

Westfield First Responders Are Saluted For Heroism During Ida

Crossing Guard Shortage Discussed in Conference Session

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD—In the wake of the torrential burst of rainfall, and unprecedented flash flooding, wrought by Hurricane Ida during the evening of September 1, the Westfield Town Council began Tuesday's meeting by honoring the service and heroism of its first responders, along with the exemplary cleanup efforts of the town's Department of Public Works (DPW).

Chief of Police Christopher Battiloro not only presented Unit Citation Awards to members of the police department who "operated under extremely difficult and dangerous conditions and at great personal risk," but also awarded citations to members of the Westfield Rescue Squad and civilian dispatchers involved in the town's emergency response to Ida.

Historical Designation to Be Sought For Train Station Kiosk

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Train Station's kiosk, a historic landmark dating to the 19th century, will be nominated for historical designation at a future date, according to Councilwoman Linda Habgood. The announcement was made at the monthly Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting held on Monday.

The kiosk, located on the south side of the Westfield Train Station, will be operated by the company Boxcar of Chatham, which was awarded a contract by the town council in August. The newly-refurbished kiosk will offer coffee to Westfield's commuters.

During the meeting, Town Historian and HPC member Robert Wendel discussed the historical character of the kiosk, "which dates back to at least 1893," he said. Mr. Wendel dated the kiosk by examining a real-estate periodical covering the late 19th century.

Throughout his research, Mr. Wendel was unable to find any historical external kiosks like Westfield's still in existence today.

"In my research, I was unable to find a whole lot of these kiosks left in the country," said Mr. Wendel. "I found none that were exterior kiosks."

The historical character of the kiosk was further outlined by Mr. Wendel. He explained that with the completion of the trans-continental railroad in 1869, and the proliferation of newspaper consumption and distribution, kiosks like Westfield's were vital in getting newspapers in the hands of eager readers.

The United States government also was a key player in allowing for the transportation of newspapers through train stations nationally, by establishing a low bulk rate of "one cent per pound,

"The extraordinary efforts of those personnel who were present for duty during the overnight hours on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, are to be commended," remarked Chief Battiloro. "Their actions undoubtedly saved lives."

The chief provided context to the life-threatening conditions faced by Westfield and neighboring communities in Union County as a result of the storm. "At least 30 persons were killed in New Jersey by the remnants of Hurricane Ida," said the chief. The fatalities included five persons in Union County, with an additional person still missing, he noted. "Many of these persons drowned in their submerged vehicles," said the chief.

During his comments, Chief Battiloro described the conditions first responders confronted during the storm. These challenges included "streets and roadways rendered im-

passable," along with "numerous vehicles submerged in rapidly-rising floodwaters, which rose above vehicle rooftops." When rescuing persons trapped inside submerged vehicles, "members entered chest-high floodwaters, littered with floating debris, and fought strong undercurrents to remove occupants, and to carry, or escort them, to safety," the chief stated.

According to Chief Battiloro's report, Westfield received 7.3 inches of "widespread rain" in a 24-hour period, along with 2.46 inches of rain within a two-hour span, conditions he characterized as "unprecedented extreme flash flooding."

The Westfield Fire Department also was lauded for its members' heroism and service.

Speaking to the public, council and fellow first responders, Westfield Fire Chief Anthony Tiller offered a personal account of a rescue in which he participated.

"I was out in the field with my guys that night, and we were at the intersection of Dorian [Road] and Rahway Avenue," said Chief Tiller, who was accompanying an engine company "in rescuing a gentleman and his 12-year-old daughter from floodwaters." Chief Tiller described the girl as being in a state of "deep fear" and her father being seriously concerned about her. After personally transporting them back to their home in Scotch Plains, he described the "incredible look inside the girl's eyes" as she saw her home. "That's all she thanks I needed, to show her that she was home, and she was safe."

Chief Tiller recalled speaking to members of his department regarding their actions during the storm.

"The one common note that everyone presented to me was how they felt and how they responded to the thanks of the Westfield citizens and the citizens of neighboring towns," he said. "Just the reward of seeing the appreciation that we get from you, the

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Cranford Honors William Hulse, Approves Attorney Fees

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — At its meeting on Monday, the Cranford Board of Education (BOE) honored one of its own with a unanimous resolution. Board member William Hulse earned the title of Certified Board Leader (CBL) through the New Jersey School Boards Association's (NJSBA) Board Member Academy. "The CBL is the highest level of the NJSBA Board Member Academy" and requires the member to earn 60 credits from the academy, according to the resolution read by Board Vice President Lisa Carbone.

Fellow board members all commended Mr. Hulse on his dedication to continuing his education as a board of education member, his ability to discuss issues, and even his willingness to change his mind once gathering more facts. Ms. Carbone called him "one of the most passionate and engaged board members" she has ever met. Nicole Sherrin-Kessler described Mr. Hulse as a "constant learner" and a "top advocate" for the social and emotional well-being of the students. She added that Mr. Hulse frequently attends conferences and teaches his fellow board members all that he learns. "You represent us in a way that makes us proud," remarked board member Terry Darling.

"Every day I think about how we can do better for our staff and our students," said Mr. Hulse. "You guys (the board) push me more and more each day, so I appreciate each and every one of you," he added, while also thanking his wife



Paul Lachenauer for The Westfield Leader

TOUR DE TOT...During the Westfield Bike Rodeo and Tour de Westfield bike ride this past Sunday, there was a "Tour de Tot" safety course for young children to be able to participate.

New Westfield Library Director Seeks to Engage With Community

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library has a new director.

The library's board of trustees announced via a press release on September 20 the appointment of Allen McGinley to his new position, where he replaces former library director Phil Israel.

Mr. McGinley sat down with *The Westfield Leader* on Monday to discuss his new job and his path to becoming the new face of the public library.

Inside his office at the Westfield Memorial Library, Mr. McGinley, 41, expressed eager excitement for his new

job.

"We just love this community," said Mr. McGinley. "Westfield is a very educated, engaged community. It's a community that's very focused on family. For me, that's the ideal place to do library services."

Mr. McGinley relocated to nearby Fanwood with his wife, Barbara, and son, Samuel, in August of 2020. Just last weekend, Barbara McGinley paid a visit to his new office, where she helped decorate Mr. McGinley's new digs. Barely into his new leadership position at the library, Mr. McGinley emphasized his initial first steps as library director will revolve around engaging with the community and listening.

"One thing I'm passionate about is having a community orientation. A lot of times in libraries and just everywhere, people sit around a table like this and decide what the organization is going to do," said Mr. McGinley. "I think the community really needs to be a part of that conversation."

The new director, who already has joined the Rotary Club in town, admitted that things are, "a little more challenging during the pandemic. But I'm focused on meeting people and learning about what their challenges are, what their passions are. I'd say early on, one of the things that's evident to me is that a focus on service is very important in this community."

"I think you'll continue to see the library play a role in coordinating service opportunities," noted Mr. McGinley.

Service opportunities, according to Mr. McGinley, includes helping to coordinate volunteer programs, especially for young people.

During his tenure in Teaneck, Mr. McGinley was faced with leading a library through the early stages of the pandemic. Drawing upon programming he created just prior to the outbreak of Covid-19, with a focus on STEM ac-

tivities and 3D printing, Mr. McGinley used the program's resources and the 3D printer to create much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) for front-line health-care workers.

"Teaneck was very much an early epicenter for the pandemic," explained Mr. McGinley. "One of the things we noticed is the front-line medical workers were getting sores on their ears from the straps," he said. "We found a design for a strap that would go behind your head, and the mask straps would connect to it. And so, we started 3D printing those straps, and ended up donating a bunch to Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck and The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood."

For Mr. McGinley, seeing the library as an asset critical to community service is a lesson that can be traced back to his earliest years working inside the walls of a library. Prior to earning a bachelor's degree in English from SUNY Geneseo, Mr. McGinley

was not sure what he wanted to do. While working in retail at Brooks Brothers, which he credits with teaching him customer-service skills relevant to his responsibilities today, Mr. McGinley soon began volunteering at his hometown library in Geneva in upstate New York.

During this time, Mr. McGinley found the work fulfilling, and found the inspiration to pursue a career in library services that would see him go on to earn a graduate degree in Information Sciences at the University at Albany.

Eventually, Mr. McGinley's journey would bring him to the New York Public Library system, before continuing on a career path that saw him spend 10 years at the Piscataway Public Library and then onto Teaneck and Westfield.

Speaking of his time at the Countee Cullen Library, a branch of the New York Public Library system in Harlem, Mr. McGinley called the experience "extremely formative."

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Ruth E. Maloney for The Westfield Leader

OKTOBERFEST AT REEVE HOUSE...The Westfield United Fund's 2022 Campaign Kickoff Oktoberfest event for its pillar donors took place this past Saturday. The board of trustees president, Executive Director Deirdre Gelineau and the president of the historical society spoke to all, thanking attendees for their continued support. Attendees were encouraged to try local beers and take a tour of the Reeve House.

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CRAZY FOR CRANBERRIES...On the menu at the Miller-Cory House Museum during “Crazy for Cranberries” this past Sunday were pork with cranberry sauce, apple cranberry pie, cranberry stuffed squash, vegetable soup and cranberry walnut bread.

Heroism

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citizen, is enough for us.”

DPW Director Greg O’Neil likewise took time during the meeting to recognize the hard work of his department, especially with regard to the fast and efficient cleanup of the massive debris left over from Hurricane Ida’s devastation of New Jersey.

“That kind of water, in that kind of time frame, is a terrifying thing,” said Mr. O’Neil. “Yet, we started out on September 7, cleaning up debris from people’s homes. And by the 17th, the entire town had been cleaned up. By September 22, the enormous pile of debris that was sitting at the conservation center had been completely removed.”

According to Mr. O’Neil, the total debris at the conservation center came out to be 460 tons, or “almost a million pounds.”

The conference session held early in the evening saw Paul Koellhoffer of Irving Avenue ask the council why the crossing guard at the intersection of Central Avenue, Sycamore Street and Clifton Street was removed.

“As a parent, I would hope that you guys would agree, I don’t feel safe sending a first through fifth grader across Central Avenue by themselves,” he said.

According to Mr. Koellhoffer, he experienced a close call with a pickup truck making a turn at the intersection last week. He was there observing the intersection with two council members and some fellow parents.

“I’m 6’5, I’m going to round down to 200 pounds, and they still jumped and almost hit us,” said Mr. Koellhoffer. “I don’t know about you, but if there’s one child that wants to walk across Central Avenue, I would

hope that the council would provide that safely.”

Town Administrator Jim Gildea responded to the public comment by saying, “This particular intersection has been referred to the public safety committee for further review (Sycamore and Central)...They’ll be doing that very shortly.”

Chief Battiloro spoke to the shortage of available crossing guards for hire, and consequently, the resulting cuts to crossing-guard posts throughout the town that has occurred over the years.

“There is simply not the workforce available,” said Chief Battiloro. “We are 13 days into the new school year, and on 22 occasions, we assigned police officers to cover crossing-guard posts,” he said. “We’re having a hard time finding people who want to do this job.”

In more council news, the governing body passed a series of ordinances on second reading. This included an ordinance meant to penalize and curtail residents from renting out outdoor amenities such as pools after a resident on Carleton Road rented out their pool over the summer; and an ordinance amending the town’s code that increases fines for bias crimes from \$200 to \$2,000.

Mayor Shelley Brindle and Councilmembers James Boyes, Linda Habgood, Michael Dardia, Mark Parmelee, Scott Katz, Dawn Mackey and David Contract voted yes to both ordinances.

Councilman Contract attended the meeting remotely and cast his vote over a conference-call connection. Councilman Mark LoGrippe was absent from the meeting.

Zoning Board Green Lights Home-Remodeling Appeal

By JONATHAN CONNOR
For The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The Cranford Zoning Board of Adjustment unanimously approved a request from the Peluso family, of 26 Mendell Avenue, for a C(2) variance that would allow setback reduction from the mandatory 25 feet to 18 feet.

This variance is necessary for a redesign plan on their home, which will “enlarge the family room by moving the garage forward” towards the street, as stated by the applicants’ architect, Richard Pierce.

Mr. Pierce provided testimony promoting the application of a new house renovation design that incorporates a garage expansion of five to seven feet in order to convert a portion of the rear garage into additional living space. The renovation design will conveniently provide direct access to the basement from the living room space, eliminating unnecessary travel through the garage.

Mr. Pierce mentioned that “sliding the garage five to seven feet forward” will create more living-room space while still complying with the Cranford regulation of a 20-foot length garage depth. He said that, “there have been seven or eight similar projects done on the block in the past few years” with garage extensions and that the design flows well with the overall character of the street. Mr. Pierce addressed the board’s concern, noting the garage extension will not create any additional impervious surfaces because its foundation is located on what was previously a portion of the driveway.

James Peluso testified that his family moved to Cranford four years ago and that they need the house extension because they recently had an additional child. He noted that he and his wife want a “functioning home for (their) three children” in respect to having ample space. Mr. Peluso added that the extension of the family room allows direct passage to the basement for the children because they will not have to access the garage to get there.

Mr. Peluso had photos of other neighborhood houses which all had the same exterior garage extensions, showing the common trend in the architectural design of the homes on Mendell Avenue. He also mentioned that the additional home extension space would guarantee his family’s long-term residency in Cranford.

The board inquired as to the current status of the home, as it currently is under construction. Mr. Peluso stated that when he and his family recently

renovated their home, they did not incorporate the final garage-expansion design, pending approval by the board. This resulted in some unfinished construction on the premises.

The board “had no objection to the conditions of the report,” as stated by Zoning Board Attorney Mark Rothman. Board member David Salomon said “a more usable space would add value,” thereby supporting the project.

Board member Justin Quinn stated that there were, “no issues with zoning laws because there is no substantial detriment to the public good” and the “aesthetic benefit will match the neighborhood properties” in a mutually beneficial way.

Mr. Pierce mentioned that he felt the addition to Mr. Peluso’s home would provide a “useable, user-friendly space” while strongly advocating project implementation approval.

Board Secretary Dan Aschenbach expressed his support of the application, saying “the absence of neighbors in the board meeting means they’re okay with it.”

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Westfield Leader she was unable to comment any further on either of the incidents.

In other board news, the district will receive “close to \$200,000” from the American Rescue Plan, according to Business Administrator Robert Carfagno. The money must be spent on special education and will be used mostly for out-of-district placement costs, he added.

Superintendent Scott Rubin, Ed.D., also clarified some confusion over changing quarantine rules. Dr. Rubin explained that quarantine time frames will vary based on the region’s transmission rate. Since the region currently is in a high-transmission rate, the quarantine period for close contacts is 14 days. When the region moves into the moderate or low rate, the time frames will adjust to seven to 10 days.

Kiosk

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allowing for coffee and other food services to be available at the historic site.

The contractor who performed work on the kiosk was “very sensitive” to the historical character of the structure, noted Mr. Wendel. He said the contractor utilized the archives of the Westfield Historical Society in order to get information and photographs that would enable the contractor to “reproduce” as “closely and accurately, all the trim work on the kiosk.”

The kiosk “is characteristic of that late 1890s period of our history, from an architectural standpoint,” Mr. Wendel added. “It has provided the basis to a culture around the train station, which over the years has been so important.”

Even given its small stature, noted HPC Chair Maria Boyes, the kiosk is a “really beloved and important structure in this town, and very characteristic of Westfield. We’re thrilled to see it look as it should, just as a commission and certainly as a town.”



TOUR DE WESTFIELD...Westfield residents join in on a two-mile bike ride this past Sunday, which started and ended at the North Avenue train station parking lot.

County Commissioners Okay Inmate Treatment Program

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

COUNTY — The county commissioners passed two big-ticket resolutions during their September 23 meeting and heard from the wife of a recently-terminated Union County Improvement Authority employee.

The first resolution, which was introduced to the commissioners board during the agenda-setting meeting by County Sheriff Peter Corvelli, authorizes Union County to enter into a contract with Hudson County. The agreement approves the transfer of Union County inmates suffering from substance-abuse problems at Newark’s Essex County-Delaney Hall Detention Facility to Hudson County for what the resolution describes as a “comprehensive inmate substance-abuse treatment and reentry services program.”

The contract, which is not to exceed \$2.625 million, will take effect on Friday, October 1.

Chairman Al Mirabella, Vice Chair Rebecca Williams and Commissioners Angela Garretson, Sergio Granados, Christopher Hudak, Bette Jane Kowalski, Lourdes Leon and Kimberly Palmieri-Moulded all voted in favor of the measure. Commissioner Andrea Staten was absent.

“We’ve decided to transfer our drug- and alcohol-rehabilitation inmates to Hudson [County], out of Delaney Hall, which is in Newark,” said Sheriff Corvelli. “They offer an array of services Delaney Hall did not.”

These services include “a reentry program” and helping “the inmates with Medicaid, schooling, job placement,” noted Sheriff Corvelli. “It’s just a far better program, in our opinion, that will help these men and women get back on their feet after they serve their time.”

The passage of the new agreement between Union and Hudson counties comes after Union County shut down its jail on July 1. Prior to its closure, Union County entered into a shared-services agreement with Essex County to house the county’s inmates.

As of October 1, Union County will be sending its inmates to both Essex and Hudson counties. The Union County Correctional Facility still functions as an “intake hub and temporary detention facility,” according to a county statement released on July 1.

In other business, all attending members voted to authorize contracts to Workforce Advantage and Union County College to provide “Workfirst New Jersey services to clients enrolled in the program from July 1, 2021 through July 30, 2022,” according to the resolution. The amount is not to exceed \$953,000, with Workforce Advantage and Union County College each receiving \$476,737.

According to the state’s Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, the Workfirst New Jersey program, “emphasizes work as the first step toward building a new life and a brighter future.” The goal of the program, according to the state, “is to help people get off welfare, secure employment and become self-sufficient, through job training, education and work activities.”

WorkForce New Jersey also “provides temporary cash assistance and many other support services to families through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.” Moreover, the website explains that, “individuals and couples with no dependent children” are eligible for the General Assistance (GA) program.

“How many people did this impact and how many people do you foresee with this next round of dollars?” asked Commissioner Garretson ahead of the resolution’s vote.

“I can’t give you a number because it’s all really dependent on whether this becomes mandated once again,” said Deputy County Manager Amy Crisp Wagner.

Ms. Wagner explained that, since the pandemic, “there’s been a suspension on the requirement for people that are in the welfare system to participate in any work activities,” with work activities including “résumé writing, job training,” and earning one’s GED, along with a “myriad of other programs.”

Ms. Wagner expects that, come 2022, work activities will be required again in order for one to participate in the program.

In further news, serious allegations were leveled against the Union County Improvement Authority during the meeting by Carolyn Brink of Fanwood when addressing the commissioners during the public-comment portion of the meeting.

During her comments, Ms. Brink came out in support of her husband, Mark Brink, who, she stated, was “hand delivered a termination letter” on September 9 by a “county messenger.” Ms. Brink alleges the Improvement Authority voted on the termination of her husband and other Improvement Authority employees without the legally-mandated “public notice” leading up to the vote that would see them fired.

“For your background, on August 13, Mark was interviewed by an outside investigator appointed by the Authority board to handle a misconduct investigation regarding the project manager, and three weeks later, he’s terminated due to a reduction in force,” said Ms. Brink. “This is nothing more than pure and deliberate retaliation, and it’s beyond unacceptable.”

Ms. Brink’s comments come in the wake of the county’s continued litigation with Dobco Inc. of Wayne. Dobco Inc. sued the county, alleging “the county’s public improvement authority skirted public-bidding requirements,” according to NJ.com’s reporting in July.

While the Union County Superior Court has allowed for construction of the \$145-million project to continue, the litigation is still ongoing, including an appeal of that decision.

“I urge the commissioners to please review the completed misconduct report submitted to the Improvement Authority Board and review the notice claim filed by my husband,” said Ms. Brink. “These documents will show you a persistent pattern of workplace bullying and mistreatment that causes serious, serious, mental and emotional harm.”

“These, of course, are private personnel matters which this board nor the administration cannot comment on in public,” said Union County Counsel Bruce Bergen. “The public should not take the lack of comment as any acquiescence to the statements.”

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“The challenges I saw in the community, the relationships I formed with people, and the impact I saw from the work I was doing definitely has directed the work I’ve done since then,” he said.

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County to Share in LEAP Grant for Jail Consolidation

COUNTY – The Union County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce that the County will share in a \$250,000 state grant to assist in covering transitional costs related to the consolidation of Union County Correctional Facility operations with Essex County. The consolidation of permanent inmate housing with Essex County is expected to save Union County approximately \$103 million over the next five years.

“This award recognizes the significant savings to Union County that will be provided by the consolidation of operations with Essex County, and I would like to thank all those who worked to make the transition progress smoothly and on schedule,” said Union County Commissioner Board Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) provided the funding through a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant.

“I commend both Union and Essex Counties on implementing this record-breaking cost saving agreement in New Jersey. It is a perfect example of what can be accomplished with shared services when counties come together to achieve greater efficiencies,” said Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. “The substantial cost savings realized by the consolidation of correctional services will help alleviate the property tax burden on Essex and Union County residents and businesses.”

“LEAP grants are proving to be a powerful tool by giving local government entities the leverage they need to move shared service agreements forward,” said DLGS Director Jacquelyn Suárez. “And I’m excited to learn that this Implementation Grant has produced the most

substantial cost-savings through a shared services agreement in New Jersey to date.”

“For the past three years we have been working with the Murphy Administration on a bi-partisan basis (former Mayor of Harding Township Nicolas Platt is a Republican and former Mayor of Summit Jordan Glatt is a Democrat) to move shared models of governance forward with local leaders to help them defray costs. This county correctional facility consolidation will result in enormous taxpayer savings and is a big win for Union and Essex Counties,” said the two New Jersey Shared Services Czars.

The consolidation reflects broad trends in criminal justice. The number of incarcerated persons in the Union County Correctional Facility fell 67% over the past ten years, from more than 1,000 prisoners to approximately 345 at the beginning of 2021. As a result, detention costs per inmate more than doubled during the same time period.

Part of the Union County Correctional Facility remains in operation as an intake hub and temporary detention facility. Union County will use its portion of the LEAP Implementation Grant to purchase a body imaging scanner for the hub facility.

The five-year memorandum of agreement the County of Union has approved with Essex County to provide jail services has an option for renewal. In addition, the Union County Department of Corrections will become a division of the Union County Sheriff’s Office.

The agreement with Essex County is part of the Commissioner Board’s ongoing efforts to respond to significant changes in the criminal justice system, resulting in a more effective use of public funds. In 2019, Union County also closed its Juvenile Detention Center, saving \$24.6 million a year, sending its detainees to the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center in Newark.

State Pension Funds Withdrawn From Unilever Under BDS Law

TRENTON – Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean (R-21) said an announcement by the New Jersey Department of Treasury today demonstrates the success of a 2016 law which prohibits the investment of state public employee retirement funds in companies that boycott Israel.

“Our anti-BDS law was one of the first in the nation to use the power of state investment decisions to remove support for businesses that boycott Israel,” said Sen. Kean. “The announcement by Treasury that state investment will be prohibited in the parent company of Ben & Jerry’s following a review we requested pursuant to the law we enacted is yet another example that the process works as intended.”

