

## Detective Dies Suddenly; Ice Rink Passes 6 to 3

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE  
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WESTFIELD — A moment of silence commenced the town council meeting Tuesday in honor of Detective Eric Lieberman of the Westfield Police Department, who died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home in Roselle Park. Det. Lieberman served on the force for 25 years. The cause of his death was unknown at press time.

During the business portion of the meeting, youngsters who play on local hockey teams lined the seating area to hear the council's vote on the outdoor ice hockey rink proposed for Gumbert Park. Supporters and those opposed who spoke were about equal in number.

Kids from the teams spoke about how they travel 20 to 30 minutes away to practice ice hockey, and that there is limited time available to prac-

tice due to the shortage of ice.

Residents said that while they did not oppose the sport, they listed a number of reasons why Gumbert Park was not the place to erect the ice rink.

The governing body voted 6 to 3 to have Mayor Shelley Brindle negotiate a lease agreement with Ken Anderson, the owner of Union Sports Arena, to operate a temporary, full-size ice rink on the basketball courts of Gumbert Park from November 1 to February 28 to provide ice time to local hockey teams for practice and games, as well as for recreational skating.

Mr. Anderson proposed the concept at a conference session April 10, and then was referred to the council's Code Review and Town Property Committee to discuss more details of the plan.

The speed at which the council voted on the subject was questioned

by some members of the governing body, as well as some residents. Mayor Brindle said the idea of an ice hockey rink had "been in the works for years."

"The recreation commission had found it worthy of the council," Mayor Brindle said of Union Sports Arena's proposal.

The agreement has yet to be negotiated. Mayor Brindle said she sees the return to the town as being the access to the ice for the community.

While that access is not free, she likened it to the Westfield Memorial Pool, where users pay a fee to access and use the facility.

Mayor Brindle said the rink improves services to residents and increases community engagement.

The first resident to oppose the vote for placing the rink on Gumbert Field was Susan Levy of Salter Place. She questioned why a commercial rink would be offered at the public park for free, and why the rink owner had not considered available commercial properties, citing a number of large spaces available to lease.

Ms. Levy remarked that the tent covering the rink would be an "eyesore," saying at its peak it would be as high as a four-story structure.

The lighting, long hours of operation, noise, traffic, safety and limited parking were other concerns of residents.

Chris Forno, president and co-founder of the Hockey Club, said Union Sports Arena had been "searching for years for a commercial space."

Resident Mike Morantz asked what kind of problems the hockey rink owner may be having that he can not find a commercial space to lease.

Union Sports Arena is looking to "expand his business, renting as much ice time as possible, for as high a price as possible to as many hockey teams as possible. The sports arena is

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## Garwood Council Okays \$416,000 Bond Ordinance

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

GARWOOD — Mayor Charles Lombardo and the borough council approved a bond ordinance Tuesday night appropriating \$416,000 to allow for "various public improvements." The various public improvements include the acquisition of "new additional" or "replacement" equipment including new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment.

The \$416,000 sum will assist in equipment down payments while necessary to receive county grants which will subsidize the capital purchases. Councilwoman and Finance Committee Chairwoman Sara Todisco said the total sums after county grants are subtracted from the \$416,000. She said the sum the borough will be responsible for is \$334,000.

The bond ordinance will facilitate a HVAC system purchase priced at \$15,000 less than estimates, Ms. Todisco said. Records retention and management costs were estimated at \$50,000, stated Ms. Todisco. The finance committee chose to allocate \$40,000 instead, which was the amount awarded by grant money to offset records retention costs, Ms. Todisco said.

She said the overall total capital costs were \$9,000 less than original estimates allowing for additional capital allocations to the fire department.

"The finance committee unanimously approved adding an air compressor to assist the fire department. The existing air compressor is 20 years old and will make filling air bottles easier and faster," Ms. Todisco said.

The finance committee unanimously agreed on allocating \$75,000 of the \$416,000 to purchasing a "new and smaller" multi-seasonal mason dump truck, Ms. Todisco said. The committee had considered two trucks, but one was \$165,000 and provided less overall utility to the public works department, said Councilman and Streets and Roads Committee member Richard McCormack.

Mr. McCormack said he agreed with many aspects of the ordinance, but could not support the ordinance in its entirety. Mr. McCormack said the \$416,000 spending plan did not outline or guarantee a salt spreader from a public works truck being "decommissioned" would be "retrofitted" or placed onto an existing public works vehicle.

