.1	2	\$860,000
Cranford	34 Burchfield Ave	Colonial	16	5	2.2	2	\$900,000
Fanwood	145 King St	CapeCod	6	4	1.0	1	\$357,000
Fanwood	208 Terrill Rd	Colonial	8	4	2.0	0	\$450,000
Fanwood	83 Montrose Ave	SplitLev	8	4	2.0	2	\$465,000
Fanwood	67 Farley Ave	Colonial	10	4	2.0	2	\$703,000
Mountainside	1391 Wood Valley Rd	CapeCod	8	4	3.0	1	\$639,000
Mountainside	1433 Fernwood Rd	Ranch	8	3	2.0	2	\$669,000
Mountainside	359 Dogwood Way	Colonial	8	3	2.1	2	\$749,000
Mountainside	1430 Fernwood Rd	Colonial	11	4	4.0	1	\$737,000
Scotch Plains	29 Riga Ct	TwnIntUn	6	2	3.1	1	\$412,500
Scotch Plains	340 William St	Colonial	9	4	2.0	2	\$565,000
Scotch Plains	12 Shirewood Dr	Colonial	12	4	2.1	2	\$1,041,000
Scotch Plains	1180 Donamy Gln	Colonial	10	6	4.1	3	\$1,600,000
Westfield	636 Roosevelt St	SplitLev	7	3	1.0	1	\$502,000
Westfield	11 Cowperthwaite Sq	TwnEndUn	8	2	2.1	1	\$602,490
Westfield	116 Summit Ct	SplitLev	8	3	2.1	2	\$710,000
Westfield	519 Birch Ave	Colonial	10	5	4.1	2	\$1,190,000
Westfield	531 Wychwood Rd	Colonial	14	4	3.2	1	\$1,480,000
Westfield	287 Watchung Frk	Colonial	10	5	3.1	3	\$1,400,000
Westfield	720 Highland Ave	Tudor	16	7	5.2	2	\$2,350,000

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John M. Maher, MD Physician, Scholar, Global Citizen

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Obituaries

It seems impossible to find the right words to sum up the life of John Michael Maher. Some great descriptors have been used: polyglot, bon vivant, physician, Navy veteran, staunch progressive, classicist, author, wit, optimist, intrepid traveler, arts supporter, sports enthusiast, human encyclopedia, dy-

namo. But even those great and vivid words can't hold a candle to the life and the memory of John. He was 65 when he died on Saturday, August 7, 2021, with family by his side. He had not accomplished all he had wanted to, yet what he had accomplished is

John Michael Maher was born to John F. "Jack" and Virginia "Ginny" (Maier) Maher

in Teaneck, New Jersey, on November 4, 1955, the second of five children. John was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

A 1973 graduate of Holy Trinity

High School in Westfield, New Jersey, John considered himself very lucky to have many lifetime friendships from those days. He excelled in academics and demonstrated an early, great facility with languages. He attended Rutgers University, graduating in 1977 as a member of Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in Biology. He received his M.D. diploma from New York University Medical School in 1981, did his residency in Radiology at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City and completed a fellowship in Nuclear Medicine at Columbia University. A Navy scholarship student while in medical school, John went on active duty following his fellowship and served 22 years as a Radiologist and Nuclear Medicine Physician. His posts included San Diego, Oakland and the NATO base in Keflavik, Iceland, as well as several Temporary Active Duty (TAD) assignments around the world. He very much enjoyed the months spent on the Mercy hospital ship on a humanitarian tour of the South Pacific, visiting exotic locales while screening for tuberculosis, among other tasks. He retired with the rank of Commander, and expressed the opinion that while he enjoyed working in his areas of specialty while in the Navy, he truly enjoyed teaching the residents and helping to ensure that the Navy's strong Radiology Teaching Program would continue to supply excellent doctors in all the Imaging subspecialties. Following his retirement from the Navy, John for Virtual Radiologic (vRad) for over ten years.

During his junior year at Rutgers, John took a detour and decided to study in Germany, at the University of Konstanz quite the unusual choice for a premed student. There he met a fellow American student, Gloria Smestad. They were able to maintain their friendship through college and John's medical school years and were married on January 2, 1982. John and Gloria shared a love of languages, reading, travel, theater, film and music. John was a very proud and devoted father to Justine, attending nearly every t-ball, soccer, softball, water polo and swimming event she participated in from age three through high school. John surprised everyone, including himself, by becoming a big fan of family pets, first Brindle (poodle), the sweet and beautiful Tundra, a husky, sometimes known as "The Mayor of Eastlake.'

In March of 2020, the unthinkable happened — John was diagnosed with a Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM), confirmed by his own reading of the CT scans. Though he battled through every treatment form available

to him - surgeries, radiation therapy, a clinical trial and multiple other chemo agents in various combinations he ultimately succumbed to this terrible disease which robbed him of his keen mind, his prodigious memory, the opportunity to fulfill his lifetime dream of obtaining a degree in Classics, his vibrant and unique personality, his

mobility, and his enjoy-ment of life. Yet he did not complain, nor did he ever express self-

pity.

John is survived by his wife, Gloria Smestad; daughter, Justine Maher; siblings, William, Elizabeth, Anne and James Maher; nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothersin-law, cousins and many friends and colleagues. John dearly loved his family and enjoyed vacationing with siblings and cousins in New Hampshire, Ireland, England, Arizona, the Cayman Islands, California, Italy and Spain.

Able to gather friends throughout his lifetime, John was very grateful that so many of them were there for him after his diagnosis and during his final days. The family remains eternally grateful to all those whose companionship and kindnesses helped us and John through this time. His warmth and good will towards others will never be forgotten, as will his ability to encourage others to try new things, go places they have never been and, out of the sheer joy of learning, explore complex ideas.

In the Navy, the parting phrase is "Fair Winds and Following Seas." For John, we wish all that and more. We hope that his participation in research on GBM will result in better, more effective treatments, longer lifespans post-diagnosis, and eventual cures for this devastating form of brain cancer — and all other forms of brain cancer. The family requests that donations may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society, Partners In Health, or the charity of the donor's choice.

John, may your brilliance live on, may your zest for life be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to have known you.

e not then die i and without a struggle, but let me first do some great thing that shall be told among men hereafter.

Homer, The Iliad, 22.304-305. A visitation for John was held Sunday, September 5, at Pacific Beach -La Jolla Chapel, 4710 Cass Street, San Diego, CA 92109. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, September 6, 2021, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8200 Gold Coast Drive, San Diego, CA 92126. John was laid to rest with full Military Honors at Miramar National Cemetery, 5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego, CA 92122.

Serving as pallbearers were Kieran Borcich, Declan Borcich, Philip Claussen, Rodney Dunseath, Jameson Maher and Nicholas Maher.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family Maher

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then Horace (domestic feline), and F-SP Thrift Shop Has Coats,

Costumes, Seasonal Décor

FANWOOD/SCOTCH PLAINS - With colder weather in the offing and Halloween fast approaching, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League invites the community to visit its non-profit thrift shop at 1741 East Second Street, Scotch Plains.

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Run by the Service League, a local, all-volunteer organization, the store currently is featuring costumes and related "spooky" accessories in all sizes for the upcoming Halloween holiday. Also in stock are lightweight jackets, warm coats, boots and a wide variety of fall-inspired home décor items.

Store hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To protect volunteer staff and other store patrons, face masks are required of everyone entering the store. Children are welcome provided they are accompanied by an adult.

The thrift shop operates thanks to the generosity of many donors who supply the store with merchandise they no longer need. The store carries a wide selection of constantly-replenished clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, linens, household goods, toys, games, books, DVDs and more.

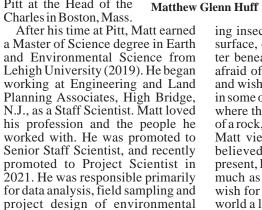
All proceeds outside of operating expenses are provided to local nonprofit organizations or used for student scholarships. To learn more about the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League and the types of donations accepted, call the store during its business hours at (908) 322-5420.

Matthew Glenn Huff, 27, Loved **Family, Friends and Nature**

Matthew Glenn Huff, 27, of Westfield and Bound Brook, N.J., entered life eternal on Friday, September 3, 2021. Matthew passed away quickly as the result of a car accident. He was born April 19, 1994, in Red Bank, N.J., to Timothy and Linda Huff.

Matt was raised and graduated high school in Westfield, N.J. (2012). He received his bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh (2016). Matt loved rowing as a member of Westfield Crew during high school, and on the PITT crew during college, even serving as the President his senior year. His high points in rowing included winning gold at the Head of the Ohio in Pittsburgh, winning the Knecht Cup in New Jersey, and being selected to compete for Pitt at the Head of the Charles in Boston, Mass.



From the minute he could hold a rod, Matt was an avid fisherman. He spent many weekends working towards his goal to fish every body of water in New Jersey. In 2017, he attained Master Angler Status in the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Skillful Angler Awards Program. He did this by catching a qualifying fish in five different freshwater species within a one-year period. The data submitted in the program helps biologists evaluate the condition of fisheries. That's what Matt loved most about the awards program — the science behind it.

remediation projects.

As an elementary school student, Matt was described by his teachers as a boy who enjoyed entertaining his peers. This gift endured. Matt's sense of humor and easy way made friends, family and colleagues feel loved and connected. Children especially gravitated to Matt, and he had $endless\,energy\,to\,play, fish, and\,pass$ on his love of life. Matt was someone you could trust and confide in, and he cared deeply for everyone in his life. He was always the first one to jump at plans with his friends and

family, constantly coming up with new ways to have fun. Matt was content with the present, working towards his goals and never worrying about what lay ahead. He would get excited over "everyday" things, like trying a new ingredient while cooking with his girlfriend, taking in the view on a hike with his sister, or watching the Giants, Nets or Yankees games with his parents. He could always be found celebrating the end

of a good day at the fire pit, enjoying a S'more or

Matt loved nature, and believed it was a gift to be born into the natural world. He loved to fish, hike, and observe the natural evidence of how our ecosystems evolved. Anyone who walked through nature with Matt experienced his contagious fascination and excitement. If it was a bad day fishing, he came home exhilarated at see-

ing insects hatching on the water's surface, or a loon gliding underwater beneath the canoe. He was not afraid of what comes after this life and wished to have his ashes placed in some of his favorite natural places where they might later become part of a rock, a tree, or a bog. To his core, Matt viewed life as a gift, and he believed the purpose was to be present, live to the fullest and love as much as possible. He had a simple wish for his life — just to leave the world a little better than he found it.

Matthew is survived by his parents, Timothy and Linda; sister, Lauren; girlfriend, Emily Peters; paternal grandfather, the Reverend Gordon Huff; paternal grandmother, Carol Huff; maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Sarah Warman, Jr., as well as many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

A wake was held on Monday, September 20, at Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield, N.J.

A Funeral Service to celebrate Matthew Huff's life was held on Tuesday, September 21, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Matthew Huff's honor to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (NJDFW) or to Calvary Lutheran Church of Cranford, N.J.

Mail checks to: NJDFW, note that the donation is in Matthew Huff's memory, MC 501-03 P.O. Box 420. Trenton, N.J. 08625-0420, or mail checks to: Calvary Lutheran Church, note that the donation is in Matthew Huff's memory, 108 Eastman Street, Cranford, N.J. 07016.

Katharine (Kitty) Crittenden, **Former Westfield Resident**

On Friday, September 17, 2021, Katharine Berry Middleton Crittenden, Virginia Beach "native" since 1989, quietly passed away. Born on September 28, 1921, Katharine (Kitty) was the eldest of three children of Katharine Waring Secor Chesley and Washington Berry Middleton.

Kitty grew up in Ridgewood, N.J., enjoying carefree summers at the family cottage on Cape Forchu in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. After graduating from Ridgewood High School, Kitty studied at Douglass College and Rutgers University, later graduating from Katharine Gibbs School in New York City and continuing her studies at Columbia University. During World War II, she served as a volunteer Red Cross nurse's aide at Paterson General Hospital in Paterson, N.J., and was employed as a private secretary in New York City. In 1947, Kitty married Thomas Dudley Crittenden, whom she had known since childhood, settling in Westfield, N.J., where they raised three daughters.

As a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield, Kitty taught Sunday school and passionately arranged flowers while serving on the altar guild. She additionally served as president of both the Washington School PTA and The Garden Club of Westfield, where her flower-arranging journey took root. Her Girl Scout troop leader experiences also spoke to

her ongoing commitment to mean ingful community involvement.

Following a semi-retirement move to Virginia Beach, Kitty became a member of The Princess Anne Garden Club and served on the Galilee Church altar guild. As a valued part of Kitty's many dedicated contributions to each, her flower-arranging skills continued to reflect her passion. Kitty's most treasured role was that of her husband's chief editor for his legal consulting business, a role she intended to continue in heaven.

She loved her many travel opportunities, especially two adventures in France during her 80s and 90s, when she revisited locations with fond memories of her summer in Europe as a teenager. Her last return visit to Cape Forchu in her early 80s was like stepping back in time, where stories she had shared all these years suddenly came to life while touring the island.

In 2006, Kitty said goodbye to her husband of almost 60 years, Thomas Dudley Crittenden. Surviving are her daughters, Katharine Barbara Crittenden and Wendy Crittenden Vaughn (husband Everett Sidney Vaughn) of Virginia Beach, and daughter Paulina Crittenden Ginn (husband Michael E. Ginn) of San Jose, Calif.; grandchildren, Katie, Brian and Kristen; and great-grandchildren, Connor, Reagan and Evie.