BDS refers to the boycott, divestment, and sanctions efforts of some companies to boycott Israeli goods, products, and businesses.

Sen. Kean and Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg (D-37) sponsored the law prohibiting state investment in companies that engage in BDS activities.

In July, Senators Kean and Weinberg sent a letter to Shoaib Khan, Director of the Division of Investment in Treasury, requesting a review of Ben & Jerry’s following


the company’s announcement that it would stop licensing its products for sale in specific areas of Israel, including East Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

The Division of Investments revealed the results of its review, including a determination that the actions of Ben & Jerry’s constituted a boycott thereby prohibiting State pension fund assets from being invested in parent company Unilever.

This is not the first time the Kean/Weinberg law has been employed successfully.

The senators sent a joint request for review to the Division of Investment in 2019 in response to concerns about Airbnb after the rental service refused listings in Israeli settlements. The review resulted in the prohibition of State investments. Following New Jersey’s decision and similar actions by other states, Airbnb reversed its policy.

“Our law sends the clear message that New Jersey will not tolerate anti-Semitism and we won’t financially support businesses that target Israel,” added Sen. Kean. “There are plenty of businesses that don’t engage in BDS activities where New Jersey’s \$90 billion pension fund can be invested to the benefit of our public workers.”



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DWC Announces New Stores, Retail Study

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

WESTFIELD — Local canines and owners, get ready — Westfield could soon be home to an ice cream parlor and bakery geared exclusively for man’s best friend. Salty Paws of Stone Harbor is close to signing a lease and opening an additional location in downtown Westfield, according to Bob Zuckerman, executive director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC).

Mr. Zuckerman made the announcement during the monthly DWC meeting held on September 22.

“I met the gentleman and his wife who own the franchise,” said Mr. Zuckerman. “They are very, very close to signing a lease, so I can’t say where, because it’s not quite a done deal yet.” However, “he [the owner] said it was fine to say to all of you, ‘they are coming to downtown Westfield.’” remarked Mr. Zuckerman.

During the new business and vacancies report, Mr. Zuckerman also announced “an independent cosmetics store,” Blissful Beauty, will open up a location in Westfield. He said the owner hopes to open in October. The store’s website has its location listed as 220 East Broad Street.

In more store openings, Mr. Zuckerman announced Mimi and Hill, a self-described “design studio,” located at 227 Elmer Street, will sign a “temporary lease” for a “pop-up store starting in October, through the holidays, and maybe beyond, if they are successful.” The Mimi and Hill pop-up store will be located “at the former post space, on Elm Street, across from Addams Tavern,” explained Mr. Zuckerman.

Surreal Creamery will open up a fifth location in downtown Westfield, according to Mr. Zuckerman. Surreal Creamery specializes in ice cream, milkshakes, bubble teas, lattes and slushies, says its website. Mr. Zuckerman said the town’s newest ice cream shop would be located at the “Midtown Authentic location,” which was 130 East Broad Street.

The owner said he hopes the store will be up and running in “a couple of months,” noted Mr. Zuckerman.

In store-closure news, Westfield Creamery, located at 258 East Broad Street, shut down at the end of August.

“I think it was really unfortunate timing,” said Mr. Zuckerman. “They opened right after Covid-19 started.

The monthly DWC meeting also featured the announcement by Mr. Zuckerman that the DWC is potentially looking to transition into a 501c3 organization from a 501c6 organization. The DWC’s current status as a 501c6 organization “is akin to a business league, a chamber of commerce, a trade association, that type of entity,” noted Mr. Zuckerman.

“We do benefit the entire community,” said Mr. Zuckerman, who explained that most business improvement districts like the DWC are 501c3 organizations and have that designation because they offer community-wide benefits. The new status would present more grant opportunities and exempt the DWC from sales tax, noted Mr. Zuckerman, who said more information would soon be forthcoming.

“We’re fortunate I have an attorney who is a non-profit expert, who I know from South Orange,” said Mr. Zuckerman. According to the executive director of the DWC, the attorney “is researching the issue for us,” and examining “what it would take to make the transition over [to 501c3].”

The meeting’s proceedings also featured the firm MJB Consulting, which gave a detailed “retail report” on businesses in downtown Westfield.

According to the MJB website, the firm specializes “in retail planning and real estate consultancy.” Specifically, “conducting an analytically-rigorous market assessment to determine what kinds of customers and retailers would (and would not) be realistic for a given district or project.”

In the case of the DWC, the night’s presentation, given by MJB’s

Michael Berne, focused on “findings” regarding “the retail mix in downtown Westfield, that is the collection of businesses we have and how it can be improved upon,” noted Mr. Berne.

His presentation covered a lot of ground, and was the first part in a longer consulting relationship that would potentially see MJB helping the DWC and the downtown Westfield business community with the identification, vetting and pitching of prospective tenants on behalf of landlords and brokers, according to Mr. Berne.

Key findings stemming from Mr. Berne’s presentation included the idea that even with Westfield’s approximate population of 30,000 residents, who constitute the downtown’s most “reliable” and “frequent” customers, it is not a large enough population to sustain all of downtown Westfield’s “460,000 square feet” of retail space, explained Mr. Berne.

For downtown Westfield’s retail community to thrive, it has to pull customers well beyond Westfield. In a slide from his presentation, Mr. Berne presented a map, which he called “a rough trade area.” Mr. Berne’s trade area, which could potentially account for “70 to 75 percent” of Westfield’s customer base, extends into neighboring towns with competing downtowns. These municipalities include Cranford, Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Other towns included in the map extended as far west as Watchung and also included the communities of the Plainfields.

Mr. Berne explained that downtown Westfield has to be more relevant to the region, and not just the town, which necessarily implies a focus on “discretionary retail, not convenience retail.” While convenience retail includes things like shopping at a drug store, or going to the dry cleaners, discretionary retail was described as shopping for “clothing and shoes” and spending that includes “dining” and “entertainment.”

Mr. Berne emphatically asserted that discretionary retail is “What downtown Westfield has to be, what it already is, what it long has been, and what it has to remain.”

Moreover, he called downtown Westfield “very sizable,” along with Westfield being in a trade area of around 221,000 people with “favorable demographics.” According to his presentation, these favorable demographics include people with a median household income of \$84,000, a median home value of \$471,000 and 38 percent with children under 18, with “well above average on spending indexes.”

The presentation went into more detail, including examining shifting demographics of new groups of customers such as millennials coming to the suburbs from more urbanized areas.

“The suburbanization of hip,” as referred to by Mr. Berne, is ultimately changing the retail landscape, with millennials “bringing a little bit of the urban with them,” he noted.


Many millennials “in the last five to 10 years have reached that life stage where they are forming families, and moving to the suburbs,” explained Mr. Berne. “They want to bring a little bit of the urban with them,” he said. “These are the people that drove the urban resurgence across the country in the last couple decades.”

New businesses meeting millennial retail preferences include “hip eyeglass retailers and Raman joints, artisanal coffee houses and brew pubs,” noted Mr. Berne. “This is a clear trend in suburbs,” he said, taking place outside major cities throughout the country.

Mr. Berne’s presentation covered additional demographics of consumers and relevant downtown retail trends, all in an effort to focus the efforts of the DWC and downtown Westfield’s business community. MJB’s presentation covered the first phase, with the second phase still to come at a future date.

The next DWC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom.

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Early In-Person Voting Locations Announced

COUNTY – Union County Board of Elections Administrator Nicole DiRado advises Union County residents that seven locations have been selected for those wishing to cast their vote early in person for the 2021 General Election. Any registered, Union County voter can use any of these sites to vote in-person, by machine from Saturday, October 23 through Sunday, October 31.

These sites have been recently relocated and voters shall be advised of the new locations in New Providence and Union Township.

“New Jersey has expanded voters’ rights by introducing early voting for the 2021 General Election,” said Ms. DiRado. “We encourage voters to use early voting, or a vote by mail ballot, to cast their vote ahead of Election Day. Making a plan to cast your vote is important and there are now more options in New Jersey than ever before.”

There are now seven confirmed locations:

Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Seminar Room A/B, Cranford.

Sampson Community Center, 800 Anna Street, Elizabeth.

New Providence Municipal Building 360 Elkwood Avenue, Gymnasium (Academy Street Entrance), New Providence (Updated).

Plainfield Board of Education Administration Building, 1200 Myrtle Avenue, Plainfield.

Rahway Recreation Center, 275 E. Milton Avenue, Room 112, Rahway.

Amalfe Community Center, 1268 Shaffer Avenue, Roselle.

Union Township Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, Union (Updated).

All of these early voting locations will be open during the fol-

lowing hours:

Saturday, October 23, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, October 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday, October 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, October 26, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday, October 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday, October 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, October 29, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, October 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Upon arriving at an early voting location, voters will sign in on an electronic poll book. The electronic poll book will print a bar code on the ballot card so the voting machine knows which ballot to activate. Voters will then insert their ballot card into the voting machine in order to cast their vote.

Please note that these locations are for machine voting only. Vote by mail ballots cannot be submitted at these locations.

Voters who plan to use a vote by mail ballot can deposit it in any of the Board of Elections 24 secure drop boxes in Union County, return it to the Board of Elections by U.S. Postal Service, or hand-deliver it to the Board of Elections office in Elizabeth by Tuesday, November 2 at 8 p.m.

Voters who choose to vote in person on Election Day, November 2, must use their designated polling place.

For more information, including a list of drop box locations and an online polling place finder, visit the Board of Elections online at ucnj.org/ucboe, email ucboe@ucnj.org, or call (908) 527-4123.

BAYADA to Pay \$17 Million To Resolve Kickback Allegations

AREA – BAYADA Home Health Care has agreed to pay \$17 million to resolve allegations that it violated the False Claims Act by paying kickbacks through the purchase of two home healthcare agencies from a retirement home operator in Arizona. The settlement was announced by acting U.S. Attorney Rachael A. Honig and acting Assistant Attorney General Brian M. Boynton of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division.

The settlement resolves allegations that Moorestown, NJ-based BAYADA bought two HHAs to induce referrals to BAYADA of Medicare beneficiaries from other retirement communities operated by the seller throughout the United States. The government alleges that from Jan. 1, 2014, through Oct. 31, 2020, the BAYADA Companies submitted false claims for payment to Medicare for services provided to beneficiaries referred to BAYADA because of the kickback transaction.

“When healthcare providers make or induce referrals that are based on kickback arrangements rather than the best interests of patients, they risk patient harm, threaten the integrity of federal healthcare programs, and violate federal law,” Ms. Honig said.

“The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey and our partners in the Department of Justice and at HHS-OIG will continue to pursue those who, like BAYADA, offer kickbacks for patient referrals, no matter the disguise those kickback arrangements might wear.”

“Parties who pay or receive kickbacks in order to induce referrals undermine the integrity of the health care system,” Mr. Boynton added. “This resolution reflects the department’s commitment to protect the right of federal health care program beneficiaries to receive medical care that is not influenced by the financial interests of their health care providers.”

The Anti-Kickback Statute prohibits parties who participate in federal health care programs from knowingly and willfully offering, paying, or receiving any remuneration to induce the recommendation of any item for which payment is made in whole or in part under a covered federal health care program. The prohibition extends to asset purchases that are intended to induce referrals.

The civil settlement includes the resolution of claims brought under the qui tam, or “whistleblower” provisions, of the False Claims Act by David Freedman, who served as director of strategic growth for BAYADA between 2009 and 2016. Under those provisions, a private party can file an action on behalf of the United States and receive a portion of any recovery. As part of the September 7 resolution, Mr. Freedman will receive more than \$3 million. The False Claims Act

also allows the government to join and prosecute such lawsuits, as the Department of Justice did in this case in connection with the claims against BAYADA. The matter remains under seal as to allegations against entities other than the BAYADA Companies.

The resolution obtained in this matter was the result of a coordinated effort between the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey and the Justice Department’s Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, Fraud Section, with assistance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.

The investigation and resolution of this matter illustrates the government’s emphasis on combating health care fraud. One of the most powerful tools in this effort is the False Claims Act. Tips and complaints from all sources about potential fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, can be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services at 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

The claims resolved by the settlement are allegations only and there has been no determination of liability.

The qui tam case is captioned: United States ex rel. Freedman v. BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc., No. 17-cv-6267 (NLH) (D.N.J.).

Mr. Freedman is represented by David Chizewer and David Morrison of Goldberg Kohn Ltd.

“It takes a real person of integrity, like our client, to have the courage to come forward and ensure that health care providers focus their decisions for patients only on the patient’s best interests and not influenced by illegal kickbacks. We are proud to represent Mr. Freedman,” said Mr. Morrison, a principal in Goldberg Kohn’s Litigation practice.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Meyler of the Health Care Fraud Unit in the District of New Jersey in Newark, New Jersey, and Department of Justice Trial Attorney Samson Asiyambi of the Civil Division, in Washington, D.C. “We commend Mr. Meyler and Mr. Asiyabi for their commitment to justice and skill in successfully resolving the claims against BAYADA,” said David Chizewer, a principal in Goldberg Kohn’s Litigation practice.

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Public Health Notice Issued After Edison Fields Meeting

WESTFIELD -- The Town has been notified that a person who was in attendance at the Edison Fields public input meeting on Monday, September 20, at Edison School, has tested positive for COVID-19. While the risk of transmission is low due to the meeting's required mask policy and the high vaccination rate of the community, all those who attended the meeting should consider testing as a precaution.

For vaccinated individuals, testing should be considered on September 23, 24, or 25. For unvaccinated individuals, testing should be considered immediately and, if negative, again on September 25, 26 or 27. Public health guidelines also recommend that unvaccinated individuals quarantine through September 27, even if they receive a negative test result.

It should also be noted for the Edison School community that the room was thoroughly disinfected following the meeting.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage all residents to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

Staying home when you are sick; washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds; covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues; limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils; practicing social distancing (staying at least six feet apart); wearing a face covering while in school; and continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please be encouraged to contact the Westfield Regional Health Department at (908) 789-4070.

Athletic Leagues Meet With Officials on SP Field Usage

SCOTCH PLAINS--With the growing popularity of organized sports in Scotch Plains, there is a call for more coordination among various leagues and organizations that regularly use the athletic fields throughout town.

To that end, township officials convened a meeting at town hall on September 21 with all groups in Scotch Plains who schedule time on the athletic fields. The group included the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission, the Scotch Plains Recreation Department, the Board of Education, Union County and representatives of the many sports leagues in Scotch Plains. In total, there were 18 representatives convening with the singular goal of ensuring easier access to quality fields.

"We hope this meeting was the beginning of many important conversations to improve and expand our athletic facilities in a coordinated way that benefits all parties," said Scotch Plains Mayor Josh Losardo. "Together, we must identify ways in which we can best leverage our limited resources, from the municipality, the school district and the county, to serve our ever-expanding leagues."

Attendees discussed the need to improve the current fields, following this summer's successful project to re-turf the Southside Field. Also, the group identified under-used resources in Scotch Plains, such as fields at the Terrill and Park middle schools that require extensive work. Moreover,

there was discussion about the Union County Vocational-Technical High School, where the county has been considering significant field upgrades.

Michael Walsh, chair of the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission, said these "allied association" meetings have been held regularly, but haven't taken place during the pandemic. "It's great to be able to restart these meetings, as we roll out the municipal master plan for our recreational facilities," he said.

Councilman Matt Adams, who urged the groups to convene, said there is an urgency to address capacity issues, noting the leaders of the various athletic leagues are reporting ever-increasing enrollment numbers.

"The number of participants is at an all-time high and we, as a community, need to plan," Councilman Adams said. "It is great to see these leagues embracing more inclusive programs, including more children with special needs. And we are pleased that there are more residents than ever who want to enjoy the fields. Now is the time to collectively address our priorities."

The councilman noted the fields are now being used throughout the year, for a growing number of sports such as baseball, softball, soccer, football and lacrosse. All of these organizations have leagues and all are vying for allotted times. There is now interest in girl's field hockey and rugby programs, as well.

County Offers Kean Students Access to Human Services

COUNTY—The County of Union and Kean University have launched an innovative partnership that gives the Union County Department of Human Services a regular presence at the University, offering students access to a multitude of free and comprehensive social services and resources that they may need in order to stay focused on their academic goals.

The Union County Department of Human Services Resource Table will operate from the first floor of the Center for Academic Success (CAS) on the Kean University campus, located at 1000 Morris Avenue in Union Township. Access and screening is free to all Kean University students and the partnership began August 30. The Department of Human Services will maintain a presence twice a week on campus throughout the 2021-2022 academic year.

"Union County is proud to offer students at Kean easy access to all that the Department of Human Services has to offer," said Commissioner Board Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "The myriad of supportive services available ensure that students can have a successful university experience and succeed academically."

"We know our students have what it takes to succeed in college, but sometimes they need support beyond academics to stay on track to graduation," said Kean University President Lamont O. Repollet, Ed.D. "We are grateful for the County of Union's support and services to help our students better manage their lives outside of the classroom so they can turn their focus to their studies, graduation and their professional goals."

"As an alumnus of Kean University, I recognize how important it is for students to have easy access to services and resources available to them that facilitate the pursuit of a higher education," said Commissioner Sergio Granados who also serves as Liaison to the Human Services Advisory Board. "This program will bring the Department of Human Resources and all it has to offer directly to the students of Kean University, giving them an even greater foundation for academic success."

The Department of Human Ser-

vices will provide free referrals to services that can help address the needs of Kean students. Connections to critical resources needed to overcome financial barriers include:

Benefits Screening – Students can learn whether they qualify for federal and state benefits, like food and nutrition programs (SNAP, WIC), health insurance (CHIP, Medicaid), cash, and utilities and transportation assistance. DHS staff can also help with applying for these benefits.

Tax Preparation – Free consultation with a certified tax preparer and tax filing are available to students to help them maximize tax credits and refunds.

Health Care Enrollment – Support for students to explore healthcare insurance options and find help with enrolling and/or renewing coverage.

Financial Education – Services to support students in establishing and achieving financial goals with guidance in budgeting, banking, credit counseling and debt management.

Legal Counseling – On-site experts can provide guidance with public benefits, housing, utilities, employment and immigration issues.

Referral Services – DHS staff will connect students with additional on-campus and external services and resources.

Students can meet with DHS staff while they are on campus and if necessary, they can also schedule an on-campus appointment during times when DHS isn't scheduled to be on site. Students wishing to meet with a DHS staff member to discuss social services and eligibility can request an appointment by calling the DHS Action Line at (888) 845-3434.

The Union County Department of Human Services (DHS) provides and administers a broad range of federal, state, county and grant-funded services to all Union County residents.

For more information about the Department of Human Services, visit online at ucnj.org/human-services or contact the DHS Action Line at (888) 845-3434 or (908) 558-2288 for rapid, personal assistance with any question, complaint or concern about services provided by the Union County Department of Human Services. An email option is also available at DHSAction@ucnj.org.

Union County Offers Free Flu Shots

COUNTY – The Union County Board of County Commissioners encourages all residents to get their seasonal flu shot as soon as possible this year. Free flu shots will be dispensed at clinics run by the Office of Health Management at locations throughout Union County beginning on Thursday, September 23. Persons with health insurance are advised to visit their local pharmacy or doctor's office to receive their flu shot.

"Please protect yourself and your family, and help prevent unnecessary trips to a doctor or hospital emergency room, by getting a free flu shot," said Commissioner Board Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

Protection against seasonal flu is more important than ever before due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Public health experts are concerned that medical resources could be overwhelmed if a seasonal flu outbreak combines with the COVID-19 crisis.

The free flu shot clinics are open to all Union County adults and children ages nine and up.

Children ages four years through eight years can also use Union County's free flu shot clinics if they have previously received two flu shots in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Appointments are strongly encouraged and residents can schedule their appointment online by visiting ucnj.org/flu or calling (908) 613-7829.

Walk-ups will be seen on a time-allowing basis.

The following dates have been scheduled for the Union County flu shot drive. Each event will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Today, Thursday, September 30 - Roselle, High school - Abraham Clark High School, 122 E 6th Avenue, Roselle.

Thursday, October 7, Plainfield, Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield.

Thursday, October 14 - Summit City Hall, Whitman Road, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit.

Thursday, October 21 - Roselle

Park, Casano Community Center, 314 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park.

Thursday, October 28 - Hillside Community Center, 274 Hillside Avenue, Hillside.

Thursday, November 4 - Rahway Recreation Center, 275 E Milton Avenue, Rahway.

Thursday, November 18 - Chisholm Community Center, Springfield.

Any Union County resident may visit any of these clinics, regardless of their town of residence.

To prepare for a visit to Union County's flu shot clinics, residents are advised to review the fact sheet issued by the Centers for Disease Control in English, Spanish and other languages at <https://www.immunize.org/vis/> (select "Influenza, inactivated" from the vaccine index).

Masks are required when visiting one of Union County's free flu shot clinics, and temperatures will be taken when arriving.

Persons who have a fever, coughing, sneezing, or other signs of illness will not be admitted to a flu drive site. Residents who are experiencing symptoms of illness should check with their doctor.

For additional updates visit the "Upcoming Flu Drives" page on the County website, at ucnj.org/flu.

Please note that the dates and locations listed above are for seasonal flu vaccines only.

Residents seeking free COVID-19 vaccines can find a list of sites run by Union County at ucnj.org/covid19/vaccinations-page to see a schedule for Covid-19 vaccination sites run by Union County.

Children and adults in need of a variety of standard immunizations can visit Union County's Immunization Center at 40 Parker Road in Elizabeth. Please note that there is no income eligibility requirement for the Covid-19 or seasonal flu vaccines. Other immunizations are available on an income-eligible basis. For more information call the Immunization Center at (908) 965-3627 or (908) 965-3868.

Shred, Recycle Personal Documents Free of Charge

COUNTY – Union County residents can bring their personal documents and sensitive papers to the next free paper shredding event sponsored by the Union County Board of County Commissioners. The next event will take place, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools campus, located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

"The free shredding service makes it easy and convenient for Union County residents to dispose of sensitive documents while also supporting our countywide recycling efforts, and we encourage everyone to participate," said Commissioner Board Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

Each of Union County's free shredding events are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m., but may finish earlier if the shredding trucks fill up to capacity.

These events are drive-up only. Ample signage will be posted to direct drivers from the entrance to the site.

Participants are reminded pre-shredded, damp, or wet paper will not be accepted. Bindings, large plastic or metal clips, and other paraphernalia should be removed.

Drivers must remain in their cars while staff unloads their papers, which are shredded on site in a mobile shredding truck.

As a precaution against Covid-19, participants should keep their windows rolled up and wear a face mask.

The last mobile paper shredding event of 2021 will occur on October 30 at Nokia in New Providence. For the complete schedule and more information on all recycling programs hosted by Union County, visit ucnj.org/recycle or call the Union County Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

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

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

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

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

Clerk Passport Services Earns Exceptional Rank

COUNTY – Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi advises residents that passport services at the Elizabeth and Westfield offices of the County Clerk have earned the highest possible rating from the Office of Acceptance Facility Oversight of the U.S. Department of State.

The Union County Clerk's offices received a rating of "exceptional Acceptance Facility with knowledgeable agents" during its annual evaluation.

"An exceptional rating is the highest possible assessment one can receive," said Ms. Rajoppi. "My staff provides excellent customer service, efficiently and pleasantly, while demonstrating a thorough knowledge of all issues related to passports. I very am proud of their efforts to assist our customers."

The Department of State evaluates the performance of county clerks and other agents that are authorized to accept passports for processing on an annual basis. The assessment covers 16 elements including procedures, security, supplies, and training.

To further improve the customer experience, Ms. Rajoppi has also introduced a first-of-its-kind online system for booking appointments for passport transactions and other in-person services. The online system eliminates holding time and can be accessed at any time of the day or night.

The online booking system can be accessed through the County Clerk's website at ucnj.org/county-clerk.

The County Clerk's main office is located in the County Courthouse, at 2 Broad Street in Elizabeth.

The annex office is located in the Colleen Frasier Building at the Union County Complex, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield.

Customers in need of passport services are reminded to plan well in advance for overseas travel, as processing by the Department of State can take up to 18 weeks.

For information on all services of the Union County Clerk, and for office hours, visit ucnj.org/county-clerk or call the main office in Elizabeth, at (908) 527-4787.

Hearing to Resume Oct. 21 On Assisted-Living Facility

By FRED T. ROSSI
For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

SCOTCH PLAINS — The zoning board of adjustment will hold another special meeting later in October to continue its hearing on an application to build an assisted-living facility on Raritan Road.

Capital Seniors Housing Development LLC is proposing to build a three-story, 86-unit assisted-living facility at 1814, 1820 and 1830 Raritan Road, which is situated across from its intersection with Black Birch Road and east of the county vocational-technical school campus.

At a special meeting last Thursday, engineer Gary Vecchio briefly explained a few modifications made to the site plan, including an expanded drop-off area near the facility's front entrance that will make it easier for exiting vehicles to turn around and then leave the property. He also showed how a dumpster will be relocated to make it easier for garbage trucks to access it. Two outdoor patios next to the building will be reduced slightly in size and a ground sign will be placed near the street.

The bulk of the two-hour hearing involved testimony by architect Mark Kuberski, who showed the board the interior layout of the

building's three floors. The first floor will include the entrance area, administrative offices, dining rooms and kitchen and a separate, 22-bed memory care unit that will comprise about two-thirds of the first floor. The second and third floors will include a total of 64 rooms of varying sizes for assisted-living residents in addition to a theater, multi-purpose room and salon.

Mr. Kuberski also showed the board a 3-D animated video of what the facility's interior will look like and also displayed renderings of the building's exterior, which will be made up of natural stone, siding and panels. The building's height will measure 35 feet, with a five-foot parapet to shield heating and ventilation units from view.

Attorney Marc Rogoff, representing a Black Birch Road homeowner, briefly questioned some aspects of Mr. Kuberski's plan, as did two residents who live near the site.

The hearing is set to resume on Thursday, October 21, when the applicant plans to recall its traffic engineer to discuss an updated traffic survey and then its planner before Mr. Rogoff presents any witnesses to counter the applicant's plans.

Union County Offers Free Scrap Metal Recycling

COUNTY – The Union County Board of County Commissioners reminds residents that Union County's free scrap metal recycling drop-off program continues in October. A wide variety of metal goods, from household appliances to gutters and sheds, will be accepted at two countywide collection sites in Cranford and Rahway every month from April to November.

"This countywide program helps to fill a service gap in some Union County municipalities that currently have no outlet for scrap metal recycling," said Board of Commissioners Chairman Al Mirabella. "As a community, we benefit across the board by recycling more and throwing away less waste – and we also stand to gain some revenue from the program."

Scrap metal drop-off will be accepted Thursday, October 7 and Saturday, October 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at two drop-off centers:

Cranford: Emergency Services Building, 151 Kenilworth Boulevard.

Rahway: Rahway River Park (follow Park Drive Rahway off St. Georges to service yard across from swimming pool).

Scrap metal from residents in any Union County municipality may be brought to either of these sites.

The drop-off sites are available on the first Thursday and third Saturday of each month, from April through November.

To receive schedule alerts, and to stay up to date with Union County and local recycling programs, download the free Recycle Coach mobile app.

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

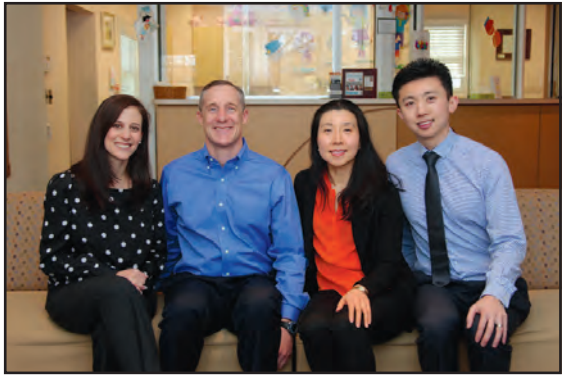
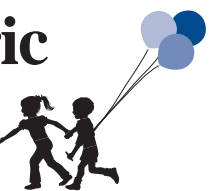
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Move Over Celebs, Influencers Are Stealing the Spotlight

By AMIRA LEE
For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

The Met Gala has certainly stirred up some controversy with its diverse guest list this year. The exclusive event always includes the most influential people in fashion, but this year, an influx of social media influencers earned a coveted invitation to the elite event, sparking outrage in the media. But, we shouldn't dismiss influencers so quickly.

The impact of social media is only continuing to grow and influencers are spearheading the movement. Influencers are becoming household names and we cannot continue to exclude them from the sphere of fame.

Although both celebrities and influencers have a lot of followers, it's the channel by which they rise to popularity that differentiates them. According to business2community.com, celebrities gain popularity through their achievements, such as starring in a blockbuster movie or writing a hit song. Influencers become popular because of their talent in a particular subject and engaging with a specific audience. Celebrities often appeal to a larger audience with their fame, while influencers target a narrow demographic and rely on their content to create trends and influence their followers.

The undeniable influence of content creators has created a new type of celebrity. In a survey by Morning Consult, 72 percent of the surveyed Gen Z and Millennials follow influencers, and millennials trust influencers as spokespeople for brands and product recommendations more than they trust their favorite celebrities. Participants in the survey said that they follow influencers to learn about new trends, laugh at entertaining content and are even inspired by their favorite creators to follow their own dreams.

We cannot dismiss the growing popularity of influencers as they cement their power in the media through their large fan


bases and lucrative brand deals. Companies have realized the influence of social media stars and have started partnering with them to increase their brand awareness, usually amongst younger generations. For example, Dunkin' made a drink called "The Charli", named after Tik Tok star Charli D'Amelio, which sold hundreds of thousands of drinks in the first few days and led to a 20 percent sales boost in cold brew sales the day it was released according to tubefilter.com.

Influencers are also using their fame to branch out into other industries, like acting and singing. Addison Rae, a Tik Tok star, has just signed a multi-million dollar deal with Netflix after her acting debut in *He's All That*. Other influencers have released their own songs, including Dixie D'Amelio's "Psycho," and Lil' Huddy's "21st Century Vampire." The D'Amelio family has a popular reality show on Hulu, similar to the meteoric rise to fame that the Kardashians experienced 14 years ago. Although influencers may start as content creators, they have been able to build off their platform to increase their credibility on the Hollywood scene.

Yet, at the Met Gala, people still believed that some of these creators did not deserve to be walking the red carpet. Influencers are often overlooked in the fashion community, but many of them have a lot of influence on clothing trends. Many people agreed that Emma Chamberlain, who boasts 13.6 million followers on Instagram, deserved to be at the Met Gala because she is a fashion trendsetter for young people and has worked with large fashion companies, like Louis Vuitton. Yet Addison Rae and Dixie D'Amelio, both of whom rose to fame by dancing on Tik Tok, were scorned for attending.

The meaning of celebrity is changing as quickly as social media is, and people need to realize that influencers are the new era of celebrities, whether they like it or not.

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Diction Deception

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. Atrabilious – A hypochondriac
2. Supawn – Boiled corn meal; mush
3. Scorse – To trade or barter
4. Vrille – In aviation, a spinning nose dive

SCRAY

1. Toss; hurl
2. To skin or scale, as with fish
3. To crumble; scatter
4. The sea swallow

WACHNA

1. The little Alaskan cod
2. A large dolphin of the North Atlantic having few teeth
3. A disorderly, unkempt, rough person
4. A tanner of pelts or animal skins

PESELLISM

1. Any speech defect, as stammering
2. Responding slowly to an external stimulus
3. Faulty secretion by the sebaceous glands
4. A hissing or whistling sound

JAVEL

1. A sword swallower
2. A vagabond or lowly person
3. A jeweler's gouging tool for working in a depression, as in engraving metal
4. Idle babble or chat

Letters to the Editor

Thank You to Charles Morrison, Sr.

Thank you to the family of the late Charles R. Morrison, Sr., of the Westfield Civic Improvement Association, for educating the public about his valiant efforts (despite what were likely hostile words from the then-mayor) to create what is now our Memorial Pool and Park Complex. What would Westfield have been like had the then-mayor succeeded in suppressing this wise and humane civic endeavor for our residents? We would have had a city dump! Today our children can swim in a beautiful public pool and we can play tennis and enjoy other public amenities. My own family spent wholesome summer days there. People with vision and heart, such as Charles Morrison, are heroes for all of us. They strengthen our communities. My family and I recently visited the park to note the commemorative bronze plaque that recognizes Mr. Morrison's efforts. To him and people like him, I am grateful.

Mercedes Fol-Okamoto
Westfield

Do Your Part to Prevent Climate Change

If the extreme rain and flooding in NJ and NYC from the "leftovers" of Hurricane Ida or the extreme wildfires in CA are not enough to convince you that we are already experiencing the effects of climate change, then I urge you to read the summary of the latest IPCC report that states that "unless there are immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, limiting warming to close to 1.5°C or even 2°C will be beyond reach." (https://www.ipcc.ch/2021/08/09/ar6-wg1-20210809-pr/)

It is time to take climate change seriously. We now have less than nine years to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50 percent if we want to avoid even more serious climate change effects. The time is upon all of us to contact our national, state and local government leaders and insist that climate change be seen as our most important issue to address now.

It is also time to make changes in our own lives to do our part to reduce our own household greenhouse gas emissions by taking as many of the following steps as possible:

1. Make your next car a hybrid or electric vehicle
2. Replace your standard electric or gas water heater with an electric heat pump water heater
3. Add solar panels or solar shingles to the roof of your house
4. Reduce your consumption of beef
5. Get an energy audit on your house to see if you need to add more insulation or update inefficient heating/cooling systems.

It is time for all of us to see climate change as the most important issue that needs to be addressed now. Only by working together can we hope to avoid a future with even more deadly weather events on a regular basis.

Walter A. Korfmacher, Ph.D.
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Gratitude For Evocative Objects To Engage Our Kids

By PATRICIA STECKLER, Ph.D.
For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

"I grew up hoping that objects would connect me to the world. As a child, I spent many weekends at my grandparents' apartment in Brooklyn. Space there was limited, and all of the family keepsakes, including my mother's books, trinkets, and photographs, were stored in a kitchen closet, set high, just below the ceiling. Each object I found in the closet, every keychain, postcard, unpaired earring, high school textbook with its marginalia—signaled a new understanding of who my family members were and what interested them."

Those words, by Sherry Turkle, form the premise of her book, "Evocative Objects: Things We Think With", a collection of essays by scientists, writers, and artists about favorite objects that inspire, guide, or touch their lives. Ms. Turkle, an MIT professor and bestselling author, writes eloquently about the decline of empathy and intimate conversation in the digital age and how objects evoke memory and meaning by connecting thoughts and feelings.

As our children embark on another school year, this time with the Delta variant nipping at their freedom, and after a year of remote or hybrid school, we can jump-start them into a more engaged, successful school year. Evocative objects can help fasten them to the real, tangible world and away from the abstract, nowhere land of computers and smartphones. Parents and teachers can introduce the topic of meaningful objects into home and school environments.

A Fanwood resident, Edna Kirshenbaum, shares her story of a precious object here:

My very dear Aunt Rachel loved to show visitors her little figurine of the

three monkeys who exhibit the saying, "see no evil, speak no evil, hear no evil." She believed in the message but did not herself practice it.

After she passed away, I asked her son, my cousin, if I could have the tiny monkeys. Over all these years, I have cherished them. They always remind me of our wonderful relationship and her sense of humor.

Children attach themselves to blankets and stuffed teddy bears from the earliest age, hugging them as they would their mothers or fathers. Psychologists call these transitional objects. Little ones cope with separation from parents by transferring love and attachment to soft, cuddly things.

Meaningful items are relished throughout life. Children save lunchbox love notes from their parents and stow away postcards from grandparents. The wooden red apples, given out to Westfield children when

they start school, reappear, adorning their necks when they graduate from Westfield High School.

Try this: Each week, parents and teachers can ask children to share a precious item and tell why it matters. Then, they can display these evocative objects so others can imbibe their special significance. Insight into fellow family members and co-students will ensue, as will empathy. Sharing evocative objects and why they matter can add a meaningful, tangible dimension to how we know each other.

Share your stories of evocative objects and why they matter with me at *The Westfield Leader* and *HAWK* by writing Gratitude in the subject line and emailing: press@goleader.com or pattisteckler@gmail.com

Gratefully yours,
Patti Steckler

Letters to the Editor

Former Councilman Questions Where Surplus Money was Spent

I am writing to express my complete astonishment at the refusal of Mayor Brindle to respond to my budget question at the public town council meeting on September 14.

I asked the mayor to provide a public accounting by year of the specific items that our \$17 million dollars of town surplus was spent on. I believe that such a dramatic departure from standard practice is worthy of a clear explanation. It seems to me that this is a legitimate question for a citizen to ask at any time, but especially during a town election when budget management is an important consideration for voters. Based on the mayor's repeated claims of openness and transparency in her administration and the simple fact that citizens have a right to know where their money is spent, I assumed that my request would be granted. Instead Mayor Brindle refused to respond or offer any plan to respond in the future. Not what I would call transparency.

As a former town councilman, I am aware of how budgets are put together. It is accepted municipal budget practice that surplus money is spent on

capital improvements and emergency situations, such as new fire trucks, buildings, unforeseen infrastructure repairs and storm clean up. It should not be spent on standard operational expenses, such as salaries and benefits to employees, expert studies and legal fees.

When the town of Westfield spends down \$17 million in four years and there are no tangible, visible results from these expenditures, we have to wonder why. At the very least Mayor Brindle should be able and willing to provide a clear accounting of where this sizable spend down of the surplus went. Unfortunately Mayor Brindle responded to my statement that we have a right to know, by saying, "We will have to agree to disagree" on this point.

I remember that New York City, in the late 1970s and early 1980s, nearly went bankrupt by recklessly spending down its surplus. Only drastic budget cuts and tax increases averted this financial disaster. Luckily, I do not believe that Westfield is headed towards bankruptcy. However, it is always important to keep an eye on town finances and real transparency is an important tool for oversight.

My response to Mayor Brindle is show us what the \$17 million was spent on. Thank you.

Anthony LaPorta
Westfield

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Candidate Statements
on Pages 13-14

How I Used Proactive Leadership To Overhaul Paving, Save Millions

I know I've written previously about how I helped overhaul road paving in Westfield. I decided to write again about this topic because it's a great example of the kind of proactive leadership I bring to the council as I work with Mayor Brindle and my Westfield Together Council-and-running mates on behalf of Ward 3 residents.

The primary reason I ran for council four years ago was my concern about the conditions of Westfield's roads. Grove Street is a great example. I live around the corner from Grove. It troubled me that, like many other streets in town, it remained in poor condition while other roads in much better shape were being paved.

When I took over as Chair of the Public Works Committee, it became clear why. To determine its paving program, the town was using anecdotal input from employees as well as suggestions from council members. And residents could also petition the council to have their streets paved, a process with too much opportunity for political influence.

I also learned why so many roads resembled lumpy, patchworks of new, old, and really old asphalt. Utilities doing street openings for necessary work only did patchwork street repairs. As many of you know, these patches quickly crack, potholes ensue, more patches are added and the next thing you know, your street is an uneven, bumpy mess.

I immediately set about working with my fellow Westfield Together Council colleagues, especially Code Committee chair and Ward 4 Councilwoman Dawn Mackey, to establish and implement an entirely new approach to road paving. This included the following steps:

1. Implement an analytical approach to paving decisions. The town hired a third-party engineering firm to assess every road in Westfield so the town could objectively build paving plans on a "worst-to-first" basis. The results of this assessment are on the town website at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/454/Road-Assessment-Program>
2. Better protect our roads with new road opening ordinances that require utilities that open up roads to repave them "curb-to-curb" for 50-feet in either direction of the opening.
3. Significantly increase annual investment in road paving.
4. Partner with utilities to coordinate their infrastructure upgrade plans for Westfield with the town so we can develop more efficient paving plans covering entire neighborhoods.

The net results of this road paving overhaul represent a significant achievement. From 2018-2021, the town tripled road paving compared to the prior four years. A total of 47 miles of roads - nearly

half of the roads in town - were paved. And because of the new ordinances, half of these roads were paved by utilities at no cost to taxpayers, saving the town and taxpayers millions of dollars - a huge win/win for residents. And for the first time in town history, the town has published a three-year paving plan based on the analytical road assessment so residents know where their streets are in the paving schedule.

This is a great example of the kind of proactive leadership I bring to the council: Gaining a full understanding of an issue and then working closely with town officials and council colleagues to identify the right short- and long-term solutions that deliver real results. I'm asking for your support on November 2 so I can continue doing this for the next four years!

David Contract
Ward 3 Councilman
Westfield

Working Proactively Toward a Greener Garwood

Garwood may only be 0.65 miles in area but that doesn't mean that we all can't play a role in positively impacting our larger world; in this case, our natural world.

Our town is part of the Rahway River Watershed, a highly-urbanized network of streams feeding the Rahway River approximately 130-square-miles in size. Our roads, side-walks, homes, businesses and public lands all impact the watershed in many ways. I know many residents - myself included - suffered the wrath of nature during Hurricane Ida when the Garwood brook overflowed into our streets and homes. Sadly, scientists believe that rainfall will be increasing in frequency and intensity as our planet warms. We need to build up our regional relationships with neighboring municipalities, Union County, and state/local nonprofits to devise a wider solution to these stormwater nightmares even as we work together on a smaller scale to improve things locally.

For example, I often walk my dog around the Garwood Recreation Complex, where I noticed the amount of dog waste left behind by some other dog walkers. Pet waste is a major pollutant in our waterways and is also detrimental to public health. Working with Pet Supplies Plus and our Department of Public Works, I was able to have two dog waste bag dispensers

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Road Paving: Allocating and Protecting Westfield's Resources

There is something special about canvassing your ward when running for office. I am always impressed by the details of fourth ward homes up close - a level of attention not appreciated while driving by everyday in your car. Westfield homeowners take meticulous care of their homes. Up close you get to glimpse the personalities of the homeowner - lush flower beds, a Celtic door knocker, or a dragonfly doorbell.

When I first canvassed our neighborhoods four years ago, I noticed that these homes would often abut roads in significant disrepair. Our streets were unlevel, rocky, patched multiple times and stood in stark contrast to the well cared for houses lining them. As I ran for town council

in 2017 I asked myself: "How can roads in a town such as Westfield fall to this level of neglect?"

I wasn't the only one asking this question. This was one of the most common complaints residents expressed when we discussed neighborhood concerns. Many were exasperated; they had waited years, even decades just to be considered for paving. They shared that they had followed the protocols in place at the time, gathered neighbors' signatures on petitions submitted to the town website to appeal to the town to add them to a list. Then, the neighbors would wait for street paving that would never come to fruition.

This illogical process made no sense to me. There was no fair or objective standard to evaluate and allocate our town resources to pave roads and improve our neighborhoods. Even worse, for streets that were paved, they were often ripped up and ruined by developers and utility companies accessing the utilities buried within. Neighbors were left angry and frustrated and valuable town resources were wasted.

I promised to bring logic to local government.

I did some research and learned that while Westfield did not have any protective road ordinances many towns did.

Once elected I took several important steps to properly allocate and protect the town's resources. As Chairwoman of the Code Review committee I initiated and legislated one of the strongest road protection ordinances in New Jersey. This ordinance led to a more collaborative relationship with our utilities who now coordinate their work with the town so road paving is planned more efficiently and town resources are protected.

I petitioned for a technological assessment of our roads to create a five-year paving plan that prioritizes roads objectively, according to need.

I had the petition removed from the process - thereby also removing the onus from the residents who should not have to advocate for their own road paving.

Jeff Jotz
Democratic
Candidate for Council
Garwood

Dawn Mackey
Ward 4 Councilwoman
Westfield

Join Me in Voting for the Best Interest of Garwood

As a Republican councilman in Garwood from 2018 to 2020, I feel the need to speak out about this current campaign season. When on council, I worked with Democrats across the aisle because together we were always putting Garwood first. We supported all of our departments with praise at council meetings, but also with the money they needed. I very often voted with the Democrats not because any of those decisions were Democratic decisions, but the right decisions for Garwood. I am most proud of how we came together to purchase a rescue ladder truck for our all-volunteer fire department. This was a first for that department and one that saves lives.

Sadly, I continue to see much negativity from the current Republican candidates, just like the past few years. They have yet again called for the end of our shared service agreement with Fanwood for DPW supervision. State law says we have to have a DPW superintendent, which Fanwood provides. We pay Fanwood \$43,000 instead of paying a full-time superintendent that would cost us \$130,000. This is a huge savings. Without the shared services, taxes would go up to pay for a full-time superintendent that cannot even do any hands-on work because of the union contract for the DPW men.

It's also comical to me that when we went to the public for their thoughts on whether or not we should get the ladder truck, we were told by some in this Republican Party, including one of the candidates running for council, that we don't need this truck because we have shared services! Now they say shared services are a bad deal for our DPW. So it's okay for the fire department to rely on shared services to save lives, but it is not okay for the DPW to have shared services for one position, that of a mandated certified superintendent.

The current Republican candidates, like those before them, beat the drum that they would stop and reduce our debt. This sounds good, but it can easily leave us with departments without necessary equipment (garbage trucks, emergency equipment, etc.). Now they claim they want a whole new building for our DPW! I am shocked as they did not even support the rescue ladder truck for our fire department, which is life saving equipment! It seems to me that they simply wait for a disaster like hurricane Ida to happen and then change their minds. That's not leadership.

Also, they continue to misconstrue the redevelopment projects in town. Yes, this will add more people to our town. However, would they prefer blighted empty buildings with bro-

ken windows? The state makes us provide affordable housing. If we didn't negotiate with these developers, we would be facing unwinnable lawsuits right now. As a current member of the planning board and former member of the council, I know firsthand how much these volunteers care about Garwood and want to make the best projects possible.

As a Republican, I ask my fellow Republicans to remember that they can vote Republican at the top of the ticket without voting Republican locally. Let's not forget how the current Republican candidates supported Jesse Wilson last year who undermined the campaign of Tom Kean for congress with his outrageous antics and even called our great state senator "weak." This was an embarrassment. I was relieved to see Senator Kean did not attend any fundraisers for them this year.

As a Garwood resident for the past 38 years, I ask all residents to join me in voting for the best people for the job. In Garwood, it isn't about political parties, it's about helping our town and neighbors.