Services will be private.

NAMIWalks Virtual Event To Take Place October 9

AREA - NAMIWalks NJ Your Way: A United Day of Hope will take place on Saturday, October 9, and will once again be a virtual experience. Participants can make NAMIWalks their own as virtual walkers in this

awareness and fund-raising event. Fund-raising efforts will help NAMI (National Association on Mental Illness) continue to provide free programs and services to people who live with mental-health conditions in the community. NAMI is dedicated to eradicating the stigma surrounding mental illnesses and improving the quality of life for those diagnosed with the illnesses and their families.

To donate by mail to this year's NAMIWalk, make a check payable to "NAMI of Union County" and mail it to: P.O. Box 724, New Providence, N.J. 07974. Donors are asked to write "Walk" or a walker's name on the memo line of their check. To donate using a credit card, visit https://www.namiwalks.org/team/ UnionCounty.

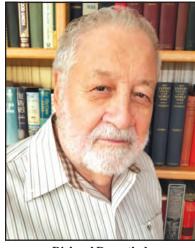
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Hist. Soc. Luncheon to Focus On Washington's Precedents

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historical Society's First Wednesday Luncheon on October 6 will take place in person beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the newly-renovated Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield. Richard Rosenthal will present "The Precedents of the Prefident*: George Washington and the Creation of the Executive Office." (*In 1789, a print "s" was written "f.")

When George Washington was about to become the first President under the Constitution of the United States, he said, "I walk on untrodden ground to shape America." He did just that, establishing the guidelines for all future Presidents.

Everything that George Washington did — from the inaugural oath, through the establishment of the United States Treasury and its financial system, to the creation of the Coast Guard, cabinet meetings, appointment of ambassadors, appointment of the justices of the Supreme Court, his dealings



Richard Rosenthal

with Congress, to the time when Washington unilaterally, of his own volition, refused to run for a third term for the presidency of the United States —

was a precedent. Mr. Rosenthal has lectured on numerous historical subjects. He is president of the North Jersey Civil War Round Table, and was a board member and one of the founding members, with the preeminent New Jersey historian, the late John T. Cunningham, of the North Jersey American Revolution Round Table.

To make a reservation to attend the luncheon westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call (908) 654-1794 before Friday, October 1. Attendees are asked to advise if there are special dietary needs. The luncheon fee of \$35 for Westfield Historical Society members or \$40 for non-members includes a three-course meal, coffee/tea and gratuity. Tables will be spaced out and mask wearing is recommended except when actively eating or drinking.

The luncheon 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

westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/registration. Payments should be received by Friday prior to the luncheon. Westfield Historical Society memberships also will be available at the luncheon.

Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield and its residents through educational efforts and communityoutreach programs.

Cranford Students Receive Elmira College Key Award

ELMIRA, N.Y. — Elmira College recently announced this year's recipients of its annual Key Award. This year's award was given to 790 students in 14 states. A tradition that goes back to 1935, the Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

Recipients included Amelia Hunt and Elaina Michetti, both of Cranford.

"This award is given to students with the potential to excel academically, serve as leaders, and go on to enjoy success in life," said Charles Lindsay, president of Elmira College. "We hope they will choose to make Elmira College their place."

Sponsored by the Elmira College Alumni Association, the Key Award recognizes students for high scholastic achievement, leadership, citizenship and participation in extracurricular activities.

Founded in 1855, Elmira College is a private, residential, liberal arts college offering 25-plus majors, an honors program, 17 academic societies and 18 Division III varsity teams. Located in the Southern Finger Lakes region of New York, Elmira is a Phi Beta Kappa college. Its undergraduate and graduate student population hails from more than 20 states and nine countries. For more information about the college, visit elmira.edu.

Tufts Names Local 13 To Spring Dean's List

Mass. — Tufts University recently announced its Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. Dean's List honors at the university require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. Among the honorees are the following 13 local residents.

Kayla Butera of Westfield, Class of 2023; Amy Kaplan of Westfield, Class of 2021; Maddie Katz of Westfield, Class of 2024; Melanie Litwin of Scotch Plains, Class of 2023; Melina McDevitt of Westfield, Class of 2022; Briana McGowan of Fanwood, Class of 2022; Madison McKenna of

MEDFORD/SOMERVILLE, Westfield, Class of 2022; Massimo Modica of Scotch Plains, Class of 2023; Elisa Saint-Denis of Westfield, Class of 2024; Olivia Shih of Scotch Plains, Class of 2024; Mary-Joy Sidhom of Westfield, Class of 2023; Leah Slepoi of Mountainside, Class of 2023; Juliana Wagner of Scotch Plains, Class of 2021.

Located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Mass., and in Talloires, France, Tufts University offers its students undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. For more information about the university, visit tufts.edu.



Bird Enthusiasts Invited to Tour at Fairview Oct. 2

WESTFIELD — The Fall is a busy time for migrating birds, when a variety of species move through the area. Fairview Cemetery is pleased to invite the public to observe some of these species at its second early morning bird watch tour. Join this group on Saturday, October 2, to discover the thrilling sounds of songbirds in a pastoral setting. Those interested are asked to gather at the East Broad Street gate at 8 a.m. Bring binoculars and wear walking shoes, as the grounds can be hilly. All are welcome to register; however, space is limited to 15 individuals, so make your reservation soon. In the event of heavy rain, the tour will be cancelled.

The tour will be led by Pete Axelrod, a lifelong naturalist. With a background in Wildlife Biology, Pete has been involved with birding adventures in New Jersey, including voluntary work with the Great Swamp, the New Jersey Audubon Society, and the Raptor Trust. Pete also worked for Wild Birds Unlimited in Scotch Plains, giving lectures and instructions on the value

of backyard birding. Those interested should call Fairview Cemetery at (908) 232-0781 to register. Fairview Cemetery is located at 1100 East Broad Street,

Westfield, N.J. 07090. This promises to be an experience you will long remember.



TOURNEY TRIUMPH...The Men's Club of Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) kicked off the year with a community blood drive, tailgate party and cornhole tournament September 12 at the Scotch Plains synagogue. The club hosts a Fall and Spring blood drive annually, plus other community-outreach events, while also providing social and educational opportunities for synagogue families. Pictured at the cornhole tournament award ceremony, from left to right, are: Men's Club President Jonathan Jaffe, Cornhole Commissioner Jason Hoberman, Scotch Plains Mayor Josh Losardo, tournament winner Scott Friedberg, runner-up Russ Kussner, CBI President Aaron Kessler and Scotch Plains Councilman Matt Adams. To learn more about CBI Men's Club programming, visit cbinj.org.

Garwood Library Highlights Programs Starting October 1

library tree.

held October 1 through Tuesday, No-

vember 30. Participants are asked to

write a positive or encouraging mes-

sage on a leaf and hang it from the

October 1 through November 30. The

library, in collaboration with

MoreSteps, is seeking donations of

new or lightly-worn shoes to benefit

the Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison.

Donors are asked to write the shoe

size on a piece of paper, place it inside the shoes, put the shoes in a

sealed bag and drop them in the box

Additional library activities occurring in October will be announced.

The Garwood Public Library is open

Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5

p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.

to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be closed on Monday, October 11, for

Ten people are permitted in the

library at a time for one hour; no

appointments are necessary. One-hour

computer use is permitted. Staff is available to copy and fax for the pub-

lic. Curbside service also is avail-

able. Full information on library pro-

grams and services can be found at

the Columbus Day holiday.

youseemore.com/garwood.

located in the library parking lot.

A shoe drive also is scheduled for

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library, located at 411 Third Avenue, has announced multiple activities that will begin on Friday, October 1, and continue either

through October or November. A mask-erade contest will take place October 1 through Wednesday, October 27. Participants are invited to ditch the traditional Halloween mask and decorate a cloth face covering. Masks may be picked up at the library while supplies last, or individuals can provide their own. Once decorated, participants are asked to take a selfie with the mask, then send the photo to garwoodlibrary@garwood.org. The library will post the photos on its Facebook and Instagram pages. One adult and one child prize winner will be chosen by the library staff on Friday, October 29. All entries must be submitted by October 27 by 5 p.m.

"Leaf Something Positive" will be

Garwood Lions to Host Senior Picnic Saturday

GARWOOD — The Garwood Lions Club has announced that the annual senior citizens' picnic will take place this Saturday, September 25, beginning at noon. As in the past, it will be held indoors at the Columbian Club, located at 37 South Avenue, Garwood. All Garwood senior citizens are welcome to attend at no cost.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and the Lions' "famous" clam chowder will be served, followed by pastries

The Garwood Lions Club has given over 90 years of service to the community. The main mission of this international organization is to help the blind Additionally the club sponse many community events, including the annual Halloween Parade and the Pancake Breakfast. The Garwood Lions Club provides selected Garwood students graduating either eighth grade or high school with scholarships each year as well.

Interested persons are invited to follow the club on Facebook at "Garwood Lions Club" for updates.

College Club to Hold Used-Clothing Drive

FANWOOD/SCOTCH PLAINS - The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will hold a used-clothing drive on Saturday, October 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. It will take place at

59 Russell Road, Fanwood. Members of the community are invited to donate their unwanted, wearable clothing, belts, handbags, backpacks, hats and shoes (shoes need to be separated from other items and packed in their own bags). The club also will accept soft household items (linens, blankets, pillows, quilts, towels, drapes, comforters and curtains), stuffed animals, small toys measuring two inches or less, bikes, scooters, strollers and car seats (together with base). All items should be put into tied garbage bags.

Âll proceeds from the clothing drive will benefit the College Club Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Cathy at (908) 322-1362.

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Brent Kengeri Completes Space Academy Training

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - Brent Kengeri of Westfield recently attended Space Academy at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, home of Space Camp®, Space Camp® RoboticsTM, Aviation Challenge® and U.S. Cyber Camp®. The Rocket Center is a Smithsonian Affiliate and NASAMarshall Space Flight Center's Official Visitor Center.

The week-long educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), while training students with

Kaitlyn Jackson Is Graduate of JSU

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Kaitlyn Jackson of Scotch Plains graduated from Jacksonville State University on August 6, with a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management. Nearly 500 students received undergraduate and graduate degrees as part of the university's summer commencement ceremonies.

Founded in 1883 as a state teachers college, Jacksonville State University is today the Alabama regional university with the highest percentage of accredited programs.

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hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem solving.

This program is specifically designed for trainees who have a passion for space exploration. Brent spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated space mission to the International Space Station (ISS), the moon or Mars. The crew participated in experiments and successfully completed an extra-vehicular activity, or spacewalk. Brent and crew "returned" to Earth in time to graduate with honors.

Space Camp is located in Huntsville, Ala., and uses astronaut-training techniques to engage trainees in realworld applications of STEM subjects. Students sleep in quarters designed to resemble the ISS and train in simulators like those used by NASA.

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Individuals interested in participating in this program are asked to visit spacecamp.com.

Westfield Three Named to U. of Hartford Honors List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford has announced those students who have been named to the President's Honors List and/or the Dean's List for Spring 2021. Three Westfield residents are among the honorees and include the following.

Uzezi Ijoma, President's Honors List and the Dean's List.

Christine Rogers, President's Honors List and the Dean's List.

Emma Shakal, President's Honors List and the Dean's List.

Spread across seven schools and colleges, the University of Hartford offers degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education and health professions.

Approximately 4,600 undergradu-

ate and 2,000 graduate students representing 49 states and 47 countries are enrolled at the university, which maintains a 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city. For more information about the university, visit hartford.edu.

Ana Fowler Makes Bates Dean's List

LEWISTON, Me. — Ana Fowler of Westfield was named to the Dean's List at Bates College for the Winter semester ending in May 2021. This is a distinction earned by students whose grade point average is 3.88 or higher.

Ms. Fowler, the daughter of Thomas R. Fowler and Kimberly A. Fowler, is a 2020 graduate of Westfield High

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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VAN DAM 3 TD PASSES; GALLAGHER, KISLY 2 INT EACH

Cougars Level Hilltoppers In a Fierce Grid Rivalry, 45-8

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

Very little mercy was offered to the visitors when the Summit Hilltoppers came to Memorial Field in Cranford to face the Cougars on September 17. It took only two minutes for the Cranford High School football team to score its first touchdown and combined with a swarming defensive effort, the 2-0 Cougars limited 2-1 Sumtion. Will Gallagher had two receptions for 36 yards, including a 25yard TD grab. Lukas Ruby had two receptions for 26 yards, including a nine-yard TD catch. Liam Godwin had two receptions for 40 yards and Jake Carter had an 11-yard reception.

"At practice, we always get reps together. We keep building our chemistry so I know where they are on the field. We keep building on it every der coming into this game - big rivalry! It paid off today," Gallagher said.

Limeira carried the ball 18 times for 109 yards and Murray carried 16 times for 131 yards, which included respective TD carries of seven yards and two yards. Godwin kicked six points after and a 33-yard field goal. In the fourth quarter, sophomore Joe Brodbeck carried six times for 32 yards.

Limeira was quick to note the sup-



PRODUCTIVE GAME DEFENSIVELY AND OFFENSIVELY... Cougar senior Will Gallagher, No. 23, had two interceptions and a touchdown reception in the game against Summit on September 17 in Cranford. The Cougars won big, 45-8.

mit to less than 90 total yards, while adding a field goal and five more touchdowns to seize a 45-8 triumph.