Richard McCormack
Former Garwood Councilman
Garwood

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Dream of Fields, More Options Should be Investigated

On Monday September 20 the town council and recreation commission introduced their new vision for the Edison fields. This new version still calls for artificial turf on 60 percent of the existing fields and additional lights. These aspects are the primary objections to the first vision, which was unacceptable to the local residents. Additionally, neither a parking study nor a traffic study has yet to be done on the area. Without these we have no idea if the surrounding roads and available parking could even handle this type of facility. There are so many unknowns about this proposal and so much controversy and it is the only proposal being put forth. If it doesn't move forward, the Town of Westfield is back to square one on our fields issue.

We need to consider other options. By looking at alternatives and presenting options, we can make the best possible decision for the town. I believe there are two other possibilities that could be considered.

First, Tamaques Park. No, not the "Tamaques Park Project", which is worth another look. I am talking about the seven acres of wooded area in the park that Union County would like to develop. Allowing the county to do the work on this land would be an economical option for Westfield, but we would lose control of it and our sports associations would have no more priority on them than any other town would. However, if Westfield develops the land and creates fields, we would be increasing the field capacity in town, instead of just turfing over already existing fields. We could provide adequate parking and an entrance off Lambert's Mill Road, a roadway that is intended for this type of use. If we create this space while simultaneously improving the parking at the Houlihan/Sid Fay complex, we may also be able to partner with the county on safe walkways and a pedestrian bridge over Lambert's Mill Road that could connect the com-

plexes. With easy access from the Garden State Parkway and sufficient parking, this would provide our sports associations a place where they could host tournaments and bring visitors to our town.

A second possibility is another large piece of land in town that is currently sitting unused known as the Lord & Taylor property. We should talk to the developer about creating an indoor/outdoor sports facility. This could include multiple fields (turf and grass) and create a permanent home for an indoor ice rink. If we get creative and strike a deal with the developer that would require them to provide a certain amount of field time to our sports associations at a reasonable rate we can again create more local field capacity. This type of facility can also include a parking deck with a field on top of it. If we construct a pedestrian bridge from the deck over East Broad Street, alongside the railroad trestle, we will connect the complex to our downtown with a safe walkway. Fields, parking, an ice rink, and a unique feature that would draw visitors to Westfield is something worth looking into.

These options also provide an opportunity for the board of education to improve on their grass fields by taking some of the traffic off them.

By investigating these and other alternatives, we can make sure that when a decision is made, it is the right one. If we can create more fields while creating additions to our town that will draw more visitors to our downtown and meet other needs, we all win. As a council member I will push to consider all options, especially given the size of the financial investment and think outside the box for solutions that incorporate more than one of our needs.

James Restivo
Candidate for Ward 4
Westfield Town Council

Re-elect Linda Habgood First Ward Council Representative

This one is a no-brainer.

As a more than 40-year resident of the First Ward looking forward to staying put in the town where we raised our children and where our grandchildren are being raised, as a senior-citizen taxpayer, as someone who has keenly observed Westfield governance over the long term and has been duly impressed by the innovation, positive change, and accomplishments achieved over just the past four years, I heartily and enthusiastically endorse the reelection of Linda Habgood as our First Ward council representative and urge my neighbors to support her candidacy.

As many Westfield residents are, or by now should be aware, Councilwoman Habgood is a financial management and finance expert who has led the way in bringing best-practices financial management to Westfield. Here's what has transpired since she took over as chair of the council's finance committee in 2018 and began her stewardship of the town's finances and budget:

- The lowest four-year average municipal tax rate increase in town history. The 1.1 percent average increase was less than half the rate of inflation and included a 0 percent annual increase in 2019 for the first time in decades.
- Revision of moribund, outdated budget policies to make prudent reductions in a bloated, unproductive budget surplus. Right-sizing the surplus helped the town cope with a pandemic-related drop in revenue while holding down municipal tax increases and facilitating investment in new equipment, infrastructure improvements, and new services.
- A reduction in the interest rate the town pays when it borrows funds. Banks are now offering Westfield a .21 percent rate, the lowest in history.
- As the pandemic challenged the financial stability of many municipal

governments, Westfield maintained its AAA bond rating, a further reflection of the confidence financial institutions like rating agencies and lenders place in the town's finances and financial management.

Councilwoman Habgood has brought to the council years of academic and business achievement that merits a quick review: a presidential scholar at the College of William and Mary; an MBA from the Wharton School of Business; co-chair of Delphos International, a global financial advisory company. She's been an active volunteer in the community almost from the time she and her family moved to Westfield in 2000. She helped lead the Citizens Action Committee that enabled the creation of Lincoln School in 2005. She's served as finance chair of the Presbyterian Nursery School and Kindergarten Board, fundraising chair of the Westfield High School PTSO, and was a two-time producer of the Washington School Show. She is also a board member and active fundraiser for the New Jersey Festival Orchestra.

As a constituent, I can personally attest to her responsiveness and willingness to engage and communicate with residents on issues of concern. And, as someone who in my own professional career interacted with elected officials at all levels of government, Councilwoman Habgood stands out. It is, indeed, rare to encounter someone in public service who is just so good at her job. We need to keep her doing that job. Let's reelect Linda Habgood as councilwoman in the First Ward.

Neil R. Brown
Westfield

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I Support JoAnn Neylan For Westfield Mayor

I have been fortunate to live in Westfield since 2008. I moved to Westfield for the vibrant downtown, great schools and a small close-knit community that would be safe for my two young children. For the majority of that time, local politics was fairly uneventful, as it should be. Neighbors helped each other, kids could play outside without fear of crime, and people minded their own business. I was really proud to tell people I lived in Westfield.

Sadly, back in 2017, with the election of a new Mayor, all this has changed. Crime is on the rise, our downtown area is mostly vacant, we were recently ranked #1 town in the country to NOT start a small business, differing views are silenced and local social media accounts have become toxic. Opposing views are no longer accepted, they are silenced.

For the last four years, social media bullies have patrolled local Facebook pages condemning anyone that offers the mildest criticism of Mayor Brindle or her policies. Their focus is entirely on what political "team" everyone is on. When I voted for Mrs. Brindle back in 2017, I was excited for change and liked her ideas and forward thinking. At the time she was what the town needed to move forward, especially her focus on our downtown and her promise to create a diverse group of individuals working together to fix it. Instead, this administration has

sought out "friends" and like-minded individuals to sit on various committees and hold key positions in town that only push through the Mayor's agenda. Not a diverse group of thought, no opposing views and if you aren't part of their political agenda, you are not made to feel welcome.

I support robust debate and constructive criticism, but I don't support tearing down others because they may not have the same views. A Mayor should lead by example and treat people with respect and foster an environment of diverse views.

This is why I'm supporting JoAnn Neylan for mayor. I am a registered independent voter and I want someone that will set a new tone for the town, and won't continue to divide us along party lines. As councilwoman, JoAnn worked well with residents regardless of political affiliation. Even now, people across the political divide have come together to support her candidacy and the return to a less divisive time.

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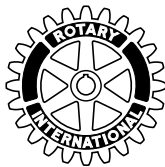
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Program to Instruct On Accessing Remote Activities

AREA — Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey (JFSCNJ) and the Elizabeth Housing Authority will present “How to Bring a World of Remote Activities into Your Home” on Tuesday, October 5, at 3 p.m. It will take place at E’Port Commons, located at 205 1st Street, Elizabeth.

This free program will be led by Carlos Herrera, Uniper coordinator for the Ross Family Virtual Senior Center at JFSCNJ. All who register and attend will be entered for a chance to win a \$25 AMEX gift card.

Uniper is a virtual senior center technology device that is connected to a client’s television set along with an accompanying camera. Uniper also can be connected to a client’s computer, tablet or mobile device. The technology allows clients to join live, interactive social activities and classes provided by Uniper and by JFSCNJ through programs developed by JFSCNJ’s activity coordinator, Lisa Tognola, LSW.

Clients also are able to explore a

video library on a variety of topics, including travel, trivia, history, health and wellness, and music. In addition, clients can use the device to make video calls and send pictures to family, friends and healthcare professionals through Uniper’s HIPAA-compliant software. Grants have made the program available for free to residents of Union County. A private-pay option is available.

Mr. Herrera is a life-long Elizabeth resident who received his Master of Public Administration degree from Rutgers University in Newark and a Bachelor of Public Administration from Kean University. Before assuming the position of coordinator of the Ross Family Virtual Senior Center at JFSCNJ, he served as the assistant project manager of Lifelong Elizabeth, an age-friendly community initiative aimed at making Elizabeth a place to grow up and grow older.

To register for this program, contact info@jfscentralnj.org or call (908) 352-8375.



Carlos Herrera

Ticket Sales Begin Monday For Great Pumpkin Sail

COUNTY — The Union County Board of County Commissioners has announced that tickets for this year’s Great Pumpkin Sail at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside will go on sale at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 4. Tickets will be available online only at ucnj.org/reserve.

“The Great Pumpkin Sail is an entertaining tradition here in Union County,” said Commissioner Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “Please bring your own jack-o’-lanterns and join us as we illuminate Echo Lake with pumpkins.”

The Great Pumpkin Sail will take place on Monday, November 1, with three sessions scheduled. The first session will run from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; the second session will run from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the third session will run from 8:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Tickets for this event are sold on a per-family basis. One ticket will cover up to six family members. Larger families may purchase an additional ticket to cover up to six more family members. There is a limit of

two tickets per family.

The cost is \$12 per ticket for Union County residents and \$16 per ticket for out-of-county residents. Participants are asked to purchase only one ticket per family of six.

Each family ticket includes the right to float one pre-carved jack-o’-lantern, weighing no more than eight pounds after carving.

Space is limited; attendees are advised to purchase tickets early.

Attendees are encouraged to wear masks when social distancing is not possible.

In case of bad weather, the rain date will be Wednesday, November 3.

For further information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

For more information and updates on all Union County services during the Covid-19 outbreak, including free vaccination, free testing, emergency food distribution and other support services, visit ucnj.org/covid19. General information about Covid-19 is available through the New Jersey Department of Health at nj.gov/health.



SCENIC GROUNDS...Fifteen members of the Garden Club of Westfield visited Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton on September 23. Rosemary Shire arranged for a private guide to give the group professional information on the plantings and sculptures there. Afterwards, club members enjoyed lunch at the famous restaurant on the premises, Rats. In October, club members will travel to the Liberty Hall Museum and the Shepherds Valley Goat Farm. For more information, access gardenclubofwestfield.org or call Club President Nicole Ozturan at (908) 644-2733.

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— Obituaries —

Charles S. Mondelli, 90, Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather

Charles S. Mondelli, 90, of Scotch Plains, N.J., died peacefully on Monday, September 20, 2021, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend the visitation on Friday, September 24, at the Paul Ippolito Berke-

ley Memorial, 646 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, N.J.

Please visit www.ippolitofuneralhomes.com for a full obituary or to share condolences with the family.

September 30, 2021

Library to Feature Program On Genealogical Research

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members of the community are invited to join the Scotch Plains Public Library on Tuesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m., for a virtual program on how to get started the right way in genealogical research. Guest speaker April Lynne Earle will share her best tips for staying organized and searching databases like Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. In addition to dismissing some of the most common myths about genealogy research, the program will look at the significance of census records, the importance of seeing the actual document, and guide participants in uncovering the secrets in plain sight on passenger lists.

Ms. Earle is a librarian and a member of the library faculty at Farmingdale State College, a college of technology in the State University of New York (SUNY) sys-

tem. In addition to her primary role as the cataloger, she provides reference service and information literacy instruction. She received both her Masters in Library Science and Master of Arts in Public History from St. John’s University, where she now teaches the school’s library science course on Genealogical Sources & Services. With more than 30 years of personal genealogy research experience, Ms. Earle says that her real joy is helping others discover their family history. She hopes her work helps people connect to the past in a more personal way through the stories of their forebears.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link for this virtual program. The registration form, along with information about the library’s entire month of programming, can be found on the library’s website at scotlib.org.



ROTARY THREE...The Rotary Club of Westfield inducted three new members on September 14, all of who already serve the community in vital ways and hope to give back even more. Pictured, from left to right, are: Westfield Memorial Library Director Allen McGinley; Dr. Shruti Shukla, a Westfield dentist, and Superintendent of Westfield Public Schools Raymond González, Ed.D.

Westfield Rotary Inducts Three New Members

WESTFIELD — The Rotary Club of Westfield inducted three new members on September 14. They include Raymond A. González, Ed.D., the new superintendent of Westfield Public Schools; Allen McGinley, the newly-appointed director of the Westfield Memorial Library, and Dr. Shruti Shukla, DDS, a Westfield dentist. Rotary is an international service club spanning 180 countries throughout the world, with 1.2 million successful business men and women who want to give back to their communities. The Rotary Club of Westfield is celebrating its 100-year anniversary this year.

A married father of three children, Dr. González has a successful track record of school- and district-level administrative experience. He is committed to his life’s work as an educator, a career that began more than 22 years ago. Most recently, Dr. González was superintendent of the Westwood Regional School District for the last seven years. His diverse educational experience also includes time spent in large urban and suburban districts, where he has served communities in a variety of instructional and administrative capacities.

Dr. González earned his Doctoral and master’s degrees in educational administration and supervision from Rutgers University, completed a master’s degree in urban education from New Jersey City University, and received his bachelor’s degree in sociology from Princeton University. He holds New Jersey State Certifications as an administrator, supervisor, principal and teacher.

Mr. McGinley has worked as a public librarian for more than 15 years in the New Jersey and New York area. Prior to joining the Westfield Memorial Library, he was director of the Teaneck Public Library in Bergen County and worked for 10 years at the Piscataway Public Library in Middlesex County and two years at The New York Public Library in Manhattan. Mr. McGinley collaborated with the Piscataway Rotary Club on several projects as a guest, among them the Memorial Day Family Event,

developed in collaboration between the Piscataway Rotary Club and the library.

He officially joined Rotary as a member in Teaneck in 2019, and served as the club’s secretary from 2020 until September 2021. The Teaneck Rotary Club and the library worked on several collaborative projects, including the installation of Together in Teaneck, an inclusive Story Walk™ at a township park, for which the Rotary Club received a district grant. Mr. McGinley currently lives in Fanwood with his wife, Barbara; 5-year-old son, Sam, and their eight-month-old puppy, Theo. He is a second-generation Rotarian and very eager to be of service to the Westfield community.

A resident and business owner in Westfield for more than five years, Dr. Shukla acquired the dental practice on Lenox Avenue in Westfield in 2016. Her husband, Sanjay, works in the IT field for Sales Force. Her children, Raghav and Rhea, attend Franklin Elementary School. They have a one-year-old puppy, Timmy. Dr. Shukla grew up in India, attended dental school and specialized in pediatric dentistry. She moved to the United States, graduated from New York University College of Dentistry in 2008, and has been in practice since then. The reason Dr. Shukla gives for joining Rotary is that she has a lot to be thankful for, and that it also is a very gratifying experience to be able to give back.

The Rotary Club of Westfield is engaged in several projects to help the local community, including feeding the hungry; awarding scholarships to college students and grants to community organizations; providing supplies and clothes to homeless veterans, and sponsoring five youth service clubs in the schools. The club was especially active during the pandemic by helping to support and feed first responders. Recently, the club collected supplies for Afghan refugees being housed at McGuire Air Force Base.

International activities include building a medical clinic in Obike, Nigeria; collecting used bicycles to recycle for the Third World, and helping to alleviate the crisis in Haiti.

For more information, visit the club website at westfieldrotary.com or email Club Secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.

Ida Leads to Early Start of Evangel’s Service For Service

SCOTCH PLAINS — When Hurricane Ida arrived with devastating floods throughout New Jersey, the Evangel Church was in the midst of planning its biannual Service for Service for the weekend of October 8 to 10.

During Service for Service, hundreds of volunteers from the church give up a Sunday service to be of service to their surrounding communities. Service for Service had its inception in 2013, one year after Superstorm Sandy.

Senior Pastor Chris Morante, along with Director of Ministries Maria Cortes, quickly realized that waiting until October was not an option in the aftermath of Ida, so they began to mobilize. In addition to helping congregants who were impacted, they put out a call and began forming response teams to go directly to neighbors who needed help. They dispatched sump pumps, shop vacs and fans, and had boots on the ground where flooding was the worst. Volunteers helped people empty the saturated contents of basements and garages and even tore out ruined carpeting.

Pastor Morante secured a block of rooms at a hotel in Woodbridge for those who were completely displaced, while volunteers manned a “care center” where hot meals were brought in and people could receive basic necessities. One of Evangel’s partnering organizations, Convoy of Hope, sent a tractor trailer filled with cleaning supplies which were

boxed and distributed to approximately 600 families. “When the world is at its worst, we believe the church should be at its best,” said Pastor Morante.

Although the heart behind Service for Service has been in motion since the beginning of September, the actual event will still take place as originally scheduled. “If anything, supporting their neighbors through the devastation of Ida has fanned into flame the desire to be of service on the weekend of October 10,” according to a statement from the Evangel Church.

Projects include packing 100,000 meals for Feed My Starving Children; assembling hygiene kits for Convoy of Hope, and an anti-human-trafficking outreach to local motels. Besides these larger projects, volunteers also will provide light handyman services to senior citizens both inside and outside of the church community.

When Pastor Morante considered Service for Service 2021, the question that came to his heart was, “Where is Evangel Church?” The answer was loud and clear, he said. “The church is not a place, it’s a people; it’s not a building, it’s a body.” This belief is what motivates Evangel congregants to give up meeting for a Sunday service to serve their community with Christ’s love.

For more information, visit evangelchurch.com. Evangel Church currently is located in Scotch Plains and Woodbridge.

‘Ryan’s Story’ to Address Cyberbullying and Suicide

CLARK — The Clark Public School District’s Parent University Program will present “Ryan’s Story — A Father’s Hard-Earned Lessons about Cyberbullying and Suicide,” presented by John P. Halligan, author and motivational speaker.

Mr. Halligan’s son, Ryan, died by suicide after being bullied by classmates at school and online. He was only 13 years old. Mr. Halligan’s presentation will cover the lessons learned too late for his family regarding how to deal with bullying, cyberbullying and teen depression. The program is designed to empower parents with strategies they can use to take preventive actions with their own children.

This presentation will take place

on Wednesday, October 13, at 6 p.m., in the cafeteria at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School, located at 59 Mildred Terrace, Clark. It is open to all parents with children attending Clark and Garwood Public Schools. To register for this event, contact Christine Broski at cbroski@clarkschools.org or (732) 574-9600, extension no. 3355.

The evening session is designed for parents. However, it is open to students with a recommended age of middle school and up. Seventh and eighth graders will view the presentation during school. All students attending the program must be accompanied by a parent. For more information, visit <https://www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org/>.



COMMEMORATING COLUMBUS...The Westfield Italian American Club and Greater Westfield UNICO will commemorate Columbus Day on Sunday, October 10, at 10 a.m., in Mindowaskin Park. The program will include Italian music and speakers on Columbus and Italian heritage, as well as remarks by local, county and state officials. Additional music and refreshments will follow the ceremony. Seating and tents will be available in case of inclement weather. The event is free and all are welcome. For further information, email rjt329@yahoo.com. Pictured, a flag honoring Columbus and Italian heritage is displayed.

Floraphile Garden Club Posts Pecan Fundraiser

CRANFORD — The Floraphile Garden Club of Cranford currently is holding its annual Georgia pecan fundraiser. This year, the club is offering three different varieties of gourmet Schermer Pecans for \$10 a bag.

The Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves, which the club describes as perfect for baking, comes in 16-ounce bags — the club’s largest bag available. The Dark Chocolate Pecans come in a 12-ounce, foil-wrapped bag. The Cinnamon Glazed

Pecans have a cinnamon sugar coating with a touch of vanilla and come in 10-ounce packages that are foil-wrapped.

To place an order, contact Mary Ellen at mecrafts@verizon.net. Orders will arrive by Thanksgiving.

Proceeds from this fundraiser support the Floraphile Garden Club of Cranford and its involvement in multiple community service projects, including horticultural therapy, community cleanup/beautification programs and civic outreach.

Local Eight Are Among Lehigh U. Class of 2025

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Lehigh University has officially welcomed the Class of 2025. The incoming class includes an accomplished, diverse group of students who represent 43 United States and territories and 29 countries, according to the university. The newest Mountain Hawks include the following eight local residents.

William Barnett of Fanwood, Elizabeth Bielen of Westfield, Amanda Cerrachio of Westfield, Sean Hazard of Westfield, Jeremy Kornfeld of Westfield, Corinne Lyght

of Scotch Plains, Julia Weinstein of Westfield and Morgan Whitney of Fanwood.

Founded more than 150 years ago, Lehigh University provides educational opportunities to more than 7,000 students through its five colleges. They include the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science. For more information about the university, visit lehigh.edu.

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Optimist Club Recognizes Inter. School Educators

WESTFIELD — The Optimist Club of Westfield, a not-for-profit service organization that supports youth and the community, presents an award annually to Westfield intermediate-school educators — one each from Edison and Roosevelt.

With the awards put on hold last year due to Covid-19, a committee that included club members, school-district administrators and past award recipients selected four teachers this year to receive the 23rd Annual Optimist Club Award, which recognizes the importance of teaching at the intermediate level.

Edison Intermediate School language arts teachers Marc Lazarow and Kimberly Swenson and Roosevelt Intermediate School science teacher Melissa Czerwinski and language arts teacher Carine Helwig were recognized as outstanding intermediate-school educators.

In addition, the Optimist Club created a special Nurse's Award for intermediate-school nurses for outstanding performance during the 2020-2021 school year, ensuring that Covid-19 health and safety protocols were established and closely

followed to provide a safe learning and working environment for all students and staff. Recipients of the special award are nurse/health educators Martha Fico and Patricia Kelly at Edison School and Christine DeSousa and Sharon Dorry at Roosevelt School.

The criteria for recipients of this award are outstanding teaching, interest in children, continued pursuit of professional growth and dedication to providing an educationally stimulating and supporting environment during the critical years of adolescence.

The selection committee consisted of Optimist Club members Robin Lynch, Marc Epstein, Maria Fuentes and Vic Mankoski, along with Edison Principal Matthew Bolton, Ed.D.; Roosevelt Principal Brian Gechtman, and previous award recipients.

The Intermediate School Teachers and Nurses Award recognitions include a cash grant and a plaque presented to the recipients at an awards dinner at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. The Westfield Board of Education also recognized the recipients at its June meeting.



OPTIMIST HONOREES...The Optimist Club of Westfield honored four teachers from Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools with its 23rd Annual Optimist Club Award, along with four nurses from the two schools. Pictured, from left to right, are: Back row, Sharon Dorry, Patty Kelly, Martha Fico, Christine DeSousa and Roosevelt School Principal Brian Gechtman, and front row, Kim Swenson, Melissa Czerwinski, Carine Helwig, Marc Lazarow and Edison School Principal Matt Bolton.

Garwood Library Highlights Programs For Youngsters

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library is offering two programs for youth that will be held at the library during the month of October.

"Storytime at Hartman Park," for toddlers up to age 4, will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26, weather permitting. Children and their caregivers are invited to join "Miss Maryanne" for a storytime, bubbles and more at Hartman Park, located at 431 Second Avenue, Garwood.