Senior quarterback Shane Van Dam blended the 1-2 punch of running backs Lucca Limeira and Colin Murray very well with a wealth of five fine receivers to confuse the Hilltoppers' defense. Van Dam completed 11 of 18 passes for 178 yards and three touchdowns (TD). Jack Conley had four receptions for 65 yards, including a 25-yard TD recepweek," VanDam said.

"We got Will Gallagher, Liam Godwin, Jake Carter, Jack Conley and you can sprinkle me and Colin into the mix every once in a while. Ruby had a catch and a touchdown, so it was a great night for the Cougars," Limeira added.

"We can drive, we can run, we can pass. I think our offense is a machine. It really is," Murray expressed.

"We were very confident going into the game. We had a chip on our shoul-

port of his offensive line. "Our left tackle Jeffrey Gretta, left guard Kevin Shriner, center Ryan Heesters, right guard Matt Fries, right tackle Kyle Fay and our H-back Lukas Ruby."

"One of us gets tired the other one comes in. It's all a group effort. One of us gets tired, the other hops right in. I feel it's really brutal on defenses and our blocking is good," Murray added.

"Our O-line did great. They (Summit) kept bringing a lot of kids but we **CONTINUED ON PAGE 11**



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ATTEMPTING TO GET A STICK ON THE BALL...Blue Devil forward Emma Blake, left, and Raider junior Ali Murphy attempt to get possession of the ball during the game in Westfield on September 15. Westfield won a thriller in overtime.

MINEO, SCHNEIDER, WALSH, ENNIS, RILEY NET GOALS

Blue Devils' Huge Surge Stuns Field Hockey Raiders in O.T.

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

Trailing 2-0 entering the fourth quarter, the Westfield High School field hockey team remembered what the Lady soccer Blue Devils did the day before, scored twice to knot the score in regulation then sophomore Lucy Mineo slammed in the winner with 5:58 remaining in overtime to earn an amazing, 3-2, victory over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on Sep-

The veteran Raider squad came into the game with wins over Union

(7-0) and Delaware Valley (4-1) and a loss to the always tough West Essex Knights, while the youthful Blue Devils had beaten Union (1-0) and Newark Academy (7-0), while dropping a 2-1 thriller to the AL Johnson Cru-

Senior Bridget Ennis scored a second-quarter goal for the Raiders and Meredith Riley scored on a penalty shot in the third quarter. Junior Julia Schneider, on assists from sophomore Katie Walsh and junior Lindsay Doyle, scored Westfield's first goal then Walsh, assisted by Mineo, scored the game-tying goal to force overtime. Raider goalkeeper Emilia Saccento and Blue Devil keeper Lauren McDonough each recorded

Although the Raiders had the lion's share of possession the first three quarters, the Blue Devils would hold a 7-6 edge in penalty corners by the end of regulation and added two more in the overtime period. Riley initiated the penalty corners for the Raiders and Walsh had that responsibility for the Blue Devils.

Walsh explained, "I insert all the corners and my job is to cover post, so CONTINUED ON PAGE 11



GETTING GOOD POSITION ON THE BALL...Blue Devil junior midfielder Emma Kelesoglu, No. 10, gets good position on the ball as Raider co-captain Kat Zikas moves in. Westfield scored twice in the final 15 minutes then won in overtime. FOX OT GOAL; CAT, IZZY, BAYLOCK, KLURMAN SCORE

Lady Soccer Blue Devils Sting Raiders, 3-2, in 2nd Overtime

By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

Discouraged somewhat but not defeated, the Westfield High School girls soccer team trailing 2-0 with less than 18 minutes on the clock,

scored twice to knot the score in regulation then after a scoreless first overtime period, senior co-captain Kim DiFilippo set up a corner kick on the right side and launched a shot into the box where senior back Elise Fox

3-2 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood at Shimmi Wexler Field in Scotch Plains on September 14.

"The girls didn't give up. It's the third game of the season. What does this mean? It just builds character. It helps us moving forward. I think we possessed well. I just don't think we created enough scoring chances until 15 minutes left," Blue Devil Head Coach Tom Schmidt said.

The Raiders scored within the first

Klurman stopped a Blue Devil drive and launched a long shot downfield to Gia Milano, who tapped the ball to sophomore Amanda Baylock on the right side. From there Baylock ripped a right-to-left shot that was out of the reach of goalkeeper Sutton Factor (3 saves).

No more scoring occurred until the Blue Devils were penalized for a foul in the box and with 17:44 left in regulation. Klurman stepped forward

Hilltoppers Stagger Westfield In Boys Soccer Showdown, 4-0

By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and Union Counts

Very few would have expected the nature of the outcome of the game between the Summit Hilltoppers and the Westfield High School boys soccer team at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on September 18. Usually a score between these two quality teams would be 1-0, 2-1, or a very low scoring tie but this time, the Hilltoppers caught the Blue Devils, fresh off a victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood, on their heels and emerged with a rare 4-0 victory.

Summit junior Gabe Malik (goal, assist) scored a goal in the first half then senior Dan Faberov (goal, assist), co-captain Ethan Harris and senior Dave Argenal scored respective second-half goals. Senior Jonty Hodges and junior co-captain Lucas Allen added assists. Blue Devil senior goalkeeper Ryan Friedberg and Summit sophomore keeper Sebastian Arias both recorded five saves.

"It just wasn't enough energy from the start. We knew what Summit was

going to do in terms of how they are playing behind the ball. We had to find solutions to break them out and we couldn't find it. And once you go 1-0 down, it makes it even harder. We

just weren't good enough," Blue Devil Head Coach Eric Shaw answered. The Blue Devils did appear to grab the upper hand early within the first



USING HIS HEAD...Blue Devil junior Noah Fischer, No. 23, gets his head on the ball in the game against Summit in Westfield on September 18.

Blue Devils Sprint Past Warriors, 16-13



THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN...Blue Devil quarterback Trey Brown, No. 17, sprints into the end zone to earn Westfield a 16-13 victory over the hosting Watchung Hills Warriors on September 17. See account of game on page 10.



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Charles Mulrooney for *The Westfield Leader* and *Union County HAWK*BRINGING DOWN A WARRIOR...Blue Devil linebacker Dan Hanlon, No. 44,
brings down a Warrior in the game against Watchung Hills on September 17.
Hanlon was involved in 11 tackles in the 16-13 win.

Blue Devils Sprint Past Warrior Gridders, 16-13

Entrenched in a defensive battle for three quarters the Westfield High School football team, leading 3-0, matched the hosting Watchung Hills Warriors in the fourth quarter to earn a 16-13 victory on September 17.

The only score of the first half was a 35-yard field goal kicked by Blue

Constantinou had five receptions for 80 yards. Peter Del Re had two receptions for 41 yards. Wragg had two receptions for 33 yards, including a touchdown, and Csorba had two receptions for 32 yards. Paul Cerro had a 17-yard reception, Alex Tilyou had a 14-yard reception, Aidan Scheper



Dale Horton for *The Westfield Leader* and *Union County HAWK*BIG CONTRIBUTION...Blue Devil Dylan Wragg, front, kicked a 35-yard field
goal and had a 29-yard touchdown reception in the 16-13 win over the Warriors.

Devil junior Dylan Wragg in the second quarter. The Warriors took a 7-3 lead early in the fourth quarter on a two-yard plunge but the 2-0 Blue Devils came right back when junior quarterback Trey Brown hooked up with Wragg for a 29-yard touchdown reception. The point after failed. The Warriors responded with a four-yard touchdown run to take a 13-9 lead but the two-point conversion attempt failed. Late in the quarter, Brown took matters into his own hands and galloped 21 yards for the touchdown and the point after was good.

Brown carried 14 times for 81 yards. Senior running back Justin Colby carried 15 times for 21 yards and Wragg carried 10 times for 21 yards. Senior co-captain James Csorba carried twice for 63 yards. Brown completed 15 of 29 passes for 224 yards, including a touchdown. Trey

Royals Nip Cougars In Girls Soccer, 1-0

The 2-0 Oak Knoll Royals nipped the Cranford Cougars, 1-0, on September 14. Riley Cross scored a goal in the second half for the Oak Knoll Royals.

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had a six-yard reception and Ronan Fowler had a one-yard reception.

Defensively, junior linebacker Dan Hanlon made 11 total tackles and junior linebacker Jack O'Connor made eight tackles. Junior defensive back Senu Glasco broke up four pass attempts.

The Blue Devils will travel to Linden this Friday, September 24, to face the Tigers at 7 p.m.

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Cougars Nip Plainfield In Girls Tennis, 3-2

The 3-1 Cranford High School girls tennis team edged the Plainfield Cardinals, 3-2, on September 15. For the Cougars, Danielle Burke set back Eva Woolard, 6-1, 6-1, at second singles and Meghan Laniewski beat Nataly Zelaya, 6-1, 6-2, at third singles. Gabby Urso and Jessica LaMastra won in three sets over Milena Guerro and Kayla Jefferson at first doubles. Plainfield's Dayanna Caluna defeated Alyssa Colonbrita, 6-4, 6-2, at first singles, and Omalara Falana and Alona Durham topped Anna Waller and Rosie Deeb, 6-2, 6-4, at second

High School Sport Shorts:

Blue Devils Top Oak Knoll Royals, Fall to No. 3 Kent Place in Tennis

After losing to the No. 3 Kent Place Dragons at the Moorestown Classic title game on September 12, the No. 10 Westfield High School girls tennis team shut out the Oak Knoll Royals, 5-0, on September 14 then fell to the Dragons for the third time, 4-1, on September 15.

Against the Royals, Savannah Cohen stopped Kelly Troczynski in three sets, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, at first singles. Katey Peretz topped Grace Schroeder, 6-1, 6-2, at second singles and Bianca Vesuna defeated Ava Cusack, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 at third singles. At first doubles, Emily Shabinaw and Payton Silverman stopped Ella Metzler and Sophie

Pharoan in three sets, 6-3, 2-6, 6-0. At second doubles, Emily Stoller and Lola Geoghan downed Grace Sharp and Sarah Kuhl, 6-1, 6-3.

The Blue Devils' only win against the Dragons came at first doubles when Annika Vesuna and Shabinaw topped Emaan Jan and Sophie Capone, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3). At first singles, Alex Anderson beat Natalie Zelechowski, 6-0, 6-0. Nicole Kintiroglou stopped Cohen, 6-3, 6-3, at second singles and Tina Kintiroglou defeated Peretz, 6-0, 6-1, at third singles. Anna Walter and Caroline Hand topped Silverman and Bianca Vesuna, 7-5, 6-4, at second doubles.

No. 13 Raiders Beat Colonia, Stop New Prov. Pioneers in Girls Tennis

The 5-1, No. 13 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls tennis team blanked the Colonia Patriots, 5-0, on September 14 then stopped the New Providence Pioneers, 4-1, on September 15. Against the Patriots, Anna Szczuka topped Veronica Komorek, 6-1, 6-2, at first singles. Diya Nainwal beat Angelle Sherman, 6-1, 6-1, at second singles and Diti Nainwal stopped Nicolette Baksay, 6-2, 6-2, at third singles. At first doubles, Nikita Sahasrabuda and Ellora Majumbar beat Shayrra Maralo and Natalia Korkowski, 6-0, 6-0. Jion

Shim and Samantha Edelman stopped Nifemi Olifiwobu and Arandita Misser, 6-0, 6-0, at second doubles.

Against the Pioneers, Szczuka defeated Durga Venkatesan, 6-0, 6-1, at first singles and Diya Nainwal topped Lilly Liu, 6-0, 6-1, at second singles. Diti Nainwal beat Georgia Burkitt, 6-0, 6-0, at third singles. Sahastrabuda and Majumbar topped Kate Ure and Emma Ure, 7-5, 6-4, at first doubles. Pioneers Tanvi Silvester and Maria Armenchu defeated Alexa Gingold and Edelman, 7-5, 6-1, at second doubles.

South River Stops ALJ Crusaders, 26-7

The South River High School football team defeated the AL Johnson Crusaders, 26-7, in Clark on September 17. Quarterback Jasen Hernandez scored the only touchdown for the 1-2 Crusaders and Brett Makowsky kicked the point after in the fourth quarter.

Rams receiver Jeff Ferriera scored on a 15-yard reception from quarter-back Ryan Kurtz in the first quarter and Davin Wilson kicked the point after. De'Andre Morris jumped the lead to 13-0 on a four-yard run. The point after failed. Kurtz hooked up with receiver Jordan Crawford on a 38-yard strike in the second quarter. The two-point conversion pass failed. Ferriera grabbed a four-yard touch-down pass in the third quarter and the point after was good.

Hernandez completed three of six passes for 67 yards and carried seven times for 52 yards, including his touchdown. Brandon Brown carried nine times for 70 yards and Matt Fredon carried four times for 41 yards. Braedon Downey had three carries for nine yards and Vince Pisano carried twice for two yards. Fredon had two receptions for 33 yards and Brown had a 34-yard reception.

Defensively Pisano made 12 tackles and recovered a fumble. Jay Greenbush had 10 tackles and an interception. Antwone Smikle had 11 tackles, Dylan Perrotto had eight tackles and Steve McCaffery made six tackles.

Lion quarterback Kurtz completed seven of 10 passes for 134 yards, including three touchdowns. Morris carried 16 times for 112 yards including a touchdown and Darius Armstrong carried eight times for 46 yards. Crawford had three receptions for 70 yards and a touchdown. Ferriera had three receptions for 57 yards and two touchdowns.

Blue Devil Boys Down Raiders in Soccer, 2-0

The Westfield High School boys soccer team improved to 2-0 with a 2-0 shutout over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders in Westfield on September 14. Chris Cicca netted a first-half goal and Noah Fischer, on an assist from Andrew Macik, scored in the second half. Blue Devil goal-keeper Ryan Friedberg made one save and Raider keeper Graham Kios made five saves.

NH Lions Reject Raider Gridders, 28-3

The North Hunterdon High School football team jumped on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders and came up with a 28-3 victory in Annandale on September 17. Quarterback Weston Fischer completed four of 12 passes for 36 yards and was intercepted once for the 2-2 Raiders.

The Lions scored twice in the first quarter with respective touchdown runs from Alex Uryniak (4 yards) and Nick Glucksman (12 yards). Both points after were good. Uryniak added a 12-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and the Raiders answered with a field goal. Uryniak got his third

The North Hunterdon High School touchdown with a six-yard burst in

the third quarter.

Raider senior running back Anthony Robinson had 73 yards on 13 carries. Khadir Jackson carried once for six yards and Matt Power carried twice for six yards. Damon Schumann had a 22-yard reception. Jackson and Justin Pastore each had a six-yard reception and Kenny Agwu had a two-yard grab. Defensively, Robinson made 13 tackles and Power made seven tackles.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending Section 5-13 of the Health Code of the Town of Westfield" was adopted by the Westfield Board of Health at a regular meeting held on September 13, 2021.

Megan Avallone,

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2021

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-13 OF THE HEALTH CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD."

BEIT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD,

as follows:

I. Subsection 1(c) of ARTICLE V, Food and Drink, Section 5-13, Licensing; fees, shall be modified as follows:

C. There is hereby established a fee for re-inspection of any retail food establishment receiving a posting of Conditionally Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory in the amount of \$100.00 (first Conditionally Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory posting); \$250.00 (second consecutive Initial Inspection resulting in a Conditionally Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory posting); \$500 and mandatory Board Hearing (third consecutive Initial Inspection resulting in a Conditionally Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory posting). Any three consecutive inspections resulting in a Conditionally Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory posting or any three consecutive Initial Inspections that result in a posting of Conditionally Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory shall also result in a mandatory Board hearing. Anytime the retail food establish ment receives a Conditionally Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory posting based on the re-

of \$150-\$200.

II. If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective immediately after publication in the man-

ner provided by law.

III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after publication in the

Strikethrough sections to be deleted. Underlined sections to be added.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK KEEPING THEIR EYE ON THE BALL...Raider co-captain/centerback Leah Klurman, No. 21, and Blue Devil co-captain/attacker Kim DiFilppo, No. 3, keep their eyes on the ball during the game in Scotch Plains on September 14.

Lady Blue Devils Sting Raiders With Goal in 2nd Overtime, 3-2

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to take the penalty kick and slid it past Factor into the low left corner. For the Blue Devils, an attempt to tie the game in regulation seemed bleak but not impossible. Coming into the game, the Blue Devils won their first two games and the Raiders were stunned by the Oak Knoll Royals, 1-0, in their season opener.

"To Coach (Kevin) Ewing, I know their first game didn't start the way they wanted to but Scotch Plains/ Westfield is always going to be a tough game. To go down 1-0 early, quick transition down the field, they caught us. Good goal! Second goal PK! Down 2-0 is a hard pill to swallow," Coach Schmidt commented.

The sense of urgency paid off for the Blue Devils when junior striker Cat Angel drilled a shot past Raider keeper Rebecca Kessler to cut the led to 2-1 with 15:04 remaining.

Angel described here sequence, "I was outside the box and I do that step all the time in practice. I take one leg over the other. I saw the goalie. I saw her line and thought the game isn't over until you hear the final whistle. I took the shot and it went in and we kept playing from there."

Time was running out and Fox took a free kick that she lofted into a mob scene at the box. Co-captain Izzy Gauthier, a centerback, was there and knotted the score with 1:00 left in regulation.

Sorenson, Kisly Cougar Athletes of the Week

Clare Sorenson & Stephen Kisley were named Cranford Cougar Athletes of the Week. Claire, a junior on the field hockey team, currently leads the team with 4 assists, helping to generate the Cougars' offensive momentum. She recently collected two assists in the team's most recent win against the previously undefeated Columbia Cougars.

Stephen is a senior on the football team. A strong safety, he had 7 tackles and two interceptions to help lead a stellar defensive effort as the football team defeated Summit 45-8. A previously undefeated Summit came into the game averaging 37 points a game, but the Cougars held them to only 88 yards of total offense.

No. 1 West Essex Tops ALJ in Field Hockey

The No. 1 ranked, 4-0 West Essex Knights field hockey team defeated the 2-2-1 AL Johnson Crusaders, 5-0, on September 16. Gianna Macrino netted three goals and an assists for the Knights. Cait Lutz had a goal and an assist, and Cielle McInerney scored once. Crusader goalkeeper Maria Dante had a very busy evening when she recorded 32 stops.

"My coach, I'm supposed to go on the centerback but he threw me up to a forward with our other striker Chiara (Cosenza) and actually Elise came down the side, brought the ball in and I think Alyssa (Martinez) hit it off, and I just tapped it in," Gauthier recalled.

The Raiders may had a bit of a possession edge in the scoreless first overtime but the Blue Devils stepped it up in the second. Finally, DiFilippo got a corner kick on the right side and put it in the right spot for Fox to nail the game winner.

"I walked up to get in the box. Alyssa (Martinez) comes up to me and says, 'you get in there, you score.' I came in, got my head on it and watched it go into the back of the net," Fox described.

"The corner is something we prac-

tice and we are happy that it happened. It's like a special play in football," Coach Schmidt said. It had to be a special emotional

experience playing the Raiders.

"Yes! Especially after missing last

year. We want to come out and show them what kind of season we missed last year and play for the seniors who missed out," Angel said.

The outstanding efforts of both teams' defenses against the battering offensive pushes stood out, especially from Klurman, who was constantly redirecting the ball back into Blue Devil territory.

"Credit to Leah Klurman! She dominated," Coach Schmidt expressed. "Every single ball she intercepted it or got shots off. And our game plan was how can we slow it down and attack for the girls to score? For Cat, Elise for Izzy in the middle there. We had two centerbacks who scored, which is something you don't see often either. For Elise and Izzy, it must be something special.

"She's (Klurman) a very good player but we had the energy today. We wanted to win. As Cat said, we missed our season last year and we wanted to bring it back because we were supposed to play them in the county finals. We missed that because we got shut down," Gauthier added.

One could bet that there should be, at least, one more meeting between the two rivals this season.

the two rivals this season.

"This time they are not going to get any goals and we are going to shut

any goals and we are going to shut them out," Fox said with a smile. "Obviously we are going to play

them probably two, maybe three more times. That's what we want. To shut them out and score as many goals as possible," Gauthier added.

"We want an undefeated season. We are working for it. We have the talent," Angel expressed.

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SPF Raider PAL Football Wins 3, Loses 1 and Ties 1

A 3-1-1 effort was produced by the Scotch Plains Fanwood (SPF) PAL football teams when the home opener to the 2021 New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League was played on Sunday, September 19. At Scotch Plains Fanwood High School's Tyson Field, the SPF PAL won on the B, C and E levels while the D team Raiders tied and the A team Raiders were defeated.

In the B level seventh-grade game, the Raiders pitched a 26-0 shutout over Bloomfield. The shutout was led by a defense that boasted Cooper Dupuis, while the offense was sparked by Micah Smith and Ryan Scarpa.

The sixth grade Raiders posted a shutout, too, when they cruised by Roselle Park, 33-0. Marcus Schomberg and Michael Paz were the offensive weapons for the Raid-

ers, while the SPF defense was anchored by Sebastian Accuncao, Noah Brown and Matthew Hayeck.

The E team Raiders on the fourth grade level scored a 25-6 victory over Bloomfield behind the play of RJ Wayans on offense and Mason Weinstein on defense.

On the fifth grade level, the Reid

On the fifth-grade level, the Raiders and West Orange fought to a 0-0 tie. Charlie Dursee was the leader of the Raider defense that posted the shutout, while Nick Hutchinson starred on offense.

The A team for SPF fell in a tough and exciting game to Chatham, 16-12, in a game between to strong eighth grade programs. Joe LaRosa was the catalyst of the offense and Lorenzo Tittanegro was the leader of the defense for the Raiders.

Devilfish Looking Forward to Regular Season

After a season like no other, the Westfield Area "Y" Devilfish were back to long course training this summer and are looking forward to the start of the 2021/2022 season. With the team split between the Westfield Memorial Pool and The Mountainside Community Pool, the Devilfish were able to get in more practice time and compete in two dual meets as well as send some kids to YMCAFestivals in Raleigh, NC.

Now that the summer season has

come to an end, the Devilfish are gearing up for their fall season which began indoors at the Westfield YMCA on September 13. After a year with less pool time and very few meets, the team is ready to start training again with all eyes focused on their biggest home meet of the season, The Devilfish Classic, which will take place October 23 and 24. The team is also excited to get back to competing in more dual meets, invitationals and championship meets



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FH Blue Devils' Huge Surge Stuns Raiders in OT

we've been practicing in practice saying that if we are on post the ball is going to eventually go in goal. We have a lot of different plays and we all work together to see if we can get a lot of open shots because we are all super strong players and we know that we can get the ball in from almost anywhere in the circle

The Raiders took the first dangerous shot with 6:10 left in the first quarter. Two minutes later another wicked shot from a scramble in the box resulted in no score then with 11 seconds on the clock, two Blue Devil defenders collided setting up a wide open shot for Raider senior co-captain Julia Zambrio, who added a little too much loft as it sailed over the cage.

In the second quarter, another mob scene in the Blue Devil box finally paid off when Ennis slid the ball past McDonough and into the cage with 6:22 left. A little more than a minute later, Saccento was put to the test on a penalty corner and survived with a fine stop. Two minutes later, the Raiders took a penalty corner but Westfield sophomore defender Erin Doherty made a key stop. Doherty, Doyle and junior Ella McLane would prove to be key forces in turning away many Raider attacks.

"Erin Doherty is the backbone of our defense. She knows exactly when to be composed, when to get rid of the ball, when to get steals. We have a lot

10 minutes and took three of their

four corner kicks of the first half. Co-

captain/midfielder Max Rokhsar

launched the first two corners from

the right side and junior midfielder

Mike Blake launched one from the

left. One of their intended targets in

the box was senior forward Andrew

Macik, who did manage to get his

head on the ball but the Summit de-

Also within that time span, junior

Anthony Buscio was at midfield on

the right side and sent a pass down the

line to senior forward Chris Cicca,

who quickly crossed into the box

where Macik got his head on it but the

we can do a little better finishing and

change the momentum and complex-

ion of the game at that time. There

were a couple of chances early on that

we could get in the back of the net to

change the complexion. Give them

(Summit) credit! They had a game

plan and they executed the game

Hilltoppers seemed to be in the right

place at the right time to control the

midfield. Additionally when the Blue

Devils got within striking range,

Summit's tall defenders were very ef-

ficient at turning the ball back up field.

to be better to move the ball, to move

players. As quickly as we want to

play, we got to kind of counter that.

So we got to play quick. At times,

when you don't play quick, they (Sum-

mit) sit behind the ball and it's easier

to defend. Big balls into the box, big

guys win them. Ultimately we weren't

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

COUNTY OF UNION

The Borough of Mountainside is hereby

amending the Notice of Request for Bids for Lease of Space on a Telecommunications Tower – 100 Foot Elevation that was

published on September 9, 2021, and the

for Bids is changed to provide as follows:

Bidders will be furnished a copy of the form

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2. The 10-day period set forth in para-

3. The questions set forth in the

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Martha Lopez

Borough Clerk

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late to the Bidder, not a subcontractor the

graph 9 of the Notice of Request for Bids is

1. Paragraph 4 of the Notice of Request

related bid documents.

the Borough Clerk

changed to 45 days.

Bidder might employ

quick enough to move the ball."

Coach Shaw commented, "We got

From that point onward, the

plan," Coach Shaw said.

"Those are moments that hopefully

fenders made the deflections.

ball was deflected.

of confidence in her. Also Ella McLane and Lindsay Doyle had some key hits, clearing the ball, which really helped us with our momentum, especially in the fourth quarter. They really turned it up and dominated the fourth quarter and the overtime," Blue Devil Head

Midway through the third quarter Ennis had an open shot in the box but McDonough smothered it. A penalty stroke was awarded and with 8:27 on the clock, Riley buried it into the

(McDonough) was on top of the ball and they couldn't play. I believe that was what initially caused the stroke. She's one-on-one, she's got to risk it and slow down the play," Coach

charge of their own but Raider defender Maya Viscardi made a great stop. With 4:00 left in the quarter, Schneider and McLane were trying to win a scramble in the Raider box but Saccento made the stop.

quarter with big time pressure and never relented. With 8:35 remaining, Schneider won a scramble to make

"I was on pad and I saw that I had behind me open, so I shot it around



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

Then with 5:58 remaining, Walsh after she sent in her penalty corner, got good position and slammed in the tying goal.