"Artist's Passport," a virtual program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, will be featured at 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28. Youngsters are invited to embark on an around-the-world art adventure from the Americas to Polynesia. They will experiment with techniques developed by local artists and artisans and make a different masterpiece each week, including drums, masks, canvases and more. Registration is required.

The Garwood Public Library is located at 411 Third Avenue. For more information and to register for programs, call (908) 789-1670 or email garwoodlibrary@garwood.org. Additional programs happening at the library during October will be announced.

The 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. The library will be closed on Monday, October 11, for the Columbus Day holiday.

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 public. Curbside service also is available. For full information on library programs and services, visit youseemore.com/garwood.

Library Trustees Schedule Meeting

GARWOOD — A meeting of the Garwood Public Library Board of Trustees will take place at the library on Wednesday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. The library is located at 411 Third Avenue, Garwood.

WHS' Strout, Yang Named National Merit Semifinalists

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School (WHS) seniors Gillian Strout and Yuchen Yang have been named semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

They are among a nationwide pool of about 16,000 semifinalists who represent less than 1 percent of United States high-school seniors. These academically-talented students now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships that will be offered next spring.

"Being named a National Merit Semifinalist is a great honor, and it speaks volumes about their strength of character and commitment to their education," said WHS Principal Mary Asfendis about Gillian and Yuchen.

Principal Asfendis also congratulated 34 WHS students who have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise as Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

They include Kevin Arndt, Kaity Bai, Samantha Bauer, Adrien Bekker, Mateo Beltran, Adam Contract, Conor Daly, Maxwell Feldman, John González, Manuel González, Eric Hamisher, Ashley Hu, Rachel Hu, Vivian Jeckell, Shreya Jyotishi, Amira Lee, Brandon Li, Cynthia Li, Michael McKenna, Lillian Qin, Sofia Regencia, Jacob Root, Jonathan Schaeffer, Carsen Sharkey, Noelle Shih, Benjamin Spergel, Vijay Sreenivasan,

Matthew Swenson, Ashley Talwar, Evan Tompkins, Thomas Walsh, Eden Wilcomes, Amy Xiao and Jason Yang.

According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



WHS SALUTES SEMIFINALISTS...Westfield High School (WHS) seniors Gillian Strout, left, and Yuchen Yang have been named semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are pictured with WHS Principal Mary Asfendis, who lauded Gillian and Yuchen on their scholastic achievement, along with 34 other WHS students who were honored as Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Gillian and Yuchen now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships.



PALS TO PETS...Ava Lanier, left, and Leah Rogers of Troop 40583, pictured with a cuddly friend, were among Cadette Girl Scouts in Cranford Service Unit 48 who recently earned their Silver Award. Dog adoption and rescue was the focus of their project, for which they created a website and education programs, while also collecting \$1,300 worth of supplies for donation to animal-rescue programs.

Cranford Girl Scouts Honor Silver Award Recipients

CRANFORD — The Girl Scouts of Cranford Service Unit 48 has announced that 22 of its members recently earned the Silver Award, which is the highest honor a Cadette Girl Scout can receive. To achieve the honor, Cadettes identify an issue they care about, research it and take action. Cadettes, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade, work solo or collaborate in small teams to earn the award. The projects, which require a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work, addressed a wide range of needs, from supporting veterans to helping children in need.

"Due to the pandemic, we were unable to recognize and celebrate our Silver Award recipients until earlier this summer, so this group reflects two years' worth of work and service," explained Elayna Torsone, manager of Service Unit 48. "We are so proud of the Girl Scouts and their volunteer advisors for remaining committed to the community and identifying areas where they could make a positive impact."

"Power Down, Charge Up!" was the title of Gianna Pantastico's project. She met with more than 100 children in a series of book clubs in an effort to excite youngsters about reading and encourage them to spend less time on devices like phones and tablets. Gianna is a member of Troop 40814.

Katelyn Shaw of Troop 40332 focused her project on helping children. As part of her efforts, she created 13 Family Game Night baskets that were given to families the day they completed adoptions. She also volunteered with TOPSoccer of the Cranford Soccer Club, a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with special needs.

Hannah Symanski of Troop 40444 wanted to honor the legacy of her grandfather, a veteran, while addressing a community need. Her project involved beautifying Cranford Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 335.

Breona Pizzuta of Troop 40814 also honored veterans with her project. She hosted a "Veterans Day Palooza" that included education components as well as a card-making event.

Emily Doyle of Troop 40583 put her focus on friendship. She constructed two, four-foot friendship benches and donated them to Saint Michael School of Cranford. "I hope that students will be able to talk to each other and make new friends," explained Emily. "Sitting on the bench can also let other students know a friend is there for them."

Julia Cook of Troop 40693 held a series of events to safely connect different age groups during the Covid crisis. Projects included painting pumpkins for senior citizens, holiday caroling and making cards for cancer patients.

Jacklyn Kamm of Troop 40693 collected supplies for a local animal shelter and made donations to benefit wildlife affected by the Aus-

tralian wildfires.

Rachel Westervelt of Troop 40753 taught other Girl Scouts how to cook so that they could support friends and family in need. She was inspired after seeing how her own grandparents benefited from meal assistance during a difficult time.

Georgia Barnhard, a Girl Scout Juliette, created a Free Little Library in her neighborhood as a way to encourage reading and build community connection. Girl Scout Juliettes are not affiliated with a specific troop, but are registered members.

A group of seven Cadettes from Troop 40951 put their focus on Cranford to create social studies resources for third- and fourth-grade students. They created a pamphlet called "Cranford through the Ages" to complement the curriculum on New Jersey history. In addition, they developed a history lesson that included noteworthy women from the township, historical sites and important events. Grace Donnelly, Maeve Higgins, Abigail Maroney, Sabrina Prata, Adela Rakoski, Madelyn Swanson and Alexandra Toto collaborated on the project.

Ava Lanier and Leah Rogers of Troop 40583 focused on the importance of dog adoption and rescue. In addition to creating a website and education programs, they held a collection that resulted in the donation of \$1,300 worth of supplies to local animal-rescue efforts.

Four Cadettes from Troop 40693 used their creative talents to add inspirational quotes and artwork to Livingston Avenue School in Cranford. The messages focused on good sportsmanship, kindness and striving for achievement. Julia Billow, Sarah Butka, Kristen Fries and Lily Goodwin collaborated on the project.

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

Daniel Bills Joins

Lasell U. Community

NEWTON, Mass. — Daniel Bills, a resident of Westfield, joined the Lasell University community as a student this fall.

Mr. Bills is majoring in sport management.

Lasell University, located in Newton, Mass., began its Fall semester with a fully operational campus. New and returning students began classes in early September. Among the first gatherings held was Lasell's annual U-Belong event, a celebration of connectivity, inclusivity and friendship.

For more information about Lasell University, visit lasell.edu.

Four Local Residents Make President's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Southern New Hampshire University congratulates those students who were named to the Summer 2021 President's List. Four local residents were among the honorees, including Ashley Cifrodello of Cranford, Amanda Fortune of Scotch Plains, Melissa Greenblatt of Scotch Plains and Jill Hebron of Westfield.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 or above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the Fall or Spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 and EW2, EW3 and EW4, or EW5 and EW6.

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Alexa DaSilva Named To SNHU Dean's List

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Robert Fisher Makes

Le Moyne Dean's List

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MARTINEZ GOAL, ASST; KELESOGLU GOAL, FOX ASST

Soccer Blue Devils Roll On; Shut Out Lady Cougars, 2-0

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

Plenty of opportunities by two aggressive teams boiled down to a pair of second-half goals in a 2-0 victory by the Westfield High School girls soccer team over the Cranford Cougars at Memorial Field in Cranford on September 21. The first goal came 2:15 into the second half by junior midfielder Emma Kelesoglu on and assist from junior attacker Alyssa

were deflected by Cougar keeper Grace Kallensee within the first four minutes. Midway through the half, Martinez penetrated the box but Kallensee made the save. But with the help of Cougar center midfielder Keely Patterson, the tide began to change and opportunities for attackers Olivia Russomanno and co-captain Riley Korzeneski and Faith Kelly arrived. "I think it was kind of a tale of two halves. We kind of owned the last 30

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK
GETTING HER KNEE ON THE BALL...Blue Devil Ella Cadigan, No. 4, gets her knee on the ball as Cougar Keely Patterson, No. 17, closes in on September 21.

Martinez. Then with 16:09 remaining, Martinez, assisted by senior defender Elise Fox, added the icing. The opportunities were abundant beginning with co-captain Kim DiFilippo taking a couple of shots that

minutes of the first half. Opportunities! I always say the first five and last five of every half tells the tale of the game. They came out, three minutes into the second half, put one away. We still didn't keep our heads down,"

SPF - NAINWAL WINS 2S; WF - VESUNA, SHABINAW 1D

Kent Place 1st, Westfield 2nd, SPF 3rd in UCT Girls Tennis

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

The Kent Place (KP) girls tennis team definitely looked to be the team to beat for the Union County Tournament that began on September 22 at Don Van Blake Courts in Plainfield then due to weather conditions, was resumed on September 27. The Lady Dragons received the top seeds in all three singles slots, drew the second seed at first doubles and the third seed at second doubles.

So the battle for second place in the team totals looked to be between the Westfield Blue Devils and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders. The Blue Devils received the top seed at first doubles, the second seeds at third singles and second doubles, the third seed at first singles and the fourth

seed at second singles, while the Raiders received the second seeds at first and second singles, a third seed at third singles, and the fourth seeds at first and second doubles.

In the end, the Kent Place Dragons did win the title with a total of 84, claiming two firsts, two seconds and a third. The Blue Devils took second at 76, claiming one champion, two seconds and two thirds. The Raiders placed third at 57 with one champion, a second and a third. New Providence was fourth at 49 and Oak Knoll placed fifth at 33.

On Day 1, Blue Devil Head Coach Matt Varhley said, "Kent Place is obviously going to be very tough. They are very loaded at singles and we are going to do the best we can. Anything can happen on Monday." Raider Anna Szczuka, seeded sec-

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SECOND PLACE AT FIRST SINGLES...SPF Raider Anna Szczuka.



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BREAKING THROUGH AND MAKING THE TACKLE...Blue Devil linebacker Dan Hanlon, No. 44, breaks through the Tiger line as Blue Devil linebacker Jack O'Connor, No. 11, makes the tackle in Linden on September 24.

COLBY 2-YD TD; WRAGG 66-YD TD, 128-YDS RUSHING

Blue Devils' 20-Point Spot Ends in 20-14 Tiger Grid Win

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

Less than nine minutes into the game, the Westfield High School football team dug itself a 20-0 hole against the Linden Tigers in Linden on September 24. But after a wise adjustment on defense, the Blue Devils flattened the Tigers' offensive, while their offense rallied to add a pair of touchdowns and were on the verge of another but came up short 20-14.

From the opening kickoff, it took only 1:55 off the clock when the Tigers took possession on their own 33 then on the third play, quarterback Tequan Thomas hooked around the left side and sprinted 65 yards for the touchdown to make the score 7-0.

The Blue Devils' offense managed to get one first down when quarterback Trey Brown slanted left for nine yards to the Westfield 44 but failed to keep moving the ball and had to punt

where the Tigers took over at their own 27. Two running plays put the ball on the 37 then Thomas did it again with a 63-yard, left-sideline touchdown run to up the lead to 14-0 with 5:51 left in the quarter.

Westfield's next possession resulted in a Linden fumble recovery at the Blue Devil 26-yard line. On the third play, Thomas scooted into the end zone from 14-yards out with 3:29 left in the quarter. The point after attempt was blocked by linebacker Jack O'Connor.

From that point onward, the Blue Devil defense made the necessary adjustments and held the Tigers to just 14 rushing yards and 15 yards passing for the remainder of the half. In the meantime, the Blue Devils offense answered when Brown hooked up with split end Paul Cerro for 31 yards to the Linden two-yard line where running back Justin Colby took it in to narrow the margin to 20-7 after

Dylan Wragg kicked the point after with 7:12 left in the half.

The 3-0 Tigers stuck entirely to a running game in the second half and the Blue Devils' defense inflicted several throws for losses and sacks to limit them to only 62 total yards. Co-captain Jack Price recorded a nine-yard sack as did junior linebacker Dan Hanlon, while sophomore defensive end Rion Murray and co-captain/defensive back James Csorba recorded a pair of throws for losses. Csorba also forced a fumble that was recovered by junior Paul Tilyou. O'Connor also forced a fumble and made the recovery.

"I forced one. Paul Tilyou recovered it then Jack O'Connor forced one and recovered it," Csorba confirmed.

The Blue Devils engineered a drive in the third quarter with three straight 11-yard gains by Wragg and a 15-yard penalty to put the ball on the Linden 18. On the next play, Brown was pressured and he tossed a pass to Price, which ended in an ineligible receiver penalty. The drive then ended when Brown was sacked for a seven-yard loss on fourth down.

Price described, "I just turned around. It hit me right in the chest. It didn't kick in. I just wanted to get out there. Forgot I'm ineligible. I am a tackle but I just want to play hard, hit hard and get moving. We want to play hard. That's what we are about."

After a scoreless third quarter, the Blue Devils got possession at their 22-yard line. Wragg ran for 12 yards to the 34 then after an incomplete pass, he broke numerous tackles and sprinted down the middle for a 66-yard touchdown with 8:51 remaining. Wragg's point after made the score 20-14.

Late in the quarter after O'Connor recovered a Tiger fumble on the Westfield 42, the Blue Devils had a

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WORKING FOR STICK CONTROL...Blue Devil Katie Walsh, left, and Hilltopper Kit Zanelli, No. 27, vie for control in the Summit/Westfield game at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on September 25. Summit nipped Westfield, 3-2.

WALSH AND BLAKE SCORE FOURTH QUARTER GOALS

Blue Devils' Comeback Falls Short to Summit in F.H., 3-2

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

Another exciting comeback for the Westfield High School field hockey team fell short to the Summit Hilltoppers in Westfield on September 25. Trailing 3-0 just 50 seconds into the fourth quarter, the Lady Blue Devils stepped up their offensive, scored midway through the quarter, added a second goal with 1:20 remaining and continued their pursuit of another goal until time ran out in the 3-2 setback.

The 4-2-1 Hilltoppers scored twice in the first quarter with respective goals from Jen Beauchamp and Maddie McPherson then after two scoreless quarters, Hilltopper Jessica Penner quickly stuffed in the third goal early in the fourth quarter. The young Blue Devils put on the pressure and finally scored their first goal with 8:28 left when sophomore Katie

Walsh won in a mob scene at the Summit box. With 1:20 remaining, freshman Emma Blake also won the scramble at the box. Both Westfield goals came after penalty corners that were initiated by Walsh.

"We were trying to get the ball downfield all game and hadn't had a ton of offensive opportunities. But I finally was able to see the girls down the sideline then I hit it across to a bunch of my teammates trying to get it in. I just ran up and got it past the goalie," Walsh described.

As to her goal, Blake explained, "We were trying to get it downfield all game. We really didn't start to until the second half. We had a lot more opportunities. We had a lot of crosses and I feel it's whoever was just in the right position and that's how I finished."

More experienced at the varsity level, the Hilltoppers' anticipation of

where the Blue Devils' moves for the first three quarters and early in the fourth quarter was evident until the young Blue Devils began to turn the tables.

"We started working together more. Once we came down the field, we started doing different things than in the first half. So it created more opportunities that they didn't anticipate as much," Blake commented.

"We've been talking a lot about how we've been a fourth-quarter team and how that's not going to be able help us through all our games for the rest of the season. So that urgency in the fourth quarter to get the ball downfield, we got to keep practicing and do that all four quarters," Walsh stressed.

"We are young and I think that Summit played really well in ways that expose some of the mistakes that

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WORKING FOR CONTROL...Blue Devil Alyssa Martinez, No. 2, and Cougar Meghan Normann, No. 22, work to get control of the ball.

Blue Devils Shut Out Cougars

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midfielder type. We wanted to make sure Chiara (Cosenza) attacking midfielder, Emma Kelesoglu put pressure on her so she didn't have time to get the ball and distribute to the outside. We wanted to limit their time with the ball," Coach Schmidt added.

In the second half, the Blue Devils did adjust well to handle Patterson and it paid off when Martinez got the ball into Kelesoglu, who scored with 37:45 on the clock.

"She (Martinez) assisted me. I think the ball went into Alyssa's feet. She sort of curved it around. I ran in, took that touch towards the middle and swatted it away far post. I saw the keeper come out," Kelesoglu recalled.

Since she spends most of her time in the midfield and shifting back for defense purposes, this goal was special for Kelesoglu, especially since defensive backs Izzy Gauthier and Fox scored key goals in the overtime victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood on September 14.

"I play a lot of time playing in the six defensively. It's nice to get up in the box and try to get my chance at scoring a goal. Izzy and Elise both got one in Scotch Plains," she said.

With 24 minutes remaining, Russomanno nearly knotted the score when she drilled a shot toward the goal but Blue Devil Sutton Factor managed to tip it over the crossbar, setting up a corner kick that was turned away. Four minutes later, Patterson lofted a volley into the box that a teammate got her head on but it was turned away by a defender.

Then with 16:09 remaining, Fox assisted Martinez on her goal.

"I had a ball played into me from

behind. That was our way to get in behind the defenders. I knew I had my line. I took a touch. I hit it with the laces of my foot. Give it a little curve out wide to the right," Martinez described.

With the victory, the Blue Devils have recorded shutouts over Summit (4-0), East Brunswick (3-0) and now Cranford (2-0), and defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood (3-2 in two overtimes) and Randolph (2-1).

"We are a really good team. We have a lot of talented players. We are a really tight knit group. We have such good chemistry together. We spend so much time together. I think that's the dividing factor between us and these other teams," Kelesoglu explained.

Martinez expressed, "Oh 5-0! That's crazy! At least in my career playing on this team, I have not experienced that, so many good wins. We played our hearts out. We definitely had a lot of effort in all these games. I think that's why we have been so successful. We are a good team. We have a lot of good players and we can work well together."

"It's only five games in and we have a lot of young players. That's something that we will look to get better at. We are going to see them again in a few weeks and we are probably going to see them again in the county tournament. This is about peaking at the right time and that right time is the county tournament and the sectional tournament. All these experiences now only help us build for the future," Coach Gagliardo said.

Westfield	0	2	2
Cranford	0	0	0

Blue Devils Lose to Tigers, 20-14

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chance to pull out a victory. Wragg rumbled for 12 yards and a complete pass plus a 15-yard penalty put the ball on the Linden 24. Three plays later the Blue Devils faced a fourth-and-three at the Linden 17 but the Tigers held Wragg to just a one-yard run with 1:02 left in the game and Westfield with no more timeouts. Linden took a knee twice to secure the win.

As to the Blue Devils' defensive turnaround, Price explained, "We started off slow. We were being a little lazy I think but we flicked the switch and we kept containing them. We knew what they were going to run

row, go to practice and get better," Csorba suggested.

"We just got to hit hard early," expressed Price. "It kind of knocked the wind out of us. We were a little stunted so we gave up two extra scores. We made our corrections, shut them out for three quarters. We just got to start hotter. Don't let that energy get down, get the wind knocked out of us. We can't let that happen any more."

Csorba commented, "We got to learn from every mistake that we made. Get better! Watch the film tomorrow, every mistake and just keep getting better!"



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MAKING THE RECEPTION...Blue Devil split end Paul Cerro, No. 16, is chased by Tiger linebacker Alex Donic, No. 23, during the game in Linden.

and we just worked with that," Price explained.

"After a sloppy first quarter, we just kept our heads up, kept working. It wasn't good enough but we put up a fight. We got to keep working every day to improve," Hanlon expressed.

"We had a game plan coming in but they ran all over us. We knew we had to come back in the second half and show what we are made of. I thought we did that. We got to wake up tomorrow,

"We got to adjust to this type of speed, these types of teams that we are playing. We got to get better every day. We worked hard but in the end it wasn't good enough at all. We need to pick it up on both sides of the ball," Hanlon said.

The 2-1 Blue Devils will travel to Union this Friday, October 1, to face the Farmers at 7 p.m.

Westfield	0	7	0	7	14
Linden	20	0	0	0	20



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EIGHTH PLACE AT THIRD SINGLES...Cougar Meaghan Laniewski.



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FIRST AT FIRST DOUBLES...Blue Devils Emily Shabinaw/Annika Vesuna.

Kent Place Wins UCT Tennis

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their match with Roselle then stopped GL in the next round to face New Providence in the semis.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing how our first doubles team does being that we are the number 1 seed and we have a strong first doubles team this year," Coach Varhley said.

Annika Vesuna has had previous UCT success and took top honors at second doubles in 2019.

"Annika played second singles last year. In 2019, she played part of the year at second doubles and finished the year at first doubles. She's played a lot of tennis matches. Vesuna and her partner Madison Wright I believe won second doubles in the county," Coach Varhley recalled.

Vesuna and Shabinaw did not let their coach down as they won their semifinal match, 6-3, 6-1, then outlasted KP's Sophie Capone and Emaan Jan, 6-7 (6), 7-5, 6-3, for the title. Seeded fourth at first doubles Raiders Nikita Sahasrabudha and Ellora Majumbar won their first match, 6-0, 6-0, then lost to New

Providence to play back for fifth and lost to Oak Knoll in two sets. Seventh-seeded Cougars Gabriella Urso and Jessica LaMastra won their first round at first doubles then lost to Kent Place to play off for seventh and lost to GL.

Holding the second seed at second doubles Blue Devils Wright and Payton Silverman shut out Union Catholic then beat GL to advance to the semifinals to defeat Kent Place, 6-4, 6-3. In the title match, top-seeded Giles Michel and Victoria Nicely (Summit) topped Wright and Silverman, 6-2, 6-3.

Fourth-seeded Raiders Jion Shim and Samantha Edelman easily defeated Union in the second doubles first round and dropped a 6-4, 6-3, battle with fifth-seeded Oak Knoll. Shim and Edelman would place fifth with a win over New Providence. Cougars Anna Waller and Rose Deeb won their second doubles first round over Plainfield then lost to top-seeded Summit. Waller and Deeb placed seventh with a win over GL.



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THIRD PLACE AT SECOND SINGLES...Blue Devil Natalie Zeleschowski.



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Lady Blue Devils Rap Elizabeth, Union Farmers in Volleyball

The Westfield High School girls volleyball team defeated the Elizabeth Minutemen, 25-16, 25-14, on September 20 then towered over the Union Farmers, 25-14, 25-15, in Union on September 22.

Against Elizabeth, Chloe Kreusser recorded three kills, a dig, and assist, had three service points with an ace, had a block and shared another block with Ally Muller, who also had a block, a dig and two kills. Chelsea Duan had six assists, a dig and eight service points. Carly Rodrigues had three assists, a dig and six service points. Chloe Wiedman recorded three kills, four digs and six service points with three aces. Olivia Bryan scooped 10 digs to go with an assists and six service points. Caitlin Cabrales notched two kills and a service point. Jessica Currie had two digs and a kill. Taylor Addis had three kills and a dig. Allison DiFalco had two digs and an assist.