"It just ended up in the right spot and I finished my shot. I'm not sure who hit it in, so I ran around the goalie and gave it everything I had." She said.

One 10-minute overtime period came next. After Doherty turned back a Raider charge at midfield, the Blue Devils gained possession, another scramble in the box ensued and Mineo drove in the game winner with 5:54 left in overtime.

"It couldn't have happened without Julia. I'm pretty sure it went from Katie to Julia and I just tapped it in. I think we three work really well together. It was all of us," Mineo emhasized.

Their comeback was not their first this season.

We did that yesterday in our game against Newark Academy. We came back and we knew we had the mo-mentum to keep going. We just wanted it a lot more. We were all working as a team and it worked to our advantage," Schneider explained.

The Raiders had a strong finish last year and returned the bulk of their key players, while the Blue Devils have only two seniors on their team.

"We all don't have a lot of experience on varsity but we all have a lot of experience playing together. I think that works to our advantage. Since we are all very similar in age, there's not a divide. We are all trying to move up together," Schneider said.

'I've never played with the varsity. I went from freshman to varsity this year. Katie went from JV to varsity and Julia had some experience at varsity last year. I think the coaches do a great job of making us all one team. The second day of practice we all went to the diner together and that was a great bonding experience. We all just blend so well together," Mineo added.

"It's great that we have a young team because a lot of us are multi-sport athletes. I played years of lacrosse with these girls. We are an athletic team. When you have a lot of people who play different sports, you know you will work so well together as a team," Walsh concluded.

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PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE QUARTERBACK...Cougar junior linebacker Shane Kanterman, No. 35, puts pressure on Summit quarterback Charlie Schaffer, No. 3, in Cranford. The entire Cougar defense hounded Summit in a 45-8 win.

Cougars Level Hilltoppers in Grid Rivalry, 45-8

held together. Shout out to the Oline," VanDam expressed.

Meanwhile the defensive pressure convinced Summit quarterback Charlie Schaffer (7-18-50 yards) to toss four interceptions, two each to Gallagher and Stephen Kisly. The Summit running game was pretty much nonexistent thanks to three sacks and a number of throws for loss (TFL). Linebacker Angelo Fiorenza was involved in five tackles, including an 11-yard sack and a TFL. Connor Ryan recorded two TFL's and a sack, nose guard Matt Fries recorded a sack and a TFL, and Dan Abrahamsen had a TFL. Shane Kanterman, Ruby, Chris Blevins, Kisly and Kevin Shriner added to the intense pressure.

"I am so happy that our defense was able to crush down on them. Me an my boys, we did it," Kisly expressed.

"Defense played great! We made a bunch of adjustments this week," VanDam added.

After the HIlltoppers went threeand-out to start the game, the Cougars took over at their 37-yard line. Van Dam hit Gallagher for 11 yards then Murray broke tackles for 27 yards to the Summit 25. From there, Gallagher grabbed Van Dam's pass near the five and broke a tackle to reach the end zone with 9:58 on the clock.

"It was a comeback route. Probably one of our best routes that we have in our playbook. It's just consistency in practice that me and him put in. We are definitely on the same page. He knows where to throw it. I know where I'm running," Gallagher explained.

With less than a minute left in the quarter, Godwin booted his 33-yard field goal.

Early in the second quarter, Summit missed a 33-yard field goal attempt. After Gallagher read Schaffer's eyes for his first interception, the Cougars concluded a 67-yard drive with Murray's seven-yard sprint into the end zone. On the Hilltoppers' next possession, Gallagher intercepted again at midfield and brought the ball to the Summit 28.

"The QB was looking right at the guy the whole time. So he threw it, I intercepted it. I pretty much knew he was going to throw it there, so I jumped in front of the first one. The second one was a miss. Our safety messed up. That was supposed to be his man and, luckily, I scraped off my man and intercepted it. That would probably have been a touchdown," Gallagher explained.

Two plays later, Van Dam dashed in from 14 yards out to make the score 24-0. After a couple of TFL's by the Cougars, Cranford took over at the Summit 30. Three plays later, Van Dam hit Conley for the 25-yard TD to make the halftime score 31-0.

The Cougars received the kickoff to start the third quarter but their offense stalled then a bad snap forced Godwin to smother the ball at the one-yard line turning possession over the Summit. Schafer sneaked the ball into the end zone and the two-point

conversion was good. With 5:43 left in the quarter, Van Dam connected with Ruby to make the score 34-8. Kisly made his first interception on Summit's next possession then he picked off Schaffer again to award the Cougars great field position at the Summit 32.

Kisly described, "The first intercep-

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tion they ran the same exact play. They happy that we got the win. Summit's

bunched all those guys right near the line of scrimmage. Honestly after that first play, I thought, 'Oh! I should have picked that off.' Then I read the same

play again. I saw the guy go out on a

little shuffle route. The kid was scram-

bling when I picked it off." On the first play of the fourth quarter, Murray dove in from the two to make the score 45-8 and to activate

the Mercy Rule clock. "I thought they were better but I'm a big rival," Murray said. "We still have lots to work on. All of us, including me. Just get back next

week," Kisly said. "We just keep the same approach. Keep getting better every week. We

are rolling right now," VanDam said.
The Cougars will be on the road to face JFK-Iselin this Friday, September 24, at 7 p.m

Summit Cranford

Westfield Hall of Fame Dinner Set Nov. 22 at Shackamaxon

The Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame will, hopefully, finally induct its Class of 2020 this November. After being postponed last November due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's event is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 6 p.m., at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains.

There will be a two-hour, meetand-greet luncheon for the Class of 2020 inductees at noon at the high school's Student Center.

Tickets will be available in September, via www.westfieldathletichof.comwebsite or by mail or telephone at the Westfield High School athletic department. Tickets are \$75 (individual inductees and their plus-one are free) and \$25 for children. Families, friends or teams can reserve tables for eight.

The Class of 2020 includes: Athletes: Adam Bergo (track), Kenny Blackwell (football, track), Elwyn 'Eli' Britten (football, basketball, baseball), Claudia Carnevale (field hockey, basketball, softball), Neil Chamberlin (football, baseball),

Jay Cook (football, basketball, baseball), Keith Davis (football, track), Doug Eakeley (swimming), Frank Esposito (track, basketball), Harvey Gerber (swimming); Walt Hansgen (auto racing), Bran-

don Heroux (track, soccer), John Kerman (football, track), Steve Locker (lacrosse, soccer), Ed 'Red' MacCloskey (baseball, football), Ed 'Skeeter' MacCloskey (baseball, football, track), Chris Mattes (lacrosse, soccer), Erin Miller (basketball), Kevin 'Spud' Monroe (basketball), Ken Welch (diving);

Coaches: Bob Brewster (baseball), Sam Bunting (tennis), Ed Tranchina (football), Carol Lee Weis (cheerleading);

Teams: 1986 boys soccer, 1995 boys

soccer, 1998-2001 girls gymnastics. This will be the 14th induction dinner since the WAHOF was created in 1993. The first was in 1994 and they were held every two years until last November.

CLASS OF 2022

While much of the world has been in lockdown, the WAHOF trustees, via WebEx meetings, maintained the process by selecting the Class of 2022, which will (again, hopefully) be inducted on November 21, 2022, at Shackamaxon.

The Class of 2022 includes: Athletes: Christian Barber (wres-

tling), Ken Cornell (wrestling), Jill Dame (softball), Dave Demarest (swimming), Bob Hoffman (track, football), Andy Jacob (cross-country, track), Morgan Lang (lacrosse, soccer), Cyndil Matthew (softball), Tom McCoy (swimming), Chris McFadden (swimming), Dennis McGorty (track), AJ Murray (baseball, football), Matt Rothstein (bowling, baseball), Lexi Tourtellotte (soccer, volleyball);

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Coach Corinne Varhley said.

upper left netting for a 2-0 score.
"What I believe happed, she

Varhley explained. The Blue Devils answered with a The Blue Devils began the fourth

the score 2-1.

the goalie. It was like all in the moment," Schneider recalled.



GOING AFTER THE BALL...Blue Devil junior Ella McLane, center, attempts to steal the ball away from Raider co-captain Bridget Ennis, No. 7.

Hilltoppers Stagger Westfield in Boys Soccer, 4-0 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

> With 4:25 left in the half, Faberov was on the right side line and crossed into the box where Malik ripped the ball past Friedberg for the goal.

> Six minutes into the second half, Friedberg made a diving stop that he

again, I think it's more us than them. We weren't good enough, we weren't enthusiastic, passionate like we were against Scotch Plains. We always know these matches after Scotch Plains are difficult but as a team, we



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK USING THEIR HEADS...Blue Devil senior Andrew Macik, No. 7, and Summit's Gustavo Morales, No. 8 gets their heads on the ball in Westfield on September 18.

directed to a teammate, who then took the ball downfield. The Blue Devils managed to get off a shot but Arias made the save. Then with 31:57 on the clock, Faberov netted his goal. Within five minutes, Harris launched a right-to-left shot that lodged into the upper left netting.

"Him (Faberov) and No. 6, Ethan (Harris). We are fully aware of those guys and the quality they have. But have to do better after those games, or any of those games because they are the most important games. Today was a most important game and we weren't good enough," Coach Shaw empha-

As time was about to run out, Argenal won a scramble and made the score 4-0.

Summit Westfield

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW AGREEMENT BE-TWEEN THE MEMBER MU-NICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWER-**AGE AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford acting in concert with and upon the consideration of the adoption of parallel ordinances by the Boroughs of Garwood Kenilworth and Roselle Park, the City of Rahway, the Town of Westfield and the Townships of Clark, Springfield and Woodbridge, municipal corporations of the State of New Jersey, all situate in the County of Union, except the Township of Woodbridge, which is situate in the County of Middlesex, shall join with said municipal corporations in the formation of a sewerage authority (the "RVSA");

WHEREAS, the RVSA is governed by an operating agreement, last amended in

WHEREAS, the members of the RVSA wish to update and adopt a new operating agreement, a copy of which is attached

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township of Cranford hereby approves the revised Agreement for the continued establishment and operation of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority to replace the Agreement adopted in 1995 by the then nine (9) member municipalities of the Authority.

SECTION 2. The revised Agreement pproved by this Ordinance is attached as Appendix A ("2021 Agreement") and shall become effective upon approval by comparable ordinances adopted by all eleven (11) current member municipalities of the Authority, <u>i.e.</u> Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield and Woodbridge ("Member Mu-

SECTION 3. The 1995 Agreement, upon adoption of comparable ordinances by all of the Member Municipalities, shall be null and void and shall have no effect, having been replaced by the 2021 Agreement. SECTION 4. If any section, clause, para-

graph, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, so adjudged, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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, September 14, 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, October 12, 2021 at 7:30 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 2021-15 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 pdonahue@cranfordnj.org or call 908-709-7210.) A copy of Ordinance 2021-15 has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Municipal Building of the Township Patricia Donahue, RMC

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All bids must be submitted on the bid form which will be furnished upon application at Office of the Westfield Board of Education. Bids which are not submitted on such form may be rejected.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.S.A 10: 5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27) Affirmative Action.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids By order of the Westfield Board of Edu-

Dana Sullivan School Business Administrator Board Secretary 1 T - 09/23/21, The Leader Fee: \$36.21

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Elections 2021



council hired our new admin with

less duties than our last, was this not

worked into the contract? Why are

we not thinking outside the box?

Why are we not doing what is best

for Garwood??? What is best for

Garwood is for our DPW to be

As far as the DPW building and

current council prioritizing vanity

projects over repairs: this year in the

middle of the pandemic our council

purchased \$6,900 worth of decora-

tive snowflakes, while not giving

2020 raises to our non-union em-

ployees. In addition, the council cre-

ated a social media position that cur-

rently pays over \$1,000 per month.

These are just two small examples of

This is the problem with current

council. Residents who have at-

tended meetings have seen that there

is absolutely no feedback, alternate

views, or conversation, it almost

Blumenstock and Vincent Kearney

have made this year's election like it

is their own, making numerous false

claims against me over the past few

months, including released an ar-

ticle stating that I was lying before

We have barely heard from the

Democrat candidates themselves.

They have release pre-drafted pub-

lications and it shows. Allow our

platforms to speak for themselves,

and stop the personal attacks and

Republican Council Candidates

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that on the 13th of Sep-

tember the Zoning Board of Adjustment of

the Township of Cranford, in the County of

1. Application ZBA 21-005: Adopted a

Resolution of Memorialization approving

the request of Robert and Shannon Nixon

to permit construction of a front porch. A

c(2) variance for front vard setback §255-

34 and a c(2) variance for uncovered steps

setback §255-35D(3) on Block 582 Lot 4

as designated on the Township Tax Map

also known as 7 Harold Johnson Place in

1 T - 09/23/21, The Leader Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

to award a contract on an emergency ba-

sis without public advertising for bids and

bidding. The Township of Cranford has

authorized the execution of an emergency

pump necessary due to the destruction

associated with Storm Ida. This contract

and Resolution No. 2021-331 are avail-

able for public inspection at the office of the

Awarded to: Pumping Services, Inc.,

Service: Provide and perform all ser-

vices necessary for the installation of a

Fee not to exceed: \$19,581.00

Date: September 14, 2021

201 Lincoln Boulevard, Middlesex, New

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 allows a municipality

Kathy Lenahan

Board Administrator

Union took the following action:

the R-4 Zone

Municipal Clerk.

Jersey 08846

trash pump

Kimberly Salmon

Heather Loffredo

I even said anything.

misinformation.

Jennifer

scripted.

where their priorities lie.

Garwood GOP Candidates Push Back on DPW

Garwood.

seems

From what I have learned over the past several years of following town politics is you can expect the Garwood Democrats to publish a hit piece titled "Setting the record straight" when anyone calls them out on their misinformation.

So, let's dive a little deeper into Jennifer Blumenstock's claims in her recently published article. In 2015, Garwood Democrats fired our Department of Public Works (DPW) superintendent even though countless residents poured into borough hall speaking out against the termination of our department head. Council dismissed residents with pre-written statements and continued with their agenda. Next to come was the Fanwood agreement. Leaving Garwood with no option, we were forced to sign on to an agreement with a neighboring town. Garwood and Fanwood have a longstanding political affiliation and it is clear with the continuation of this agreement, politics come first. Over the years council has replaced extremely outdated equipment for the DPW, which I have been following. Slowly, Garwood began to need the Fanwood agreement less and less. Therefore, the only purpose of the agreement is the requirement of the superintendent.

This year with the retirement of our long-time borough admin, her position was split into two positions alleviating "too much work" on one person. One of the two replacements holds the certificate needed to oversee our DPW and end our shared service agreement. So, I ask myself this: why, when

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 allows a municipality to award a contract on an emergency basis without public advertising for bids and bidding. The Township of Cranford has authorized the execution of an emergency contract award for the clean-up and removal of the bulk waste associated with Storm Ida. This contract and Resolution No. 2021-327 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Awarded to: Messercola Excavating Inc., 549 East 3rd Street, Plainfield, New Jersev 07060

Service: Removal of the bulk waste ssociated with Storm Ida Date: September 14, 2021

> Patricia Donahue, RMC Township Clerk

1 T - 09/23/21, The Leader Fee: \$20.91

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township of Cranford requested guotes for an exhaust fan for the Township of Cranford's Fire Department through a with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et sea. The Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for such exhaust fan. This contract and Resolution No. 2021-324 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Awarded to: Vericon Construction, 1063 Route 22 East, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092

Service: Exhaust Fan for the Fire Department

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING

THE TERMINATION OF A

CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DATED AS OF

SEPTEMBER 1, 1994, BE-

TWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK AND THE RAHWAY

VALLEY SEWERAGE AU-

THORITY, THE BOROUGHS

ROSELLE PARK, THE CITY OF RAHWAY, THE TOWN OF

WESTFIELD AND THE TOWN-

SHIPS OF CRANFORD, SPRINGFIELD AND

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford,

acting in concert with and upon the consid-

eration of the adoption of parallel ordi-

nances by the Boroughs of Garwood,

Kenilworth and Roselle Park, the City of

Rahway, the Town of Westfield and the

Townships of Clark, Springfield and

Woodbridge, municipal corporations of the

State of New Jersey, all situate in the

County of Union, except the Township of

Woodbridge, which is situate in the County

of Middlesex, shall join with said municipal corporations in the formation of a sewer-

age authority; WHEREAS, RVSA and its Member Mu-

nicipalities in 1994 approved a Settlement

Agreement with the Township of Clark

relating to excess flows ("1994 Agree-

the RVSA have agreed that there is no

longer a need for Clark to be considered in

a different manner from the other Member

Municipalities as it relates to excess flow

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the

RVSA have determined to approve the

termination of the 1994 Agreement and

have determined to recommend to the current eleven (11) Member Municipalities

that the 1994 Agreement be terminated;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commission-

WHEREAS, termination of the 1994

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED

Agreement requires approval by all eleven

ers has unanimously approved the termi-

nation of the 1994 Agreement; and

(11) Member Municipalities

WHEREAS, the Township of Clark and

KENILWORTH

WOODBRIDGE

GARWOOD,

Fee: \$ 37,989.00 Date: September 14, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC Township Clerk 1 T - 09/23/21, The Leader Fee: \$21.93

Township Clerk 1 T - 09/23/21, The Leader Fee: \$23.46 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Patricia Donahue, RMC

by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows: SECTION 1. The Mayor and Clerk of the

of hereby authorized to execute a certain amendment ("Amendment") to the Settlement Agreement, dated September 1, 1994, between Clark Township, and the municipalities of Garwood, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Rahway, Westfield, Cranford, Springfield, Scotch Plains and Woodbridge and the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority ("Settlement Agreement"), for the pur-

pose of terminating the Settlement Agree-

SECTION 2. A copy of the Amendment is attached as Appendix A and the termination of the Settlement Agreement shall become effective upon adoption of this Ordinance or a comparable ordinance adopted by all eleven (11) of the current member municipalities of the Authority, i.e. Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield and Woodbridge and the adoption of a resolution by the Authority authorizing execution of the Amendment.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon second reading and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

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, September 14, 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, October 12, 2021 at 7:30 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 2021-16 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 pdonahue@cranfordnj.org or call 908-709-7210.) A copy of Ordinance 2021-16 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

1 T - 09/23/21, The Leader Fee: \$99.96

Local Government's Most Important Duty is Safety

Public safety has suffered under Westfield's current leadership. I am a former prosecutor, and worked for years to protect citizens from those who would do them violence, steal their property, or otherwise put them in harm's way.

As a Westfield Councilwoman, I spent five years on the Public Safety, Parking and Transportation Committee, two of those years as chair. During that time, downtown break-ins and the posting of electronic message boards around town warning residents and visitors to "lock your cars" and "hide your things" were unheard

I used my experience and my commitment to public safety to reduce crime and make many pedestrian and traffic improvements in Westfield. For example, I helped to initiate a townwide approach to improving traffic safety by, among other things, identifying neighborhood "hot spot" zones and holding neighborhood meetings to gather resident input before making traffic safety improvements.

I worked with the board of education to improve parking at and around Westfield High School. Specifically, I helped to (i) add 82 new off-street spaces and reallocate on-street spaces to reduce congestion on side streets in the neighborhood, (ii) relocate the high school bus stop area to improve safety on Dorian Road, and (iii) imoose parking restrictions in front of Kehler Stadium to improve pedestrian safety.

Under my committee leadership, the town did not put the safety of our schoolchildren in the hands of the lowest bidder, located out of state, as it does now. Instead, Westfield itself employed 51 local crossing guards, providing more assistance and protection than any other surrounding municipality. I helped to establish the popular Walking School Bus and Walk to School Day. To ensure that routes to school were safe, over 300 crosswalks were restriped with reflective paint to enhance safety.

To assist Seniors safely around town, I helped to establish Senior Transportation through the Recreation Department to provide shopping trips, medical trips, etc. I worked collaboratively with the State and Union County to improve pedestrian and traffic controls with grant money or county funds in the following locations: North Avenue and Crossway Place; East Broad Street and Mountain Avenue; Central Avenue pedestrian crossing; North Avenue at Lord & Taylor (HAWK signal at no tax-

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD ORDINANCE 21-19-S

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BOROUGH OF FANWOOD ORDINANCE 21-19-S

> AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUPPLEMENTING **CHAPTER 86, SALARIES** AND COMPENSATION, AND CHAPTER 67. POLICE DE-PARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

WAS PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 20.

Kathleen Holmes Borough Clerk 1 T - 09/23/21, UC Hawk

Fee: \$19.38

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS **PLANNING BOARD**

TAKE NOTICE, that on Monday, July 19, 2021, the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, approved the following applica-

Trinity Dominion, LLC., for a modification to a previously approved subdivision for the construction of a new in-ground pool for property located at 1228 Cooper Road Block 14701 Lot 1 02

The Resolution memorializing said approval was duly presented and adopted by the Planning Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021. A copy of the Resolution has been filed in the office of the Planning Board and/or the office of the Municipal Clerk at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, and is available for public inspection. Should anyone encounter problems gaining access to the Municipal Building during the current public health crisis. please contact Melissa Szeman at (908) 322-6700, ext. 307 during regular business hours to discuss alternative arrangements on how to obtain a copy of the Melissa Szeman.

Clerk/Land Use Secretary 1 T - 09/23/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$28.05 payer expense); Elm and Broad Streets and added 4-way stops throughout

Additionally, I worked with our police, fire, and public works departments to expand their ranks and modernize their equipment. In fact, with the help of prudent fiscal management, I oversaw (i) an increase in the number of police officers in 2014, 2015, and 2016, (ii) an increase in the number of firefighters in 2015 and 2016, (iii) the purchase of two new fire trucks to replace an aging fleet and meet State standards, and (iv) both the addition of DPW workers in 2015 and 2016 and the purchase of new equipment.

The mayor sets the tone for public safety, and as your mayor I will use my experience and prior success to make Westfield a safer community for pedestrians and a very uncomfortable place for those who wish to do us harm.

Among other things, I will again work with the State and County to improve the traffic signals at North and Central Avenues, and to redesign and re-signal the intersection of North Avenue and Elm Street. I would again work with the board of education to reinstate the walking schoolbus program for our children. I would improve parking by using the latest technology to assist drivers of realtime space availability in our munici-

I also will work to reduce crime. I stand proudly beside our police officers, but my vision of how they can best serve Westfield residents differs greatly from what I see currently. My top priority would be to re-direct officers to the perimeters of town to create a real deterrent to entry for criminals. Recent home and downtown break-ins, car thefts and other crimes are unacceptable. As a former prosecutor, I firmly believe that the message that Westfield is tough on crime must be made loud and clear. Each of us has a right to feel secure in our home and with our belongings.

One of local government's most important duties, if not the most important one, is to keep its residents safe and secure. We just don't feel as safe as we once did in Westfield, and we must do better. As your mayor I will make Westfield a safer and more pedestrian-friendly town. I did it before, and I will do it again. Please vote for me on November 2nd.

> JoAnn Neylan **Mayoral Candidate** Westfield

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., through standards promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, and Executive Orders 103 and 107, the regular meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. will be held by online/virtual means and telephonically

The agenda for the meeting on September 27, 2021 will be posted on the Township of Scotch Plains Website, Members of the public who wish to monitor and/or participate in the public meeting may join from a computer or capable device at:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84543842934? pwd=c2p2WWZBRHdjdUVxQy9TWGVTZi9 idz09

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Alternately, members of the public may contact the Clerk/Land Use Secretary by

email at mszeman@scotchplainsnj.com or by phone, during regular business hours, at (908) 322-6700 x 307 prior to the meeting in order to ask any questions if encountering any difficulty with the options described in this notice

Melissa Szeman Clerk/Land Use Secretary 1 T - 09/23/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$46.92

PUBLIC NOTICE POUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2223 NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

General Ordinance No. 2223, a summary of which is included herein, was introduced as amended at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield held on September 14, 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 September 28, 2021 in the Westfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 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.

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.

A summary of General Ordinance No. 2223 is as follows Title: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, **CHAPTER 13, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

Amends Chapter 13, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Section 13-20 of the Town Code by adding the following language in its entirety:

Name of Street Side Central Avenue Southwest

From 50 feet south of the southerly curbline of Washington Street and from 50 feet north of the northerly curbline of Washington Street

Beginning at the easterly curbline of Tuttle Parkway and extending east along the northerly curbline of South Avenue for a distance of 70 feet

Tara Rowley, RMC Town Clerk Fee: \$56.10

1 T - 09/23/21. The Leader

South Avenue North

The Student View

Westfield High School Journalism Program

The Importance of **Adaptive Fashion**

By CHARLOTTE COHEN

Before I learned about adaptive fashion, I had taken for granted the ease with which I buy and wear clothes that make me feel confident. Why is it that I, an ablebodied person, can easily do this, but someone with a physical disability does not have the same opportunity?

For people with disabilities, when clothing does not fit well and cannot easily be put on or taken off, the simple act of getting dressed can become a time-consuming chal-

For example, even something as simple as the placement of buttons, snaps, seams and zippers on traditional clothing can present difficulty and can be uncomfortable for people in wheelchairs or with braces or a walker.

Since mainstream clothing is designed for able-bodied individuals, people with disabilities must resort to working with traditional clothing, making their lives more difficult. People with disabilities are often forced to wear clothing that is ill-fitting or uncomfortable. It is harder to feel confident while wearing clothes that don't fit well or make you physically feel good.

However, not only can adaptive clothing help with the issue of improving the confidence of people with disabilities, but the fashion industry could tap into a profitable

Adaptive fashion for people with disabilities is clothing that is specifically designed for people with disabilities that allows them to dress themselves easier and more independently. However, adaptive fashion has not yet made its way to

the mainstream fashion industry. Until the concept of adaptive clothing becomes mainstream in the fashion world, traditional clothing will continue to present numerous barriers and difficulties for people with disabilities.

People with disabilities are the largest minority group in the world, so it is hard to believe how popular petite and plus-size clothing lines are in comparison to the almost non-existent amount of adaptive clothing lines.

Clearly there is an evident mar-ket for adaptive clothing that would benefit this demographic. There is no sensible reason why companies wouldn't begin designing and selling adaptive clothing alongside their other products.

Clothing is the ultimate way I express myself. I go to bed dreaming up outfits I can wear the next day. When I walk into a store I get excited to find new clothes that make me feel confident. It is heartbreaking that so many people, including some of my peers, don't have the same freedom to express themselves with clothing the way I

Clothing is a basic human need and by not breaking down stereotypes and highlighting the need for mainstream adaptive apparel and showcase people with disabilities in fashion we dehumanize all those who have a disability. This is an industry that affects our everyday lives yet still leaves out a large group of minorities.