Against the Farmers, Rodrigues recorded 11 assists, two kills, three digs and six service points. Bryan had 11 service points with two aces, 17 digs and an assist. Duan had two digs, five assists and five service points with a pair of aces. Kreusser notched three kills and five service points with an ace. Wiedman had two kills, a block, five digs and two service points with an ace. Cabrales recorded four kills, a dig and two service points with an ace. Muller had a block. Rachel Witzel had a kill and a dig. Krista Rumpeters had a dig and Isabella Panora had a kill. Melissa DiDario had three digs.

Sabrina Guerbi recorded 12 digs, an assist and three service points for the Farmers. Alyssa Nunag had 11 assists, five digs and four service points. Ojuolape Odusanya had six kills and three digs. Ashlynn Berns had six kills and five digs.

Raiders Score 13-0 Shutout Over Warren Hills Gridders

Senior running back Anthony Robinson rushed for 223 yards and a 23-yard touchdown as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team improved to 3-2 with a 13-0 shutout over the previously unbeaten Warren Hills Blue Steaks in Washington on September 24. Coming into this showdown, the Blue Steaks had shut out Voorhees, 46-0, stopped South Plainfield, 28-6, and shut out Carteret, 35-0.

Raider junior quarterback Weston Fischer completed seven of 13 passes for 77 yards and Matt Power had three receptions for 42 yards, including a

20-yard touchdown reception. Power also carried nine times for 43 yards. Blue Streak quarterback Luke Dugan completed seven of 24 passes for 43 yards, including an interception. Dugan also carried eight times for 34 yards. Jon Lainez carried nine times for 13 yards and Lucas Fritton carried four times for 44 yards. Fritton also had four receptions for 17 yards and Josh Casella had a 22-yard reception.

Power made his 20-yard touchdown grab in the first quarter and the point after was good. Then in the fourth quarter, Robinson sprinted 23 yards for a touchdown.

High School Sport Shorts:

WF Blue Devils Blank Livingston Lancers, 3-0

Senior Day worked out well for the 6-0, No. 8 Westfield High School girls soccer team with a 3-0 shutout of the Livingston Lancers in Westfield on September 25. Ella Cadigan scored twice for the Blue Devils and Alyssa Martinez scored once. Emma Keesoglou, Cat Angel and Chiara Cosenza each had an assist. Blue Devil goalkeepers Sutton Factor and Olivia Rosario made two and one saves, respectively.

Summit Nips Raiders In Boys Soccer, 2-1

The 4-1 Summit Hilltoppers boys soccer team scored a goal in the first half and another in the second half to defeat the hosting 3-3-1 Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, 2-1, on September 21. Ethan Koseoglu on an assist from Lorenzo Modice, scored a second-half goal for the Raiders. Gabe Malik netted both goals for Summit on assists from Dan Farberov and Sean Hendrie. Graham Kois made five saves for the Raiders and Sebastian Arias made seven saves for Summit.

Soccer Cougars Defeat Oratory Boys, 2-1

The Cranford High School boys soccer team scored twice in the first half then held off Oratory Prep to claim a 2-1 victory in Cranford on September 21. Owen Maher on an assist from Jake Icklan, scored the Cougars' first goal within the first three minutes then Pablo Leyva assisted Logan Bridgman on a goal with 10 minutes remaining in the half. Patrick Feit scored Oratory's goal and keeper Matt Terraciano made seven saves. Cougar keeper Gavin Avella made five saves.

Raiders Rap Vikings In Girls Volleyball

The SPF Raider girls volleyball team won the battle of in-town rivals with a 25-19, 25-18, victory over the Union Catholic Vikings on September 22. Kaelin Cunningham recorded 23 assists for the 2-6 Raiders. Tori Cirillo had 13 digs and a kill. Morgan Kinard had six kills and a dig. Victoria Skolsky notched six kills and five digs. Leah Stevens scooped nine digs. Haley Warren recorded five kills and two digs. Abby Balagot had three kills and four digs.

For the 205 Vikings, Emma Prati had seven assists and four service points. Bella Capati had seven assists and three digs. Rachel Williams notched five kills. Brianna Lamberty had four digs and six service points with an ace. Gabby Colon had three digs and five service points with an ace. Josie Allen had three digs and five service points with an ace.

Raiders/Summit Tie In Girls Soccer, 1-1

Elle Priesing scored a goal and goalkeeper Rebecca Kessler made five saves as the 1-2-2 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team and the 1-3-1 Summit Hilltoppers dueled to a 1-1 tie on September 21. Natasha Kim scored a goal for the Hilltoppers and Isis Ovares got an assist.

Blue Devil Boys Top Livingston in Soccer

Matt Lynch on an assist from Andrew Macik, scored a second-half goal to earn the 3-2 Westfield High School boys soccer team a 1-0 victory over the 5-2 Livingston Lancers on September 25. Goalkeeper Ryan Friedberg made one save.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

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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); UPMC 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 Compliance at the time of bid.

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

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WORKING IT DOWNFIELD...Blue Devil Lindsay Doyle, left, works the ball downfield as the Hilltoppers try to impede her progress.

Blue Devils Fall to Summit, 3-2

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we tend to make. Right now we are a team that has a lot of field hockey specific skills but we are having trouble working together and working together is knowing where your teammates are on the field, send passes that lead them, not the kind of passes that end up behind them. We got to be on the same page. That's something that we have to work on to play together more. I think this team is going to get better as the season goes on," Acting Head Coach Caitlin Cheddar expressed.

"We want to work on right from the get-go having our minds in the game. I feel physically we are all multi-sport athletes. We are in great shape when we are there. But we are so worried about the next play that we are not focusing on the play we are in and that's something we are going to continue to work on in practice and hopefully we will be better for the next games," Walsh said.

"I agree. I think we should be mentally involved in the game from the start," Blake added.

"I think that some of it is a little bit

of confidence. I think they are not used to playing at the varsity level. Being a little intimidated might be a part of the equation. I told them at halftime, 'you guys have to believe. So when your teammates clear the ball out 20 yards, don't go back on your heels.' They have to trust themselves more because they are good players," Coach Cheddar added.

Another advantage the Hilltoppers had was midfielder Darcey Chapman's and defender Greta Grace's ability to redirect Westfield attacks with long, hard shots back up field.

"A well-timed, well-done drive downfield sort of relieves the pressure, especially when you are back on your heels and just gives everybody on your team a minute to breathe. We were not responding to it quick enough. They were getting their hits off, so one big hit was beating three quarters of our team," Coach Cheddar commented.

Summit	2	0	0	1	3
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Blue Devils Defeat Hillsborough For Blue Devil Inv'tl Tennis Title

The ninth-ranked Westfield High School girls tennis team defeated No. 17 Hillsborough, 4-1, to claim the Blue Devils Invitational title in Westfield on September 18. Earlier, the Blue Devils shut out Mendham, 5-0.

Against Hillsborough, freshman Savannah Cohen defeated Alice Liu, 6-2, 6-3, at first singles. Natalie Zeleschowski stopped Tvisha Faria, 6-0, 6-0, at second singles and Katey Peretz topped Niveta Bharath, 6-1, 6-0, at third singles. Annika Vesuna and Emily Shabinaw beat Grace Liu and Maithili Revankar, 6-1, 6-0, at first doubles. Hillsborough's Julie Pang and Emily Cao topped Emmy Stoller and Payton Silverman, 6-3, 6-2, at second doubles.

Cohen topped Mendham's Sam Matkowski, 6-0, 6-0, at first singles. Zeleschowski topped Ella McFadden, 6-2, 6-4, at second singles and Peretz beat Isabella Schmidt, 6-2, 6-0, at third singles. Annika Vesuna and Shabinaw defeated Amelia Paone and Whitney Romweber, 6-1, 6-1, at first doubles. Bianca Vesuna and Madison Wright stopped Lucy Gibbons and Colleen O'Mahoney, 6-0, 6-0, at second doubles.

Soccer Raiders Beat Pope John Girls, 5-1

Senior centerback Leah Klurman notched four goals and Sydney Sandler netted one goal as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team defeated Pope John, 5-1, on September 25. Gia Milano had a pair of assists, while Jasmine Gutierrez, Alexa Fazio and Aubrey Gulben each added one assist. Raider goalkeepers Liz Bedasky and Maddie Beauregard made three and one save, respectively.

SPF PAL B Team Wins in Flemington

A victory by the B team seventh grade Raiders was the lone triumph that was posted by the Scotch Plains Fanwood (SPF) PAL football teams on September 26 in New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League play. The B team won 8-0 over the host team, Flemington.

The SPF A team eight graders fell, 8-0, in Flemington, the sixth grade Raiders lost on the C level, 14-6, and the fourth grade SPF E team was a 24-0 victim. In Cranford, the SPF D team fifth graders were defeated 25-7.

The B team Raiders were led to the victory by Micah Smith and Davis Murphy. The standouts for the SPF A team were Travis Moore and Jayvon Young. The star Raiders on the C level were Noah Brown, Lucas Tariche and Gabriel Gutierrez. Pat Boyle and Michael Vara produced solid games for the E-team Raiders. The D team Raiders were paced by Robert Lawson and Julian Monroy.

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Cougar Gridders Crush JFK-Memorial, 49-25

The Cranford High School football team mixed a devastating running game with an effective passing attack to set the Mercy Rule clock running at the beginning of the third quarter en route to a 49-25 triumph over the JFK Memorial Mustangs in Iselin on September 24. The Cougars scored all 49 of their points in the first half to lead 49-13 then brought in the reserves for the remainder of the game.

Senior quarterback Shane VanDam completed seven of eight passes for 124 yards and a pair of touchdowns and backup quarterback Sean Riley completed one of two passes for six yards. Senior wide receiver Will Gallagher had three receptions for 63 yards, which included a 44-yard touchdown reception. Jake Carter also had three receptions for 46 yards, including a 27-yard touchdown grab. Lukas Ruby had a 15-yard reception and Bryce Medard had a six-yard reception.

Senior running back Colin Murray galloped 119 yards on eight carries,

which included respective touchdown runs of 27 yards and 56 yards. Lucca Limeira carried six times for 75 yards, including touchdown runs of one yard and 29 yards. VanDam carried twice for 42 yards and Riley carried once for 15 yards. Liam Godwin kicked all seven of his points after.

Defensively linebacker Shane Kanterman was involved in six tackles, including a pair of sacks and a pair of throw for losses (TFL). Dan Abrahamson had three tackles, a sack and a TFL. Linebacker Angelo Fiorenza made five tackles. Dylan McDonald and Kevin Shriner both had three tackles, a sack and a TFL. Ryan Linskey, Jake Lies and Stephen Kisly were all involved in three tackles.

The Mustangs actually scored first when Isaiah Cherry made good on a 75-yard touchdown reception from Faraji Screven in the first quarter. VanDam hooked up with Gallagher for a 44-yard touchdown to make the score 7-7 then Limeira put the Cougars in front 14-7 with his one-yard bash. Still in the first quarter, Murray sprinted 27 yards to pay dirt then Gallagher added a 23-yard interception return for a touchdown to make the score 28-7.

In the second quarter, VanDam hooked up with Carter for his 27-yard touchdown reception. Murray broke loose for a 56-yard touchdown to make the score 42-7. Mustang receiver Justin Suero had a 13-yard touchdown grab and the point after failed then Limeira made the halftime score 49-13 to set up the Mercy Rule for the second half.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Mustangs scored twice in the final quarter with a two-yard bash by Screven and a three-yard reception by Cherry.

Coates, O-Line Named Cr. Athletes of Week

Erin Coates and the varsity football's starting offensive linemen were named Cougar Athletes of the Week. Coates, a senior on the volleyball team, leads the team in both digs and kills. Her standout performance this season was in the match against ALJ where Erin tallied 8 kills, 2 blocks and 10 digs. She continues to lead the program in career digs hitting the 500 dig milestone last season.

The starting offensive line includes seniors Geoff Gretta, Kevin Shriner and Matt Fries and juniors Ryan Heesters and Kyle Fay. This group has helped lead the football team to a 3-0 record and are keys to an offense that is averaging over 450 yards and 45 points a game.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on **October 13, 2021**, in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeals for bulk (c) and/or (d) variance relief from requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.

Julia Sharma, 12 Mohawk Trail. Applicant is seeking approval to construct 2 first-floor additions and a second story to add bedrooms contrary to the following sections of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance: Section 11.08.E.7 which requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35 feet. Proposed is 30.75 feet; Section 11.08.E.14 which requires a garage to be setback a minimum of 2 feet from the main facade. Garage is proposed to be located 6.25 feet in front of the main facade; Section 12.04.E.1 which allows a maximum FAR of 30%. Proposed is 33.24%.

Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate. Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kristine Burd
Board Secretary
1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$32.13

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PLANNING BOARD

2021 MEETING DATES

TAKE NOTICE THAT the meetings of the Planning/Zoning Board commencing with the October 27, 2021 meeting and for the remainder of 2021 will be **virtual meetings**. There will be no in-person meetings. Access information is below.

Please click the link below to join the below listed meetings:

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VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

October 13th - Cancelled
October 27
November 10
December 8

The information is also available on the Borough Website at www.garwood.org

Adele C. Lewis,
Board Secretary
1 T - 09/30/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$35.70

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Maintenance Concrete Structural Repair Contract, North - 2022, Various Locations, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union and Warren (Including and North of Route 57) Counties; 100% State; DP No: 22415

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

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

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

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

Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidx.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:

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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on September 21, 2021 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on October 19, 2021 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Martha Lopez
Borough Clerk
ORDINANCE 1301-2021
ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWER-AGE AUTHORITY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1.
The Borough of Mountainside hereby approves the revised Agreement for the continued establishment and operation of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority to replace the Agreement adopted in January, 1995 by the then nine (9) member municipalities of the Authority.

Section 2.
The revised Agreement approved 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, i.e. Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield and Woodbridge ("Member Municipalities").

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. Severability.
If any section, clause, paragraph, 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. Inconsistency.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$60.18

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2228
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 13

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

SECTION I.
Section 13-21.5 – "Handicapped parking space – On street." of the Town Code shall be changed by adding the following language:

204 Cacciola, easterly side, beginning at a point 204 feet northeasterly from the intersection of the northerly curb line of Stirling Place as extended with the southerly curb line of Ripley Avenue as extended and from such beginning point extending northeasterly for a distance of 65 feet.

SECTION II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

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

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

NOTICE
The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Westfield held on September 28, 2021 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by said Town Council at the Westfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 at a meeting beginning at 8:00 PM on October 12, 2021, or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of this ordinance are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk
1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$51.51

WESTFIELD
Sunday, September 19, a resident found a gold-colored ring with four diamond stones in the parking lot of the YMCA branch located on the 400 block of East Broad Street. The ring was secured at police headquarters and held until the rightful owner is located.

Monday, September 20, a resident of Manitou Circle reported that there were two fraudulent charges made on one of his credit card accounts. The credit card is physically still in the owner's possession. The owner believes the account may have been compromised while using it at a local business.

Tuesday, September 21, a business located on the 200 block of East South Avenue reported being a victim of check fraud. The owner stated that an unknown suspect(s) illegally acquired and cashed a business check in the amount of \$214.25.

Wednesday, September 22, a resident of the 100 block of Landsdowne Avenue reported that his motor vehicle was burglarized. The incident occurred during the early morning hours of September 22. The vehicle was unlocked at the time of the burglary while it was parked in the

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
BOARD OF EDUCATION
VACANCY

The Garwood Board of Education is seeking qualified candidates for membership to the Board. The Board, within the powers delegated to it by law, is the policy-making legislative branch of the School District. This term will run until the Board re-organizes in January 2023. The position will be placed on the ballot at the annual election the preceding November 2022.

Qualifications: To become a member of a local Board of Education in New Jersey, you must...

- Be able to read and write
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- Not simultaneously hold two elective offices
- Not be disqualified from membership for the conviction of certain crimes. (Within 30 days of election or appointment to the board, a member must undergo a criminal history background investigation through the state Department of Education.) Any qualified Borough of Garwood resident interested in serving the children of our School District please submit a resume and letter of interest noting any specific skills you would bring to the Board to:

Dr. Dennis R. Frohnapef
Board Secretary
Garwood Public School District
400 Second Avenue
Garwood, New Jersey 07027
Closing date for filing applications:
October 8, 2021, 12:00 pm
1 T - 09/30/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$41.31

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION
PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER

Take notice that application has been made to the Township of Cranford, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 to transfer to Remarkable Foods Hospitality LLC the Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2003-33-001-004, for the premises located at 112 South Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016, heretofore issued to O'Donovan's Pub Inc.

The individuals and entities who will hold an interest in this license are:

Stephanie Brensilver
190 Bedford Road
Chappaqua, New York 10514

Chad Lore
33 Robin Road
Rumson, New Jersey 07760

Scott Hilton
56 Leonard Street, Apt. 44W
New York, New York 10013

Andrew Gasper
90 Hudson Street, Apt. 7F
New York, New York 10013

Remarkable Foods, Inc.
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(detailed ownership information on file with the Township of Cranford)

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victim's driveway. The victim stated that there were no items taken from the vehicle nor was there any damage to the vehicle.

Wednesday, September 22, a resident of the 800 block of Cedar Terrace reported being a victim of identity theft and fraud. The victim stated that an unknown suspect(s) applied for disaster-relief money in his name on September 17, 2021. The loan was denied due to improper information and the victim did not suffer any type of monetary loss.

Wednesday, September 22, a resident of the 300 block of Livingston Street reported being a victim of theft. The victim stated that between September 21 at 6:30 p.m. and September 22 at 11:38 a.m., an unknown suspect(s) stole a catalytic converter from his motor vehicle, which was parked on the street in front of his residence. The owner estimated the value of the stolen catalytic converter to be \$600.

Friday, September 24, a Summit Court resident reported that an unknown suspect(s) made a fraudulent purchase utilizing their credit card account. The resident reported that they did not authorize any other person to utilize this account. The monetary loss was unknown at the time of the report. There are no other fraudulent charges at this time.

Saturday, September 25, Deltra Brown, 37, of New York was arrested in the area of the 400 block of West North Avenue and charged with uncensored entry of a structure/defiant trespass when she was found to be sleeping in an unlocked motor vehicle. The suspect stated that she was looking for shelter. She was processed, released on a summons and transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital-Rahway for treatment.

SCOTCH PLAINS
Monday, September 20, a resident of Hidden Hollow reported receiving fraudulent E-ZPass violations in the

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
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FILE NO. 27895-20

NOTICE TO REDEEM
MURRAY HILL INVESTMENTS LLC; PLAINTIFF VS. AISHA AHMAD, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF MELVIN FAIR, ET ALS.; DEFENDANT(S)

TO: AISHA AHMAD, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF MELVIN FAIR; AISHA AHMAD, INDIVIDUALLY; JOHN DOE, HUSBAND OF AISHA AHMAD, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; THOMAS DANIELS; MRS. THOMAS DANIELS, WIFE OF THOMAS DANIELS; MUSTAFA MALIK; MRS. MUSTAFA MALIK, WIFE OF MUSTAFA MALIK; PRAVEEN POTLURI; ESTATE OF SRAVANTHI YELAMANACHI; HEYI LIU; YONG JIANG HEI; NANCY DANIELS;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on September 24, 2021, the Superior Court Fixed November 23, 2021, or the next business day, between regular business hours, at the office of the Tax Collector of LINDEN, located at 301 NORTHWOOD AVENUE, LINDEN, NEW JERSEY 07036 as the time and place when and where you may pay to the plaintiff the amount so found due for principal and interest on its certificate of tax sale as follows:

LOT 4 adtl lots: 167, 2334, 2335A BLOCK 541 on the tax duplicate of LINDEN. Total amount required to redeem tax sale certificate no. 17-00332 is \$42,977.38, together with interest from September 15, 2021 and costs of \$1,714.46.

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

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

Deborah Feldstein, Esq.
030521994
Attorney for Plaintiff
PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, L.L.C.
290 Route 46 West
Denville, New Jersey 07834
(973) 586-2300

1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$56.61

mail. The matter is under investigation.

Tuesday, September 21, a resident of Hetfield Avenue reported the theft of a 2001 Dodge pickup truck. The vehicle has been entered as stolen and the case is under investigation.

Tuesday, September 21, Terrence C. Strother, 29, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with defiant trespass during a suspicious-persons investigation at a construction site on Woodland Avenue. Police responded to the location after the property manager called reporting someone on the property. They located the suspect hiding in the attic and placed him under arrest without incident. Strother was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Wednesday, September 22, a resident of Lenape Way reported that their motor vehicle was burglarized during the overnight hours. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, September 22, a resident of Round Hill Road reported that their motor vehicle was burglarized during the overnight hours. The matter is under investigation.

Friday, September 24, numerous landscape vehicles were burglarized on a property on the 1900 block of Route 22. The case is under investigation.

Friday, September 24, Fitzroy P. Tate, 40, of Roselle was arrested on a charge of possession of a fraudulent

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 22nd of September, the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following action:

1. Application PB-21-003 - Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization approving the request of the Moen Organization, Inc. for amended final site plan approval, along with a c(1) hardship variance and a c(2) variance where an accessory structure is not allowed in a front or required side yard and proposed generator will be located in the front yard on Block 639 Lot 1 as designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 125 Moen Avenue/45 Jackson Drive in the C-1 zone.

Kathy Lenahan
Board Administrator
1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$19.89

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on September 21, 2021 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on October 19, 2021 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Martha Lopez
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1302-2021
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS XIX AND XXIII OF THE MOUNTAINSIDE BOROUGH CODE REGARDING THE IMPOSITION OF A SOIL REMOVAL PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the Borough's current procedure for processing soil removal permits results in time consuming and unnecessary work by the Borough Staff because they are required to escrow funds that are ultimately reimbursed to the Borough to cover engineering fees, and

WHEREAS, it is more efficient to simply treat such escrows as a permit fee, and **WHEREAS**, the change from an escrowed amount to a fee will not affect applicants for soil removal permits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council, as follows:

Section 1. Amendments to Chapters XIX and XXIII of the Borough Code.

That **CHAPTER 19-1.2 Application For Permit** be amended by deletion of the period at the end of 19-1.2 and the addition of the following: ", and an application fee in the amount of \$250.00."

That **CHAPTER 19-1.3 Approval By Planning Board; Bond; Hearing** be amended so that the first sentence of 19-1.3 is modified by insertion of a comma after the word "for" and addition of the word "if" before the word "such" and addition of the words "bond was determined to be necessary by the Borough Engineer,"

That **CHAPTER 19-1.6** be amended so that the first sentence of 19-1.6 is modified by the deletion of the word "shall" and the insertion of the words "may, in the sole discretion of the Borough Engineer, be required to" where the word "shall" formerly appeared.

That **CHAPTER XXIII FEES** of the Borough Code be amended by the addition at the end of such Chapter of the following: Soil Removal Permit Fee - \$250.00

Section 2.
This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication hereof after final passage.

1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$63.24

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WESTFIELD, BOARD OF EDUCATION
302 ELM STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Westfield Board of Education has awarded contracts without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 a (1). The contracts and the resolutions authorizing them are on file and available for public inspection in the office of Westfield Board Of Education.