It is imperative that mainstream retailers begin to enter the adaptive fashion market and allow people with disabilities to feel the same excitement I do when I walk

Residents Are Invited to Celebrate Scotch Plains Day

SCOTCH PLAINS – Township residents are invited to celebrate all the great things that comprise Scotch Plains on "Scotch Plains Day," to be held Sunday, October 3 on Park Avenue between Grand and East Second streets in the downtown. The center of the event, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be Scotch Plains Town Hall, 430 Park Ave.

Join fellow residents at noon for a welcome ceremony at town hall, in which the municipal flag will be raised and township volunteers will be honored for their service. The township will also unveil the newlyinstalled historical kiosks on the Alan M. Augustine Green.

Scotch Plains Mayor Josh Losardo will lead the program, honoring the members of boards, commissions, committees and township volunteer coaches, who use their personal time to improve the quality of life in our community.

'Volunteerism has always been the backbone of Scotch Plains," Mayor Losardo said. "We are tremendously appreciative of the countless people who are making a difference here at home. This community relies on its volunteers,



who, together, are a main reason why this township is such a desirable place to live, work and raise a

pal information table, in which all township volunteers are invited to stop by and pick up a pin of appreciation, commemorating their ongoing service to Scotch Plains.

will include plenty of food trucks. Event organizers also are eager to showcase the local eateries in the downtown, noting such popular restaurants as Massa Roman Square Pizza, Darby Road, Max's Pizza and Bistro and Soul Bowls. In addition, the Stage House Tavern will celebrate Oktoberfest with a beer garden until 6 p.m.

Entertainment will be courtesy of Theatrical Artist Prep and the Brother John Brown Band. All are welcome to participate in interactive, inflatable games. Government and community groups, such as the scouts, local houses of worship, municipal departments and sports leagues, will provide information

Union County will also take part, providing free Covid testing and vaccination during the free, four-

Scotch Plains Day is part of a weekend-long celebration. Join fellow residents on Friday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. for a showing of "Casper" at the Alan Augustine Village Green next to town hall. Come early to decorate a pumpkin at 7 p.m.



The event will include a munici-

As always, Scotch Plains Day

on their organizations.



Susan M. Dougherty for The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK PRETTY IN PINK...The aroma of pastry and cake is in the air at 409 Westfield Avenue at the recently opened Victoria's Cake. Victoria Marmet offers a slice of carrot cake, a lemon meringue cupcake or a cup of specialty coffee or intriguing

Victoria's Cake Brings a **Taste of France to Westfield**

By HILLARY SHOPE

WESTFIELD – Victoria's Cake is a mother-daughter owned business, that recently opened its doors in downtown Westfield, offering a variety of baked goods, macarons, French coffee and juices.

Victoria Marmet, 21-year-old Creator of Victoria's Cake, hopes her bakery becomes a Salon de Thé, which she describes as a "little place you can sit down with your friends, have a nice cup of tea, enjoy a cupcake or a regular cake, and chit chat with the girls. I wanted to create this atmosphere to have people feel like they're at home."

Marmet, originally from France, moved to New Jersey a year ago from Florida. She and her and her family fell in love with Westfield and signed a lease to open the store. Victoria and her mother, Laurence Marmet, created the business together and now

work side by side running the shop.
"It was just fate," said Victoria. "I always loved baking with mom when I was a kid, doing chocolate cakes and everything. I like to bake a little myself, but I'm not as good as my chef," said Victoria, raving about Chef Shanice Mattos, who makes all the pastries and baked goods on premises.

With indoor and outdoor seating, Victoria's Cake welcomes customers to sit down, make themselves comfortable, and even watch where the pastries are being made.

"We wanted to do an open kitchen so people can see that everything is homemade. You can see sugar, flour, butter, and everything is 100 percent homemade," said Victoria. "It's very important for us because now a lot of bakeries have factory food and they sell it like it's homemade but it's really not.'

Victoria, who studied interior design, designed the cafe and made her vision come to life. From the paint on the walls, to her own handmade artwork that now hangs throughout the cafe, the aesthetic is warm, welcom-

If you're stopping by Victoria's Cake for breakfast, she recommends trying the croissant or the chocolate croissant and in the afternoon enjoying one of their stuffed cupcakes (which have been selling out by 2 p.m. daily!)
"All of our cupcakes have fillings

inside, so it's a nice surprise when you cut it," said Victoria.

Victoria's Cake plans on adding new flavors of cupcakes and will eventually be adding three-layer cakes to their menu. They will also be offering monthly, seasonal cupcakes and drinks, and will soon be introducing their October specials.

As a small business owner, Victoria wears many hats: running the bakery with her mom, placing orders, handling social media, creating the cafe's website, and more. In the near future, she will be publishing Victoria's Cake's website, which will allow customers to place orders online. In the mean-

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time, Victoria recommends calling or coming into the store to place an order. It's small businesses like these that

really make Westfield special. "Without small business, there is

no town," said Victoria. Looking to the future, she has big

goals for Victoria's Cake, hoping to open two more in New Jersey someday. She envisions each store to have the same color scheme, but with a different interior design and atmosphere. "I would love to have more Victoria's Cake. For me, I would like Victoria's Cake to be the place you go with your girlfriends or with your mom," said Victoria.

"I've always been very, very close with my mom," said Victoria, who also mentioned that her mom has had many careers leading up to today even as a famous singer in France, under the stage name Margaux over two decades ago.

'We have a family of artists," said Victoria. "And now she's helping me with my bakery.'

Victoria's Cake is located at 409 Westfield Ave and is open Tuesday through Sunday. Victoria recomfollowing @VictoriasCakeOfficial Instagram, Facebook, and her soonto-be created TikTok channel for store updates and offerings.

Visit Westfield's New Art Gallery, Wallitsch Art

The gallery's first exhibition titled "Unmasked" features original oil paintings (abstract expressionism) by artist Shirley Wallitsch.

The opening reception is September 24, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Location:

100 Elmer Street, Downtown Westfield, NJ 07090. Website:

wallitsch-art.squarespace.com. The gallery is open daily by appointment.

For further info, contact artist Wallitsch Shirley wallitsch@mac.com.

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Photo courtesy of Shirley Wallitsch WELCOME TO TOWN...New Art Gallery in Westfield.

Girls' Night Out Returns to **Downtown Westfield**

WESTFIELD – The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) is announcing that it is bringing back Girls' Night Out, an annual women's shopping and dining event, tonight, Thursday, September 23, rain or shine. Girls' Night Out includes both daytime and nighttime festivities for shopping and dining, with daytime events taking place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and nighttime activities running from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Last year's event was held virtually as a result of Covid-19, so this will be the first time this event is held in-person since May 9, 2019.

Organized and run by the DWC, Girls' Night Out welcomes ladies an opportunity to walk around downtown Westfield visiting local businesses for a day and evening of special shopping events, refreshments, entertainment, gifts, sales and discounts. Over 30 local businesses are participating, allowing attendees to shop early for holiday gifts, enjoy special in-store events and promotions, party with friends and relax with refreshments and entertainment! Shopper parking is free all day & night for this event at on-street meters and parking lots, compliments of the Town of Westfield, although parking restrictions and time limits apply.

The DWC will sponsor random drawings from the Girls' Night Out preregistration list. Five \$50 gift cards will be randomly chosen from a variety of participating Girls' Night Out businesses. A Grand Prize of Five \$50 gift cards to participating businesses will also be given out to one winner. Winners will be announced the evening of Girls' Night Out at the Girls' Night Out Information Center on Quimby Street (across from the Salad House). Women can register for Girls' Night Out at www.WestfieldToday.com or click here to Register Now.

DWC Executive Director Bob

Zuckerman said, "we are thrilled to be able to bring back this fun day and evening for our shoppers and diners. Of course, we encourage all of our attendees to wear masks when indoors and

take normal Covid-19 precautions." Assistant Executive Director Beth Brenner stated "this is always one of every woman's favorite downtown Westfield activities, and while we'll all be more cautious at this year's event, we still anticipate a great day and evening shared by women from all over

Some of the highlights of the event are as follows:

Selfie Stations NJ, 167 E Broad Street. Local mom and author of "Your Fully Charged Life", Meaghan Murphy, will be hosting a night of high-energy fashion and fun. She'll also have a random drawing for a custom lightning bolt Sweet Lolli candy tray, Yay List stationery and a Peggy Li necklace.

G Lab Aesthetics, 116 Elm Street (day time event) stop in and schedule a future appointment to receive 10 percent off of procedure. Sign up for random drawing (Botox, Lip filler, Laser hair removal underarms, Jet Peel Facial, grand prize HALO skin resurfacing valued at \$1,500). 20 percent off Skinceuticals products. At night there will be a DJ and refreshments, above random drawings continued, free B-12 shots (boost energy and immunity) and free Jet Peel demos.

Patricia & Paul Artisans of Fine Oils & Balsamics, 20 Elm Street. Enjoy samples of their delicious gourmet tapenades as well as their nutritious EVOO and Balsamics. Random drawings and giveaways. 15 percent off all

Details about the event, including participating businesses and special available at www.westfieldtoday.com.

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Balance Awareness with Yasmin Ofek Fridays, September 24, 10 a.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library on Zoom for a different approach to exercise. All you'll need is a chair and sneakers to experience this gentle but effective approach to moving confidently. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

Cookbook Club Thursday, September 23, 6:30 p.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library outdoors to sample dishes and discuss the cookbook. Participants should bring a serving utensil with their dish and a chair. To register or for more information, please visit scotlib.org.

Black Violin: The Impossible Tour Friday, September 24 7:30 p.m. Kean Stage is celebrating its in-person return at Wilkins Theatre with a unique blend of classical, hip hop, jazz, R&B and reggae is often described as "classical boom." For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit keanstage.com/events.

Liberty Hall Dance Festival Saturday, September 25, 1 p.m. Spend an afternoon outside walking along the beautiful museum grounds of Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University while enjoying professional dance performances inspired by moments in history. To purchase tickets, please visit libertyhall.kean.edu or call (908) 527-0400.

How to Organize Your Life in One Notebook Monday, September 27, 7 p.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library via Zoom when Jamie Novak, organizer and author of Keep This Toss That, shows you how to organize your life with a single notebook. To register or for more information, please

visit scotlib.org. Voctave Sunday, October 3 at

7:30 p.m. An 11-member acappella group will perform at Kean Stage's Enlow Recital Hall singing original arrangements of Disney and Broadway hits. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit keanstage.com/ Bagels & Books Monday, Oc-

tober 4, 10 a.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library where booklovers can share what they have been reading or listening to and can pick up suggestions for future reading. To register, please visit

Genealogy 101 Tuesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library and guest speaker, April Earle, for a virtual program to learn how to get started the right way in your genealogical research. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

Vampire Ball Saturday, October 16, 6 p.m. Downtown Cranford and Garlic Rose Bistro present the first annual Vampire Ball with a buffet dinner, dancing and live music for \$95 per person. RSVP to the Garlic Rose by calling (908) An Evening with Jimmy Webb

Saturday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. Singer, songwriter and composer Jimmy Webb will be performing at Kean Stage's Enlow Recital Hall and is the only artist to receive Grammy Awards for music, lyrics and orchestration. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit keanstage.com/events.

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Cranford Resident to Appear on 'Wheel of Fortune'

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Giovanni D'onza of Cranford will be a contestant on "Wheel of Fortune" tonight, Thursday, September 23. Mr. D'onza is an athletic trainer and a newlywed. Although he lives in New Jersey, he identifies himself as a New Yorker. He cheers for the Mets and Rangers, has run two New York City marathons, and volunteers for the Catholic Worker



in Manhattan. Mr. D'onza has been a Wheel Watcher ever since he started watching with his grandmother as a kid. He was selected to be a contestant after applying at WheelofFortune.com with a video submission and feels "fortunate" for the opportunity the same year as getting married and buying a house. I am hoping that years of watching the show will pay off!" he exclaimed. Mr. D'onza hopes to use his winnings toward building a future for him and his spouse. 'Wheel of Fortune" fans can sub-

mit applications at https:// www.wheeloffortune.com/join/be-acontestant for a chance to be invited to a virtual audition. There, potential contestants can show off their puzzlesolving skills and potentially be selected to appear as a contestant on the show from the comfort of their own homes. If selected to be on the show, everyone goes home with a minimum of \$1,000.



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Remnants of Ida Throw a Surprise 'Party' for New UCPAC Director

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY

DAVID WROE MUSIC DIRECTOR

RAHWAY-Imagine. You are Craig Sumberg, and it is day three in your new job of being the Executive Director of the Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC) in Rahway. You oversee the mainstage theatre in the historic building that was a staple in the days of vaudeville. And just down the street, is your lovely 199-seat theater, Hamilton Stage that is part of the rental/performing space that has put Rahway on the artistic map.

Mr. Sumberg will always remember day three of his job when the effects of Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc with water damage to people in New Jersey and specifically in Union County. That water deluged Hamilton Stage and, unfortunately, the damage might not be repaired fully for six to eight months or more. Talk about trial by fire. "It was quite a blow to find our Hamilton Stage theater space was hit hard through this storm," Mr. Sumberg said in an interview held in his new office. "But I've been here three weeks, now, so I'm settling in."

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"Settling in" is something he's looking forward to as the new director of the center that is a non-profit organization. No stranger to running an historic theatre like the beauty that sits at 1601 Irving Street, for ten years he managed the historic Fox Theatre in Tucson, Arizona, a 1,165-seat theater. And just like he'll be doing for the Rahway location, he raised awareness of the theatre in the community and brought in A-list talent.

As part of his vision for UCPAC, he's planning to build on the good reputation the theater has enjoyed. "We're hoping to make ourselves known not only in Union County but the rest of the state because of premiere, national talent we will offer. "Mr. Sumberg continued, "We'll be investing in talent. We want to raise the level of performers with more national headliners."

With the mainstage that seats 1,500 in the magnificent auditorium, and the Loft - a perfect small space tucked away on the second floor of the main building, and the stand alone building of Hamilton Stage, he has his hands full. First on the agenda is hiring a staff with like-minded people. The model he'll be using in selecting employees is from the bestselling business book "Setting the Table" by Danny Meyers. "It's what Meyers calls 'enlightened hospitality," he explained. "We want everyone who enters the space and meets our employees, from the box office to the front of the house, to ushers, to have a pleasant, professional experience."

Awareness of the theater will be another component in their development.

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"We will be reaching out to the community to have them experience for themselves the joy of getting back to seeing a live show, grabbing a bite to eat in downtown Rahway before or after the show and having a great night out," he

In the mainstage auditorium lies a magnificent organ of yesteryear that is played before movies. "We will be holding a series of classic movie showings," he said. "Thirty-five-millimeter films like Hunchback of Notre Dame is on the bill to get folks in the Halloween mood." Mr. Sumberg is even planning a showing of the Jimmy Stewart classic, It's a Wonderful Life in December. Who doesn't love that feel good movie?

In moving the theater forward, Mr. Sumberg hopes to have three wishes come true. First, he's looking forward to developing a strong major donor community. He recognizes that it's out there. He feels that people who love theater want to support it and see it grow. Second, he desires to bring statewide and regional-wide recognition so that potential entertainers realize UCPAC as a first-rate theatre in which to perform. And last, in what could be a laundry list of wishes, he wants to continue to showcase Downtown Rahway as a noteworthy theater district. With the County Manager and Board President Ed Oatman and Rahway Mayor RaymondA. Giacobbe, Jr. sitting on his Board of Trustees, that partnership with the city and county can make wishes become reality. For upcoming offerings, visit UCPAC's website at www.ucpac.org

Virtuoso Guitarist Ana Vidovic To Perform With NJFO

WESTFIELD – Internationally acclaimed classical guitarist Ana Vidovic will join NJ Festival Orchestra (NJFO), for "Moonlit Serenades," a superb live orchestral concert under the stars in the gardens of one of Westfield's most magnificent residences. Ms. Vidovic will perform Rodrigo's famous Concierto de Aranjuez.

"NJFO prides itself on presenting world-class guest artists and this event is no exception," enthused Maestro David Wroe. "Ana's formidable gifts place her amongst the elite classical guitarists in the world. We at NJFO are all thrilled and honored to be partnering with such an extraordinary talent and wonderful personality!"

Ms Vidovic's international performance career includes frequent recitals, concerto engagements and festival appearances in most of Europe's cultural destinations including Amsterdam, London, Paris, Rome, Vienna, Warsaw and Zagreb. Her tours have also taken her to Australia, Brazil, Israel, Japan, Korea and Mexico.

She has won many elite international competitions and has been featured in three television documentaries and has recorded six CDs and been featured in two DVDs: "Guitar Artistry in Concert," and "Guitar Vir-

Guitar Review's Stephen Griesgraber noted: "It is difficult to know where to begin when discussing the enormous talents of Ana Vidovic. Her dynamic range, beauty of sound, precision of articulation and virtuosity are such that listening becomes more of an absolute musical experience."

Ana Vidovic comes from the small town of Karlovac near Zagreb, Croatia, and started playing guitar at the age of five. At age seven, she gave her first public performance and at the age of 11 she was performing internationally. At age 13 she became the youngest student to attend the prestigious National Musical Academy in Zagreb. Ms. Vidovic's reputation in Europe led to an invitation to study with Manuel Barrueco at the Peabody Conservatory.

Ms Vidovic will join NJFO to perform one of the world's most well known and most loved guitar concertos, Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez. Rounding off the moonlit concert is another favorite: Mozart's Symphony

"The famous Rodrigo guitar concerto and Mozart under moonlight! I

romantic, and intoxicating event," exclaimed Maestro Wroe. "The Concierto de Aranjuez is the most famous work of classical music to come from Spain. Everyone will recognize it!

"Moonlit Serenades" takes place on Saturday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hertell Gardens in Westfield. Bring your own lawn chairs and refreshments and enjoy an unforgettable evening of glorious live orchestra under the stars. VIP seating with chairs provided is also available in a reserved section close to the stage.

NJ Festival Orchestra is very concerned about the health and safety of all patrons, performers, staff and volunteers. Face coverings are required for all who are not fully vaccinated. Covid restrictions mandated at the time of the performance will be enforced.

The Hertell Gardens are located to the rear of 241 E. Dudley Avenue in Westfield. Free on street parking and full accessibility.

Tickets (\$35 and \$70, \$15 students) may be purchased online at www.nifestivalorchestra.org, by phone at (908) 232-9400, or in person at the NJFO office, 224 East Broad St in Westfield. For more information, go towww.njfestivalorchestra.org, or call (908) 232-9400.



MOONLIT SERENADES...Internationally acclaimed virtuoso guitarist Ana Vidovic joins New Jersey Festival Orchestra to perform one of the world's most well known and most loved guitar concertos, Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez. The concert takes place under the stars in the gardens of one of Westfield's most can hardly imagine a more idyllic, magnificent residences on Saturday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Tesla String Quartet to Give Concert at St. Paul's Sunday

WESTFIELD — St. Paul's Episcopal Church will launch its 2021-2022 Steeple Concerts series with a performance by the prestigious Tesla String Quartet (TSQ) this

Sunday, September 26, at 5 p.m.
The public is invited to attend this first Steeple Concert of the season at the church, located at 414 East Broad Street, near Euclid Avenue, in Westfield. Parking at the church and surrounding area is free.

The International Review of Music has praised TSQ for its "superb capacity to find the inner heart of every-thing they play, regardless of era, style, or technical demand." Now in its second decade, the quartet performs regularly across North America and Europe, and has toured in Asia and Brazil. Recent highlights include the quartet's debut at New York's Lincoln Center, a return to London's Wigmore Hall, and performances at Stanford University's Bing Concert Hall as winners of the prestigious John Lad Prize.

The "technically superb" TSQ "brings refinement and prowess to both new and established repertoire," according to The Strad. Formed at The Juilliard School in New York City in 2008, the group quickly established itself as one of the most promising young ensembles in New York. This chamber music group — which performs a diverse repertoire spanning Mozart to Bartok and beyond has won numerous international

Sunday's program includes works by Franz Schubert (1797-1828) (String Quartet No. 15 in G major) and Caroline Shaw (Plan & Elevation: The Grounds of Dumbarton Oaks). In 2013, Ms. Shaw, born in 1982, became the youngest recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Music for her composition Partita for 8 Voices.

Priced at \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, tickets for the September 26 TSQ concert can be purchased on the Steeple Concerts website: steepleconcerts.org.

Subscribers also may purchase 2021-2022 season tickets on the website. Adult subscriptions to the full, five-concert season are priced at \$100 (a savings of \$35 off the individual ticket prices), with student subscriptions at \$40.

St. Paul's will offer the 2021-2022 Steeple Concert series in the safest possible way for both audience and musicians. Following State of New Jersey and Diocesan guidelines, each in-person concert will be limited to 60 minutes with no intermission. Per current guidelines, all concertgoers must wear a mask while in the building and are asked to remain seated in their assigned pew during the concert.

These guidelines and concert programs are subject to revision. Concerts may be streamed online in lieu of in-person attendance, depending on updated New Jersey state guide-

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ELISE FOX OT GOAL;CAT ANGEL, IZZY GAUTHIER, AMANDA BAYLOCK, LEAH KLURMAN SCORE

Lady Soccer Blue Devils Sting Raiders, 3-2, in 2nd Overtime

By DAVID B. CORBIN

For The Westfield Leader and The Union County HAWK

Discouraged somewhat but not the score in regulation then after a scoreless first overtime period, set up a corner kick on the right Coach Tom Schmidt said. side and launched a shot into the banged it in to earn the Blue centerback Leah Klurman

Devils a 3-2 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood at Šhimmi Wexler Field in Scotch Plains on Septem-

"The girls didn't give up. It's defeated, the Westfield High the third game of the season. School girls soccer team trailing What does this mean? It just 2-0 with less than 18 minutes on builds character. It helps us movthe clock, scored twice to knot ingforward. I think we possessed well. I just don't think we created enough scoring chances until 15 senior co-captain Kim DiFilippo minutes left," Blue Devil Head

The Raiders scored within the box where senior back Elise Fox first nine minutes. Senior

stopped a Blue Devil drive and launched a long shot downfield to Gia Milano, who tapped the ball to sophomore Amanda Baylock on the right side. From there Baylock ripped a right-toleft shot that was out of the reach of goalkeeper Sutton Factor (3 saves).

No more scoring occurred until the Blue Devils were penalized for a foul in the box and with 17:44 left in regulation. Klurman stepped forward to take the penalty kick and slid it past Factor into the low left corner. For the Blue Devils, an attempt to tie the game in regulation seemed bleak - but not impossible. Coming into the game, the Blue Devils won

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their first two games and the Raiders were stunned by the Oak Knoll Royals, 1-0, in their season opener.

"To Coach (Kevin) Ewing, I know their first game didn't start the way they wanted to but



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Scotch Plains/Westfield is always going to be a tough game. To go down 1-0 early, quick transition down the field, they caught us. Good goal! Second goal - PK! Down 2-0 is a hard pill to swallow," Coach Schmidt commented.

The sense of urgency paid off for the Blue Devils when junior striker Cat Angel drilled a shot past Raider Keeper Rebecca Kessler to cut the led to 2-1 with 15:04 remaining.

Angel described here sequence, "I was outside the box and I do that step all the time in practice. I take one leg over the other. I saw the goalie. I saw her line and thought the game isn't over until you hear the final whistle. I took the shot and it went in and we kept playing from there."

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* Lady Soccer Blue Devils Sting Raiders, 3-2, in Second Overtime *

took a free kick that she lofted into a mob scene at the box. Cocaptain Izzy Gauthier, a centerback, was there and knotted the score with 1:00 left in regulation.

on the centerback but he threw me up to a forward with our other striker Chiara (Cosenza) and actually Elise came down the side, brought the ball in and I think Alyssa (Martinez) hit it off, and I just tapped it in," Gauthier recalled.

The Raiders may had a bit of a possession edge in the scoreless

stepped it up in the second. Finally, DiFilippo got a corner kick on the right side and put it in the right spot for Fox to nail the game winner.

"I walked up to get in the box. "My coach, I'm supposed to go Alyssa (Martinez) comes up to me and says, 'you get in there, you score." I came in, got my head on it and watched it go into the back of the net," Fox described.

> "The corner is something we practice and we are happy that it happened. It's like a special play in football," Coach Schmidt said.

It had to be a special emotional

Time was running out and Fox first overtime but the Blue Devils experience playing the Raiders.

"Yes! Especially after missing last year. We want to come out and show them what kind of season we missed last year and play for the seniors who missed out," Angel said.

The outstanding efforts of both teams' defenses against the battering offensive pushes stood out, especially from Klurman, who was constantly redirecting the ball back into Blue Devil territory.

"Credit to Leah Klurman! She dominated," Coach Schmidt expressed. "Every single ball she intercepted it or got shots off. And our game plan was how can

we slow it down and attack for between the two rivals this seathe girls to score? For Cat, Elise for Izzy in the middle there. We had two centerbacks who scored, which is something you don't see often either. For Elise and Izzy, it must be something special.

"She's (Klurman) a very good player but we had the energy today. We wanted to win. As Cat said, we missed our season last year and we wanted to bring it back because we were supposed to play them in the county finals. We missed that because we got shut down," Gauthier added.

One could bet that there should be, at least, one more meeting son.

"This time they are not going to get any goals and we are going to shut them out." Fox said with a smile.

"Obviously we are going to play them probably two, maybe three more times. That's what we want. To shut them out and score as many goals as possible," Gauthier added.

"We want an undefeated season. We are working for it. We have the talent," Angel expressed

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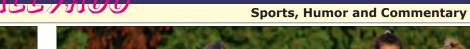


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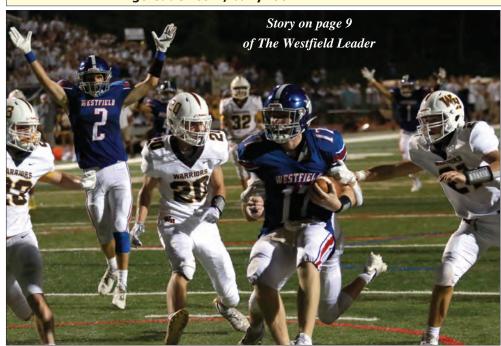


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Blue Devils Sprint Past Watchung Hills, 16-13 - photos by Charlie Mulrooney









Summit Hilltoppers Stagger Westfield in Boys Soccer Showdown, 4-0





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