Whereas, there exists a need for professional services in the specific area(s) mentioned below for the 2021-2022 school year for the following professional services and whereas, funds are available for this purpose, and whereas, the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) permits the award of contracts without competitive bids for Professional Services that require licensing and are regulated by law, and Whereas, the Public School Contracts Law requires that the Board of Education adopt a resolution awarding such contracts at a public meeting.

Dana Sullivan
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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Tinton Falls, NJ 07724
NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00

1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$42.84

temporary license plate and on active warrants out of Roselle and Cranford during a motor vehicle stop. Tate was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Friday, September 24, the management of the Exxon station located on Route 22 reported the theft of gas. A Black male operating a 2016 gray Kia Optima requested gas and drove away without paying. It was determined that the motor vehicle was entered as stolen. The matter is under investigation.

Friday, September 24, Kevin B. Burns, 60, of Scotch Plains was arrested during a motor vehicle accident investigation and charged with driving under the influence. No injuries were reported. Burns was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Saturday, September 25, a resident of the 1900 block of Bartle Avenue reported that their motor vehicle was burglarized during the overnight hours. The matter is under investigation.

Saturday, September 25, Luca D. Calligy, 18, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct during a disturbance on Hetfield Avenue. Calligy was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Saturday, September 25, Nidia E. Morales, 31, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct during a disturbance on Spruce Mill Lane. Morales was transported to police headquarters and processed.

CLARK
Sunday, September 26, in the vicinity of Raritan Road, police arrested Donald Paoletta, 31, of Bridgewater and charged him with driving while intoxicated (DWI). He was subsequently released pending a court date.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The Regular Meeting of the Garwood Board of Education scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021, in the Lincoln School Cafeteria, 400 Second Street, will take place on **Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 pm.**

Please Note... **Social Distancing will be observed and Face Masks are required for all attendees.**

Dr. Dennis R. Frohnapef
Interim SBA/Board Secretary
1 T - 09/30/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$17.79

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Martha Lopez
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1300-2021
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 TOWN OF RAHWAY, THE TOWNSHIPS OF CRANFORD, SPRINGFIELD AND WOODBRIDGE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside are 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 purpose of terminating the Settlement Agreement.

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.

1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$62.22

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
RESOLUTION 20-08-185
CONTRACTOR: Stilo Excavating, 2907 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080
NATURE OF SERVICE: Construction Services, Gere Place, Morse Avenue & Other locations
DURATION: For a period not to exceed December 31, 2021
FEE: \$535,966.77
A copy of this resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.
Kathleen Holmes Borough Clerk 1 T - 09/23/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$19.38

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF FANWOOD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE , that on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission (the "Commission") will hold a VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING because of the ongoing COVID-19(Coronavirus) public health emergency (the "Virtual Public Hearing"). In compliance with the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law and in order to comply with the Executive Orders signed by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, which prohibit and/or make public gatherings impracticable, the Virtual Public Hearing will take place remotely via Zoom, an internet based videoconference and telephone conference service. Interested members of the public can view and/or participate in the Virtual Public Hearing, free of charge, by following the instructions set forth below and/or by contacting Pat Hoynes, at the Borough of Fanwood, in advance of the Virtual Public Hearing via e-mail at phoynes@fanwoodnj.org or via telephone at 908-322-8236, ext. 121.
The Virtual Public Hearing is on the application of the applicant / property owner, 157 North Avenue, LLC (the "Applicant"), in connection with the property located at 157 North Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023, further identified as Block 54, Lot 10 on the Tax Maps of the Borough of Fanwood (the "Property" or the "Site").
The Site, which is comprised of +/- 17,575 square feet, is situated on the corner of North Avenue and Russell Road. The Property is currently improved with a 2-story, 1-family dwelling (facing North Avenue) (the "Existing Home"), a detached frame garage, rear yard patio, and associated improvements (collectively the "Existing Improvements"). The Applicant has filed a Minor Subdivision Application with the Borough of Fanwood Planning Board. In that Application, the Applicant seeks to subdivide the Property into 2 new lots, which will both face Russell Road. To accomplish the proposed subdivision and the future residential development of the Site with 2 new 1-family dwellings, the Applicant is proposing to demolish and remove the Existing Home and Existing Improvements. The Property is located in the Borough's R-75 (Single-Family Residence) Zone District and the Fanwood Park Historic District. Pursuant to Ordinance Section 168, the Applicant is required to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Commission before proceeding with its Planning Board Application.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO ZOOM MEETING:
To access the VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING, you must join the Zoom meeting. To

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
RESOLUTION 21-09-210
CONTRACTOR: Volta Charging, LLC, 155 De Haro Street, San Francisco, California 94103
NATURE OF SERVICE: Electric Charging station installation
DURATION: For a period not to exceed December 31, 2021
FEE: No Fee
A copy of this resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.
Kathleen Holmes Borough Clerk 1 T - 09/23/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$18.36

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS
Public notice is hereby given that I, Colleen M. Huehn Collector of Taxes of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union will sell at public auction on Thursday October 28th, 2021 in the Municipal Court, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 28th day of October 2021.
Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, but in no case in excess of 18%. Payments for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or other method previously approved by the Tax Collector or the property will be resold. Properties for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Township of Scotch Plains at an interest rate of 18%.
At any time before the sale I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs.
Payment must be in the form of cash or certified check. Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10-23.11 et seq), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10A-1 et seq) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner of the site.
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01001 0037	RIOS, ORESTES	323 CEDAR GROVE TR	\$362.81
01001 0063 C0025	DECHELLIS, RICHARD	25 VILLAGE PARK CT	\$244.62
01103 0002	THOMPSON, PATRICK	1791 E SECOND ST	\$19,165.59
01201 0007	SIMO, TODD W & ESTES, KINDAL B	527 WILLOW AV	\$341.30
01201 0035 C0103	DUNN, CHRISTOPHER S & LAURA S	530 PARK AV	\$341.30
01201 0035 C0209	SCHMITT, CHRISTINE	530 PARK AV	\$341.30
01201 0036	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	536 PARK AV	\$742.48
01402 0006	BANCES, LIZ	1921 PORTLAND AV	\$244.62
01902 0004	MADISON SP REALTY LLC	1976 ROUTE 22	\$244.62
02102 0011	ANICO, DAVID, M & KIMBERLY D	2003 BARTLE AV	\$371.51
02103 0010	JOSEPHS GROUP LLC	2015 WESTFIELD AV	\$371.51
02702 0003	CINTRON, RICKY D & BETH	2056 NICHOLL AV	\$341.30
02801 0001	KHALSA ENTERPRISE LLC	2040 ROUTE 22	\$14,096.21
02803 0002	ENCARNACION, FRANK R	243 SCOTLAND ST	\$341.30
02803 0007	SANTORO, SCOTT & BERNADINE	2048 PROSPECT AV	\$333.47
03003 0001	KORANTENG, KIRAN & MERCADO, WE	335 WESTFIELD RD	\$244.62
03004 0004	HAYECK, BRIAN A & JENNIFER A	2218 GREENSIDE PL	\$24.16
03004 0017	KESSINGER, WILLIAM & GENEVIEVE	2241 LYDE PL	\$2,353.41
03603 0018	ALLEN, ANTHONY	2316 COLES AV	\$6,017.24
03703 0003	REAGAN, THOMAS & SONIA	2272 MOUNTAIN AV	\$7,884.70
03901 0001	LUGO, JENNIFER-LAZO, SANDRA	191 MOUNTAINVIEW AV	\$333.47
03904 0003.01	PANTA, JOSE E	186 WILLIAM ST	\$341.30
03905 0022	VUONO, LISA & VELLA, SAL	210 ELM CT	\$362.95

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
RESOLUTION 21-09-208
CONTRACTOR: Capital Fence LLC, 2300 East Linden Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036
NATURE OF SERVICE: Fencing Installation
DURATION: For a period not to exceed December 31, 2021
FEE: \$10,930.00
A copy of this resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.
Kathleen Holmes Borough Clerk 1 T - 09/23/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE
access the Zoom meeting, you will need access to a computer with internet access and/or dial in through a mobile or land line phone to log into the meeting. To join the Zoom meeting videoconference, utilize the link below and type in the Meeting ID and Passcode, when prompted. You will join the meeting and be able to listen and view the evidence shared on the screen at the meeting. To join via telephone conference, utilize the dial-in number below and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode, when prompted.
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ZOOM MEETING:
Any interested party or member of the public (who may be represented by agent or attorney) will have an opportunity to view the hearing in its entirety and/or be heard (present objections, ask questions, provide comments).

Copies of the Application materials, plans, reports, and any supporting documents relating to the Application are on file and available for PUBLIC INSPECTION at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing free of charge to the public on the Commission's website at https://www.fanwoodnj.org/departments/historic-preservation/. The Application materials, plans, reports, and supporting documents are also on file and available for in-person inspection and/or viewing at Borough of Fanwood Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, during that office's regular business hours. Anyone interested in reviewing these documents and/or materials in-person is encouraged to contact Pat Hoynes, via telephone at 908-322-8236 ext. 121, during regular business hours, or via electronic mail (e-mail) at phoynes@fanwoodnj.org to make the necessary arrangements. The Applicant reserves the right to supplement its submission either prior to or at the PUBLIC HEARING on this matter. The PUBLIC HEARING may be continued without further notice on such additional or other dates as the Commission may determine.
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Stephen F. Hehl, Esq. HEHL OFFICES OF JAVERBAUM WURGAST HICKS KAHN WIKSTROM & SININS, P.C. 370 Chestnut Street Union, New Jersey 07083 Phone: 908-687-7000 Attorneys for the Applicant 1 T - 09/30/21, UC Hawk Fee: \$118.32
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RESOLUTION 21-09-213
CONTRACTOR: Clarke Engineering Co., 15 North Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036
NATURE OF SERVICE: AC/Condensing Unit Installation
DURATION: For a period not to exceed December 31, 2021
FEE: \$5,500.00
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01001 0030	KNECHTEL, PAUL & PATRICIA L	340 CEDAR GROVE TR	\$371.51
01001 0037	RIOS, ORESTES	323 CEDAR GROVE TR	\$362.81
01001 0063 C0025	DECHELLIS, RICHARD	25 VILLAGE PARK CT	\$244.62
01103 0002	THOMPSON, PATRICK	1791 E SECOND ST	\$19,165.59
01201 0007	SIMO, TODD W & ESTES, KINDAL B	527 WILLOW AV	\$341.30
01201 0035 C0103	DUNN, CHRISTOPHER S & LAURA S	530 PARK AV	\$341.30
01201 0035 C0209	SCHMITT, CHRISTINE	530 PARK AV	\$341.30
01201 0036	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	536 PARK AV	\$742.48
01402 0006	BANCES, LIZ	1921 PORTLAND AV	\$244.62
01902 0004	MADISON SP REALTY LLC	1976 ROUTE 22	\$244.62
02102 0011	ANICO, DAVID, M & KIMBERLY D	2003 BARTLE AV	\$371.51
02103 0010	JOSEPHS GROUP LLC	2015 WESTFIELD AV	\$371.51
02702 0003	CINTRON, RICKY D & BETH	2056 NICHOLL AV	\$341.30
02801 0001	KHALSA ENTERPRISE LLC	2040 ROUTE 22	\$14,096.21
02803 0002	ENCARNACION, FRANK R	243 SCOTLAND ST	\$341.30
02803 0007	SANTORO, SCOTT & BERNADINE	2048 PROSPECT AV	\$333.47
03003 0001	KORANTENG, KIRAN & MERCADO, WE	335 WESTFIELD RD	\$244.62
03004 0004	HAYECK, BRIAN A & JENNIFER A	2218 GREENSIDE PL	\$24.16
03004 0017	KESSINGER, WILLIAM & GENEVIEVE	2241 LYDE PL	\$2,353.41
03603 0018	ALLEN, ANTHONY	2316 COLES AV	\$6,017.24
03703 0003	REAGAN, THOMAS & SONIA	2272 MOUNTAIN AV	\$7,884.70
03901 0001	LUGO, JENNIFER-LAZO, SANDRA	191 MOUNTAINVIEW AV	\$333.47
03904 0003.01	PANTA, JOSE E	186 WILLIAM ST	\$341.30
03905 0022	VUONO, LISA & VELLA, SAL	210 ELM CT	\$362.95

Letters to the Editor

SP Mayor Offers September Recap

September 2021 began with a challenge no one could have foreseen. On the evening of September 1, more than 10-inches of rain fell in just a few hours, raising the water in the Green Brook on the north side and Robinson's Branch on the south and flooding the town. I knew we were in trouble when Bob LaCosta, a lifelong resident and our Zoning Officer since 1978, shared the morning following the storm that "all the streets that ordinarily flood flooded, but so many others did too."

The destruction was significant. Homes were knocked off their foundations, ruined cars blocked streets, and homes and stores were flooded. I am so thankful we experienced no loss of life, but it was not easy comforting exhausted residents and business owners, many of whom lost so many important valuables and others lost everything. My colleagues and I tried to help wherever we could, but what we found was that in the best Scotch Plains tradition, by the next morning neighbors and even strangers were helping one another with the removal of water, mud, and debris. Residents and business owners came together to clean out basements and carry heavy, damaged property from peoples' homes to the curb for collection. Our resilience was truly stronger than the storm.

The offices of Congressional members

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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-720
AWARDED TO: County of Hudson, Jersey City, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: for the provision of Comprehensive Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment and Reentry Services Program
PERIOD: October 1, 2021-June 30, 2022
COSTS: in the amount not to exceed \$ 2,625,000.00
James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners 1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-703
AWARDED TO: National Medical Services Inc. dba NMS Laboratories, Wil-low Grove, Pennsylvania
SERVICES: for post-mortem toxicology lab serviced
PERIOD: October 1, 2021-September 30, 2023
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed: \$150,000.00
James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners 1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 27th of September the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following action:
1. Application ZBA 21-009: Granting approval to James and Kacie Peluso for a c(2) variance for the expansion of their existing garage to make the family room at rear of garage a more usable space on Block 549 Lot 26 as designated on the Township Tax Map also known as 26 Mendell Avenue in the R-4 zone.
Kathy Lenahan Board Administrator 1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$16.83

Bonnie Watson Coleman and Tom Malinowski stayed in contact with the township throughout, successfully lobbying FEMA to declare Union County a Major Disaster Area. This decision will help individual homeowners with claims, and the Township's webpage (https://www.scotchplainsnj.gov/index.php/news/507-hurricane-ida-recovery-important-information-resources) has relevant links related to the storm. You may call town hall at (908) 322-6700 as well should assistance be needed.

Two days after the storm, the St. Bartholomew/UNICO Italian Festival, our great Labor Day weekend tradition, made a great comeback after missing a year due to Covid. I've never waited in line for tickets for rides longer than I did the first night or seen so many young people congregating with their friends in anticipation of the new school year. It was especially satisfying to see so many of our volunteer firefighters, many of whom had literally saved lives during the storm just a few nights before, enjoying some leisure time together in cool air that smelled of delicious sausage and zeppoli.

On a more somber note, the township's September 11th Memorial Ceremony, where we came together to memorialize our three fellow residents who tragically perished in the attacks on our country twenty short years ago and lend support to their families, was an especially meaningful day for me. Seeing parents with their young children at the memorial following the service, where I overheard some share stories of 9/11 with their children, was particularly heartwarming. May we never forget what happened on that terrible day.

Finally, I recently sent our Recreation Commission a proposal to rename the Scotch Hills golf course with its historic name of the Shady Rest Golf and Country Club. I recently shared with the township reasons I think restoring the name is important and hope the commission agrees so that the course name may be officially changed this year, the 100th Anniversary of Shady Rest.

Mayor Joshua Losardo
Scotch Plains

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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-707
AWARDED TO: Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP, Fair Lawn, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide Financial Advisory Services to the County of Union related to Cornerstone Behavior Health Hospital
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00
James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners 1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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RESOLUTION NO: 2021-714
amending (Resolution No. 2021-559)
AWARDED TO: CME Associates, Parlin, New Jersey
SERVICES TO: to provide additional On-Call Environmental services
COSTS: for an additional amount of: \$30,000.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$85,000.00
James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners 1 T - 09/30/21, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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04004	0016		SZENTE, ROBERT J
04102	0002		ANDRAWIS, MARYAN
04103	0004		YEWALIS, MAUREEN
04202	0015		CORDERO, ROBERTO & KATRINA
04301	0013		DAVIS, MICHAEL & CHRISTINE
04302	0010		POLJANSKY, STEVE & DOLORES
04302	0015		EGUES-DELELLA, JAMES
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06703	0029		JUDGE, JOSEPH
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08802	0006		BOOKER, VANCE
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09402	0001		EDGE, SAMUEL
09502	0005		JAMOLAWICZ, JACQUES
10301	0005		CARUSO, JAMES
10301	0019		MENDES, MARIO
10301	0028		CARO ESPINOZA, JAMES
10801	0001		DEGAN, BRIAN
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12401	0018		TABARES, FREDERICK
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14001	0001		ASHBROOK, JAMES
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14703	0010		JENEY, ROBERT
15005	0009		AUGUSTIN, JAMES
15201	0010	11	GALLAGHER, JAMES
15702	0013		LAKHANI, NICHOLAS
16001	0007		SUBRAMANIAM, JAMES
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16202	0002	01	JUCO, RODRIGUEZ
16402	0001	03	ALZOOBAEEN, JAMES

Use of CARES Act Funds Merits Further Scrutiny

The condition of Westfield’s downtown is very concerning and this mayor and the current council majority have overseen its decline. Despite expanding the Downtown Westfield Corporation’s board and seeing its executive director replaced, as recently as the Spring there were still tens of thousands of square feet of empty retail space downtown, not counting the vacant Lord & Taylor property.

During the height of Covid, we were asked to support our struggling downtown businesses via a fundraiser promoted by town hall and local residents responded with overwhelming generosity. However, when over \$70,000 in Federal taxpayer funds from the CARES Act specifically designed for this purpose arrived and despite admonishing residents to ‘Love Local. Shop Westfield’, only a mere one-half of one percent (\$376.87) of these funds went directly to Westfield businesses. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars made their way to businesses located outside of Westfield, as well as to family members and/or political allies of the mayor and certain council members. Thousands more were

spent on items like barrier covers (\$14,918.44), bags (\$8,027.44), ‘organic garland’ (\$959.62), and magnets (\$970.29) . A service that was paid \$1,824 to make local customer deliveries served only nine businesses and none of our struggling restaurants. A retail study costing \$20,000 has yet to be publicly released and the masks and bags that were to be distributed to shoppers were either not ordered or sit unused.

As someone who spent over two decades ensuring the integrity of government-funded programs, it’s clear to me that this matter needs to be further scrutinized by federal and/or state oversight or regulatory agencies. As a taxpayer and resident, it’s even clearer that the current administration cannot be trusted to fix our struggling downtown.

As a councilman, I will work to help Westfield’s struggling businesses actually get the help they need, eliminate wasteful spending and ensure that our downtown enjoys the same success as those of surrounding towns.

Shawn Mullen
Council Candidate for Ward 3
Westfield

Reducing Crime and Keeping Our Community Safe

At this week’s town council meeting, the Westfield Police Department (WPD) was recognized by the State of New Jersey Police Chiefs’ Association for attaining state professional accreditation for the first time in town history. Congratulations to the entire department, and particularly to Chief Chris Battiloro who made achieving this professional accreditation a top priority immediately after being sworn in.

When I assumed office, my administration sought to usher in a culture of transparency, accountability and professionalism to town hall. We appointed Chief Battiloro, born and raised in Westfield, because he was also committed to instilling that culture in the Westfield Police Department after the prior police chief was forced to resign in 2018. As our new police chief, his charge was to reverse declining morale in the department, improve officers’ engagement with the community, stop excessive parking enforcement, be accountable for spending decisions, and ensure the department has the resources they need to keep our community safe. And it’s working!

Under Chief Battiloro’s leadership, the WPD has achieved the lowest crime rate in decades. Over the past four years of working together, we have:

Reduced Crime:

Reduced overall crime from 1,211 incidents between 2014-2017 under the previous administration, to 779 the past four years of my first term, a 35 percent decrease. So far this year, we’ve had 141 reported incidents, down 65 percent from the high of 408 in 2011.

Reduced violent crime from 160 incidents between 2014-2017, to 114 the past four years of my first term, a 29 percent decrease. Only six incidents have been reported so far this year, down from 82 at its peak in 2010.

Property crimes, including auto theft, have been reduced from 1,051 incidents between 2014-2017, to 665 the past four years of my first term, a 37 percent decrease.

Car thefts have been reduced from their peak of 28 stolen in 2017 under the previous administration to an average of 23 stolen per year these past four years. We even recovered 99 percent of these stolen cars; the majority of which were stolen because they were unlocked with key fobs inside.

Restored Funding:
Restored essential funding to the department after cuts by

Jeff Jotz and Clarissa Nolde For Garwood Council

Over the past five years on council, I have been privileged to work with some very special and dedicated people, from both sides of the aisle. I’ve seen how much work is involved in helping to run our borough and how it takes elected officials who are thoughtful, logical and collaborative to make the decisions necessary to keep Garwood moving forward. Clarissa Nolde and Jeff Jotz embody all of those ideals and more.

Clarissa’s work ethic is second to none. Raising three children here in Garwood while teaching music to middle school children in New Brunswick, Clarissa has for many years juggled the schedules of mom and working professional while also volunteering much of her free time to fundraising for music scholarships for a local musical club. Anyone who meets Clarissa immediately notices her calm demeanor and ability to listen, followed quickly by her thirst for knowledge on any and all topics. Her desire to create an arts and cultural council in Garwood can unite artists with local business, as well as the children and families in our borough, and shows she can bring new and refreshing ideas to Garwood’s Council.

Jeff will also bring a number of talents to Garwood’s Council. Not only is Jeff a repository of knowledge of the workings of local government,

having worked in this area for over 20 years, but he is a huge environmentalist, having served for many years as the board president of the Rahway River Watershed Association. It was his love of nature and the environment that brought him to volunteer for the Garwood Green Team. When asked to help with a grant so Garwood could make its first ever rain garden, Jeff stepped up and not only completed the application by himself, but helped organize and build the project, from the digging and planting to coordinating with Union County and the Watershed Association for assistance. Jeff not only has the know-how, but he puts in the work.

Garwood residents would be lucky to have these two professional, creative people working for them on borough council. Their desire to give back to Garwood is apparent in their past volunteer work as well as in their new ideas and proposals. I fully endorse Jeff Jotz and Clarissa Nolde and hope that you join me in voting for them on Column A on November.

Jen Blumenstock
Garwood Council President
Garwood

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Elections 2021

Modernizing our Infrastructure

As councilwoman, I meet regularly with our Ward 1 neighbors impacted by flooding issues during heavy rainfall. Our neighbors who live on Euclid, Harrison, Barchester, Prospect, Lenape Trail and Watchung Fork, among others, have all experienced damage and harrowing nights (often supported by our stalwart fire department) of trying to bail water whose volumes overtaxed drains and sump pumps. In between storms, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has ramped up their scheduled maintenance and cleaning of storm sewers. The town added new intakes in problem areas we identified, but issues persist as these storms increase in unprecedented strength year over year.

In July, Mayor Brindle and I established an internal task force to review our infrastructure, identify potential improvements and assess ordinance updates that could better protect residents and their properties.

We had just planned our second task force meeting with building and public works officials when Tropical Storm Ida hit Westfield. After witnessing the devastating impacts of this historic storm, the town council acknowledged the urgency of an even more formal review effort, so we established the Westfield Infrastructure Resiliency Committee (WIRC). WIRC has been tasked with assessing the town-wide stormwater infrastructure and its capacity to handle severe weather events. The group will also ensure that climate resiliency is a major consideration in all infrastructure decisions going forward.

WIRC will establish its own overall mission, scope, and deliverables that will inform the hiring of an outside engineering firm to guide the process.

Garwood Candidates Forum Announced

GARWOOD – The four candidates for Garwood Borough Council will face the voters virtually on Tuesday, October 26, at the traditional candidates’ forum sponsored by the Pointe, the condominium complex between Maple and Chestnut Streets.

All Garwood voters will be welcome to join the session via Zoom, and they are encouraged to propose questions to be asked during the meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Questions may be sent to PointeForum21@gmail.com.

The candidates who will appear are Jeff Jotz and Clarissa Nolde, both Democrats, and Heather Loffredo and Kimberly Salmon, Republicans.

The session will be the ninth in an annual series that is the only opportunity for Garwood residents to see all of the local candidates in action. No forum was held in 2020 because of restrictions aimed at curbing the corona virus.

“We think these meetings have become an important tradition,” said Christine Spear, the president of the Pointe condominium’s board. “Our borough is facing dramatic change, and Garwood voters need a chance to learn where each candidate stands.”

The Meeting ID and Passcode that will allow access to the discussion will be announced in coming weeks. In the meantime, Garwood voters are encouraged to submit questions for the candidates.

Denise Garrett is Here For the Right Reasons

My friend Denise Garrett is a candidate for Westfield Town Council, Ward 2.

I want to share my view about why I support Denise’s candidacy. It has nothing to do with politics or policies and everything to do with who she is as a person and what motivated her to spend her already precious time on this campaign.

I believe that certain personal character attributes are predictive of success in public service roles (or any job for that matter). I also believe that political affiliations and labels are much less likely predictive of success in public service positions.

I have known Denise and her family since our oldest sons began playing baseball together at nine years old. In fact, they still play together today as they enter high school. During that time, I’ve learned a few things about Denise: 1) she says what she means and means what she says; 2) two of her defining characteristics are her work ethic and integrity; and 3) she is the mother of three highly-engaged children in the Westfield community while also finding time to navigate an impressive Wall Street professional career. I believe that Denise’s personal character is highly predictive of great success and impact as a member of the Westfield Town Council.

I have had one meaningful substantive conversation with Denise about this election since she decided to run for the town council. I

WIRC’s main objective will include, but not be limited to, making short and long-term recommendations for how best to fortify our stormwater infrastructure, taking into consideration engineering, current zoning/construction practices, future development, all with input from public works and finance.

I’m proud to be co-chairing this public committee with Ward 3 Councilman David Contract. The work and goals of this committee will be informed by town leadership (Jim Gildea, Town Administrator; Greg O’Neil, Director of Public Works; Don Sammet, Town Planner; Dave Battaglia, Town Engineer; Frank Vuoso, Construction Official), an outside engineering firm (to be retained through an RFP process), and of course - you - the residents.

If you are interested in joining this committee, look in the announcements section of westfieldnj.gov and submit your application by Wednesday, October 6. Appointments will be announced at the town council meeting Tuesday, October 12, and our work will start the week of October 18.

This is a great example of how the Brindle Administration is leading and working for Westfield every day. To continue this progress, please vote on November 2 to re-elect experienced, financially savvy, and determined leadership.

To learn more about our accomplishments so far, and my platform for the next four years, visit: westfieldtogether.com

Councilwoman Linda Habgood
Westfield

Fields Plan Should Accommodate Greatest Number of Residents

Let’s take a minute to talk about the process and approach regarding the Edison field project.

Last Monday, I attended the first public input meeting since the recreation commission and town council agreed to revisit and scale back their initial proposal.

It was extremely enlightening.

Hearing people, in person, voice their concerns and point out the pros and cons was valuable. I have to say...I fully understand both sides.

As a parent of two school-aged athletes, and as a coach and a former player myself, I wholeheartedly agree that we need both additional space to play and significant improvements to the fields we already have.

What I don’t understand is the approach we took to introduce this project, or how we failed to anticipate how it might be received from all sides.

There seemed to be a complete lack of empathy in understanding how neighbors were going to react to the implications this project would have on their day-to-day life and home values/neighborhood.

This isn’t the first time a field project has been proposed, nor is it the first time pushback has occurred.

Community leadership is a lot like customer service. When trying to deliver a positive experience to your customers- in this case constituents- the first thing required is anticipating their needs and/or reactions. How could we not know that a plan like this was going to be received negatively by certain

simply asked her, “Why?”

Denise didn’t hesitate for a second, “Because my family lives here. My friends live here. And I plan on living here for a long time. I care about helping make this a great place to live... for my family, my friends and everyone else in the Westfield community.”

Denise isn’t running for town council because she has a single-minded, personal agenda. She isn’t pursuing a career in politics and using town council as a staging point for such a career. And I know she has plenty of other important things in her life to fill her time.

Denise Garrett is running for town council for the right reasons. Her truly genuine motivation for running this campaign is one of the leading reasons why she has my strong support in our upcoming town council election. I hope that those reading this article residing in Ward 2 who have not already met Denise will find an opportunity to do so before voting. She is spending so much of her invaluable time reaching out to our community and I can only hope that we reciprocate and consider her candidacy carefully (and favorably) prior to the town council election.

Jon Greenwood
Westfield

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Awards and Accolades vs. Unfulfilled Promises and Government Overreach

Westfield has been my home for the last 30 years. My husband Kevin and I raised our three children here, and we love the life we’ve built here. We were both New Yorkers, and Westfield was the right balance between city and small-town living. We wanted a vibrant downtown, safe neighborhoods, and to be close to our family back in Brooklyn. We found it here.

Westfield gave my family and me so much over the years that eventually I wanted to give back. My love of our town translated into 16 years of public service as a Second Ward Councilperson. During that period, Westfield received numerous accolades, many as the direct result of the choices I made on Town Council and the direction in which I helped to lead the town.

Below is a list of many of the awards bestowed on Westfield during my Council tenure; perhaps one or more of them caused you to consider moving here:

Great American Main Street Award (2004)

Winner of “America in Bloom” (2010)

Named “Best Medium-Sized Town in New Jersey” by *NJ Monthly* (2011)

Named a “Great Place in New Jersey” by the NJ chapter of the American Planning Association (2013)

Ranked #3 in the Top 10 towns in NJ by Movoto Real Estate (2014)

Ranked #11 of the Top 25 Communities in the country for renters raising families by Renter.com (2014)

Named 30th Safest small city in America by independent research firm Neighborhood Scout (2014)

Ranked in the top 50 in New Jersey Family’s “Best Towns for Families” by njfamily.com (2015)

Featured in *New Jersey Monthly* magazine, which noted that Westfield’s

one million square feet of retail space gives the town a mall-like variety with the charm of a downtown (2015)

Featured in *Industry Magazine*, which described Westfield as “One of the Garden State’s most vibrant and alluring shopping destinations, this Town still manages to retain its quaint village appear and colonial character highlights” (2016)

Named one of the top 75 Best Small Cities in America in a study from the leading personal finance outlet WalletHub.com (2016)

Voted as the best shopping destination in NJ by Gannett, which described downtown Westfield as “an upscale Union County town that offers Old World-charm as well as modern sophistication.” (2017)

Featured as one of the coolest places in New Jersey for New Yorkers” by *Timeout NY*

As these awards show, Westfield was thriving during my years of service. That is no longer true. Despite Mayor Brindle’s promises to improve our downtown, last year she caused the entire central business district to be determined to be in need of rehabilitation; there are more vacancies now than ever before; and the Rialto Theater and Lord & Taylor have closed, their properties vacant. The only group that has benefitted from the Brindle Administration’s policies are commercial developers, who now qualify for sweetheart tax deals through five-year tax abatements or thirty-year PILOT tax breaks, at the expense of residents like you and me.

Do you think our athletic fields deserve any awards? Not one has been improved despite promises to the contrary. Indeed, the poor maintenance of many of our fields has made them unsafe for children. But Mayor Brindle did “award” contracts to several consultants, who have wasted taxpayer money by proposing unsustainable projects like a \$18.2 million lighted turf sports complex behind Edison School and in a residential neighborhood, only to amend those plans after public opposition. There are no accolades given (or deserved) for governing without proper public notice, participation, or consideration.

There also has been tremendous overreach by this mayor, both as to policy decisions and processes. For example, the Brindle Administration gave itself the final say as to whether or not your home is historic, and so subject to exterior limitations. The homeowner’s objection is irrelevant. While I support historic preservation, it has and can be achieved in a less draconian manner that respects private property rights. Also, contrary to local tradition, Mayor Brindle sits on both the Downtown Westfield Corporation Board and the planning board, wielding ever more influence and stifling the free flow of ideas on, and the independence of, those boards. I would preserve the autonomy of our boards by seating residents in my place, and thereby increasing resident participation and a diversity of ideas, not just mine.

I was on town council when Westfield was an award-winning town; when other communities looked to us as a shining example. I have the experience and the judgement to bring them back, and to meet the current challenges facing Westfield. As your next mayor I will again deliver accolades and awards, not unfulfilled promises and overreach. I humbly ask for your vote on November 2 so that together we can begin our journey to being the award-winning town we are meant to be.

JoAnn Neylan
Westfield Mayoral Candidate

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

2021 RECREATION COMMISSION

YEAR END MEETING SCHEDULE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Recreation Commission of the Township of Scotch Plains has scheduled the following time and place for their remaining 2021 Business Meetings. The meetings will begin at **7:30 p.m.** and be held at Shady Rest Golf and Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey:

Recreation Commission 2021 remaining Meeting Dates:

Oct	18
Nov	8, 22
Dec	13

The Township of Scotch Plains does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. Those individuals requiring auxiliary aids and services where necessary, must notify the ADA Coordinator of the Township of Scotch Plains at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting.

BOZENA LACINA,
Municipal Clerk

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I Support Amanda Como For Ward 1

As a Ward 1 resident and voter, I am casting my vote for Amanda Como for town council. Amanda’s credentials as a dedicated and involved resident have been well documented.

I support Amanda because I know she agrees that it’s time to end partisanship for local elections. Making the right decisions for our town is a community issue, and Amanda is truly someone who listens and cares about the community.

Development, open space, playgrounds and other issues need to stay in the realm of neighbors speaking to neighbors. Her desire to understand

the issues and hear from residents is greatly appreciated, as are the goals she has articulated for the community.

Amanda’s dedication to professionalism and being a positive voice for Ward 1 is strongly needed. I believe she will be a true advocate for all Westfield residents.

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Community Calendar

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GWACC New Member Reception Thursday, September 30, 8:30 a.m. Join GWACC at their office located at 212 Lenox Avenue in Westfield for a new member reception. This reception is for new members and current members who would like a little refresher. This is free event, but please RSVP in advance.

Fall Vendor & Craft Fair Saturday, October 2, 9 a.m. Join the Friends of Clark Library outdoors at the Clark Public Library to shop over 30 vendors and crafters, enter the raffle, and enjoy breakfast and lunch at Dinny's Dinners Food Truck. For more information, please contact clarklibraryfol@gmail.com.

Vocative Sunday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m. An 11-member a cappella 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/events.

Bagels & Books Monday, October 4, 10 a.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library where book-lovers can share what they have been reading or listening to and can pick up suggestions for future reading. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

Breakfast Networking Tuesday, October 5, 8 a.m. Meet business professionals and business owners from the area during coffee and breakfast at Lantern Hill Senior Living Community. Members (\$10) and non-members (\$20) are welcome.

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.

Rumors by Neil Simon Fridays, October 8, 15, 22 at 8 p.m. - Saturdays, October 9, 16, 23 at 8 p.m. - Sunday, October 17 at 2 p.m. Rumors by Neil Simon will open the fall 2021 season at CDC Theatre in Cranford. To purchase tickets, please visit cdctheatre.org/rumors-by-neil-simon.

Clark Reservoir Cleanup Saturday, October 16, 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall. Kickoff the cleanup with coffee and breakfast and end it with pizza. All participants should wear jeans, long-sleeved shirts, gloves and boots. For more information, please call (908) 510-7334.

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) 276-5749.

Valcour: The 1776 Campaign That Saved the Cause of Liberty Monday, October 18, 7 p.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library on Zoom where author Jack Kelly will share the wild and suspenseful story of one of the most crucial and least known campaigns of the Revolutionary War. To register, please visit scotlib.org.

Diablo Moon Culinary Craftware Showcase Thursday, October 21, 6 p.m. Come enjoy beer, wine, soda and hors d'oeuvres at Minutemen Press located at 334 South Avenue East in Westfield. Members (\$10), non-members (\$20), and walk-ins (\$30) are welcome. Register by Wednesday, October 20, 2 p.m.

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.

Comic Book Club for Adults Monday, October 25, 7:30 p.m. Join the Clark Public Library in person or via Zoom every five weeks to discuss a different type of comic genre every five weeks. The first October meeting we will be discussing favorite horror themed comics.

Virtual Halloween Trivia Wednesday, October 27, 7 p.m. Join the Clark Public Library via Zoom to test your knowledge of all things Halloween, from horror movies to monsters and spooky books. To register, please visit clarklibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=15291&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2021/10/01.

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Save Your Garden, Stomp Spotted Lanternflies

By SHANNON WALSH
For The Westfield Leader and Union County HAWK

Many of you have probably seen these insects in your yards, on your house, on your cars, in parking lots, or on the sides of buildings. The adults are large bugs, around the size of a cicada or a little smaller. They have gray/beige wings with black spots and striking red, black and white hindwings. Lanternflies are stunning creatures. But they are also potentially devastating.

Lanternflies don't sting or bite or bore into anything. They won't hurt humans or pets. But they do eat plants. Specifically, they are phloem eaters, or critters that suck the sap from plants, kind of like plant vampires. They may not kill the plant this way, but they often start a chain of events that will kill it. In agricultural crops, they have the potential to vastly reduce yields.

Sap is sugar, so the secretions from sap suckers like lanternflies (or aphids, as a comparison) is a sticky, sweet substance called honeydew. Mass secretions of honeydew invite sooty mold to set in, and that starts a process of reduced photosynthesis and plant decline.

Native to China, lanternflies were brought here in 2014 on a shipment of ceramic pots to Pennsylvania. Since then, they've spread as far north as Connecticut, as far west as Ohio, and as far south as Virginia so far. Lanternflies feed on more than 70 types of landscape plants and trees, and are of particular concern to New Jersey orchards and vineyards. Food producers and the logging industry could be severely impacted if they are allowed to continue spreading throughout North America.

Lanternflies prefer the invasive tree, Ailanthus altissima (Tree of Heaven), and this may be one of the keys to eradicating them. It's not recommended to plant these trees, but researchers may use them in controlled circumstances to trap the lanternflies and then use an insecticide to kill them en masse. However, early measures from scientists aren't working as well as they'd like so they are urging citizens to step in and help.

Many gardeners focused on native plants and pollinator habitats resist killing bugs, but lanternflies should be the exception. Because they are not native and they're also very new, they have no natural predators here. Stomp them if you see them is the advice from every research facility.

Lanternflies are not particular about where they lay their egg masses, which makes them harder to control. Google images of the lanternfly eggs so you can scrape them off and dispose of them this fall if you see them on fences, buildings, equipment, rocks, etc. Also look at photos of the nymph

Introduction to Square Dancing

CLARK — Y Squares, a square dance club located in Clark, invites the public to an introductory square dance on Tuesday evenings, October 5 and October 12, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Frank Hehnley School, 590 Raritan Road, Clark. The first of these dances that you attend is free. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination is required.

Square dancing offers everyone an opportunity to make new friends, while at the same time becoming more mentally and physically stimulated. No prior knowledge or training is necessary to learn to square dance. It's great fun, good exercise and terrific socialization for people of all ages. Couples and singles are welcome.

No prior registration is required. For questions or more information contact Susan at (908) 705-7148 or visit www.y-squares.org.

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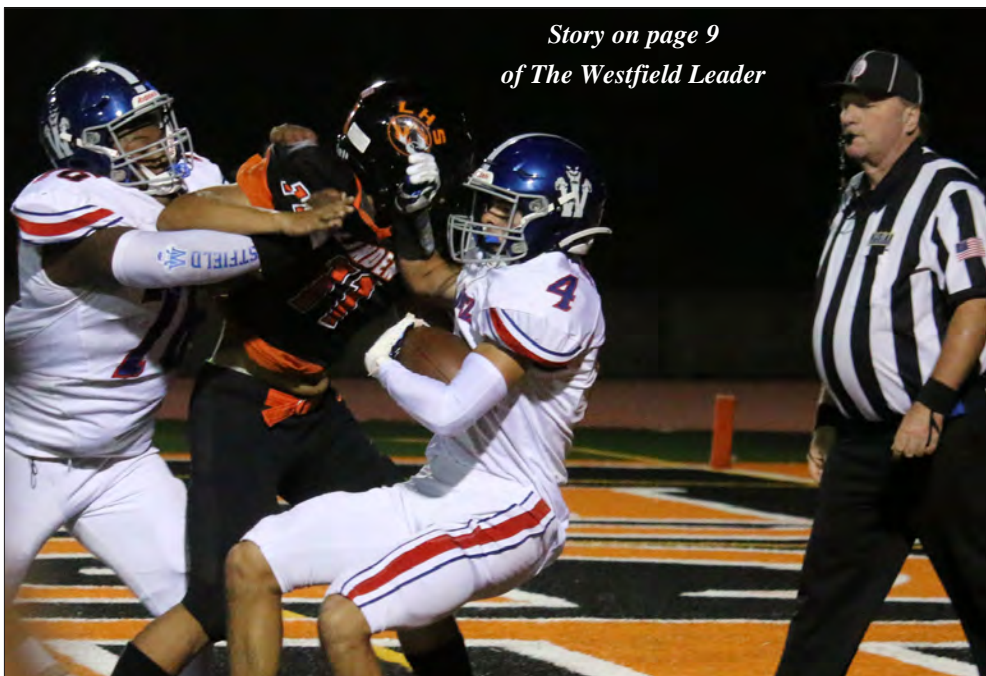
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COLBY 2-YARD TD; WRAGG 66-YARD TD RUN, 128-YDS RUSHING, DEFENSE NAKES ADJUSTMENTS

Blue Devils' 20-Point Spot Ends in 20-14 Tiger Grid Win

By DAVID B. CORBIN

For The Westfield Leader and The
Union County HAWK

Less than nine minutes into the game, the Westfield High School football team dug itself a 20-0 hole against the Linden Tigers in Linden on September 24. But after a wise adjustment on defense, the Blue Devils flattened the Tigers' offensive, while their offense rallied to add a pair of touchdowns and were on the verge of another but came up

short 20-14.

From the opening kickoff, it took only 1:55 off the clock when the Tigers took possession on their own 33 then on the third play, quarterback Tequan Thomas hooked around the left side and sprinted 65 yards for the touchdown to make the score 7-0.

The Blue Devils' offense managed to get one first down when quarterback Trey Brown slanted left for nine yards to the Westfield 44 but failed to keep moving the ball and had to punt where the

Tigers took over at their own 27. Two running plays put the ball on the 37 then Thomas did it again with a 63-yard, left-sideline touchdown run to up the lead to 14-0 with 5:51 left in the quarter.

Westfield's next possession resulted in a Linden fumble recovery at the Blue Devil 26-yard line. On the third play, Thomas scooted into the end zone from 14-yards out with 3:29 left in the quarter. The point after attempt was blocked by linebacker Jack O'Connor.

From that point onward, the Blue Devil defense made the necessary adjustments and held the Tigers to just 14 rushing yards

and 15 yards passing for the remainder of the half. In the meantime, the Blue Devils offense answered when Brown hooked up with split end Paul Cerro for 31 yards to the Linden two-yard line where running back Justin Colby took it in to narrow the margin to 20-7 after Dylan Wragg kicked the point after with 7:12 left in the half.

The 3-0 Tigers stuck entirely to a running game in the second half and the Blue Devils' defense inflicted several throws for losses and sacks to limit them to only 62 total yards. Co-captain Jack Price recorded a nine-yard sack as did junior linebacker Dan Hanlon, while sophomore defensive end Rion Murray and co-captain/defensive back James

Csorba recorded a pair of throws for losses. Csorba also forced a fumble that was recovered by junior Paul Tilyou. O'Connor also forced a fumble and made the recovery.

"I forced one. Paul Tilyou recovered it then Jack O'Connor forced one and recovered it," Csorba confirmed.

The Blue Devils engineered a drive in the third quarter with three straight 11-yard gains by Wragg and a 15-yard penalty to put the ball on the Linden 18. On the next play, Brown was pressured and he tossed a pass to Price, which ended in an ineligible receiver penalty. The drive then ended when Brown was sacked for a seven-yard loss on

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fourth down.

Price described, "I just turned around. It hit me right in the chest. It didn't kick in. I just wanted to get out there. Forgot I'm ineligible. I am a tackle but I just want to play hard, hit hard and get moving. We want to play hard. That's what we are about."

After a scoreless third quarter, the Blue Devils got possession at their 22-yard line. Wragg ran for 12 yards to the 34 then after an incomplete pass, he broke numerous tackles and sprinted down the middle for a 66-yard touchdown with 8:51 remaining. Wragg's point after made the

score 20-14.

Late in the quarter after O'Connor recovered a Tiger fumble on the Westfield 42, the Blue Devils had a chance to pull out a victory. Wragg rumbled for 12 yards and a complete pass plus a 15-yard penalty put the ball on the Linden 24. Three plays later the Blue Devils faced a fourth-and-three at the Linden 17 but the Tigers held Wragg to just a one-yard run with 1:02 left in the game and Westfield with no more timeouts. Linden took a knee twice to secure the win.

As to the Blue Devils' defensive turnaround, Price explained, "We

started off slow. We were being a little lazy I think but we flicked the switch and we kept containing them. We knew what they were going to run and we just worked with that," Price explained.

"After a sloppy first quarter, we just kept our heads up, kept working. It wasn't good enough but we put up a fight. We got to keep working every day to improve," Hanlon expressed.

"We had a game plan coming in but they ran all over us. We knew we had to come back in the second half and show what we are made of. I thought we did

that. We got to wake up tomorrow, go to practice and get better," Csorba suggested.

"We just got to hit hard early," expressed Price. "It kind of knocked the wind out of us. We were a little stunted so we gave up two extra scores. We made our corrections, shut them out for three quarters. We just got to start hotter. Don't let that energy get down, get the wind knocked out of us. We can't let that happen any more."

Csorba commented, "We got to learn from every mistake that we made. Get better! Watch the film tomorrow, every mistake and

just keep getting better!"

"We got to adjust to this type of speed, these types of teams that we are playing. We got to get better every day. We worked hard but in the end it wasn't good enough at all. We need to pick it up on both sides of the ball," Hanlon said.

The 2-1 Blue Devils will travel to Union this Friday, October 1, to face the Farmers at 7 p.m.

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