Mr. McCormack said the retrofitting would cost \$6,000 to \$7,000. The retrofit allows for an existing vehicle to be used if the "new multi-seasonal truck" were to "break down" during snow removal, Mr. McCormack said.

He said the retrofitting "makes sense," is financially prudent and practical, as he relied on his professional experience with trucks and the need for flexibility during "hectic times" for the department.

Mr. McCormack said he requested the retrofitting be outlined in the ordinance to Councilwoman Jennifer Blumenstock during the committee's discussion.

Ms. Blumenstock said Mr. McCormack had not previously voiced his concerns specific to the matter to the committee or herself. Ms. Blumenstock said she would hold her comments on the retrofit-

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HOCKEY FOR ALL...The Westfield Town Council chambers is full on Tuesday evening as hockey players and their families attended to put their support behind a temporary rink at Gumbert Park.

## Westfield to Name Concession Stand After Thom Hornish

By SARAH MCGRAIL  
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WESTFIELD — The memory of a beloved high-school track coach is to be honored when the concession stand at Kehler Stadium is named after him.

Thomas Hornish, who lost his battle with cancer in 2015, taught at Westfield High School for 41 years until his retirement in 2014 and was a track coach for most of that time.

At the time of his death, there were

many tributes to him, including one from fellow coach Chris Tafelski, who said, "Thom was a wonderful teacher, mentor and friend to hundreds of Westfield kids. He wasn't just a beloved coach. He was a cornerstone of Westfield High School for four decades. We are all better people for having known him."

The Friends of Westfield Track and Field donated funds to improve the concession stand and asked that the board of education name the stand after Coach Hornish.

Representatives of the organization attended Tuesday's board of education meeting and Board President Gretchan Ohlig said to them, "We thank you for the opportunity and the suggestion that we name it after this amazing man who obviously made quite an impact on our track and field program at the high school."

Greg Kasko, who was once coached by Mr. Hornish and is now president of the Friends of Westfield Track and Field, said, "Coach Hornish is, as you already know, beloved by each and every team he ever coached. I can say with certainty that he's looking down tonight with a humble heart and a big smile."

Improvements to the stand included shelving, putting in a refrigerator and

two stoves and adding picnic tables. Earlier in the meeting, the board was told that the district was "very concerned" about the increased use of e-cigarettes among Westfield students.

The newly renamed Student Safety Data System report, which covers the period from September 1 to December 31, 2017, gave the number of incidents that contravened the district's code of conduct and required a period of suspension from school.

Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, Ed.D., said, "The majority of those incidents had to do with students having e-cigarettes or utilizing e-cigarettes. We are very concerned about this. For many, many years, high-school students would talk about cigarettes and scrunch their faces up and say how gross cigarettes were."

"Then, all of a sudden, e-cigarettes came and the marketing they have done to young people unfortunately has been very effective across this country. What we have learned from health educators is that these e-cigarettes are highly addictive very quickly."

Superintendent Dolan said this was an issue that was being addressed in

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Benjamin B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader  
FUTURE HOME FOR HOCKEY...Westfield is converting the basketball courts at Gumbert Park, located off North Avenue in Westfield, for a temporary ice hockey rink.

## Twp. Committee OKs Cap. Bond Ord., Police Contract

By FRED T. ROSSI  
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CRANFORD — The township committee on Tuesday unanimously passed a capital bond ordinance of nearly \$4.6 million.

The bond will provide funding "for all our capital needs," said Commissioner Mary O'Connor at the committee's regular meeting. Among the items and services that will be funded are the township's road resurfacing program for 2018, the desilting of the Rahway River, expansion of the children's room at the library and new equipment for the public works department, including a loader and trailer, a pickup truck and a utility truck.

The fire department will receive new turnout gear for its members as well as a new pumper truck. The

police department will upgrade its communications equipment. The bond also will finance improvements to the basketball courts at Adams Park and renovations of the playgrounds at Adams and Buchanan Parks. Additionally, Cranford Television will purchase new equipment using proceeds from the bond.

In other business, the committee approved a resolution ratifying a contract between the municipality and the Patrolmen and Detective Patrolmen bargaining unit, PBA Local 52, and the Cranford Police Superior Officers bargaining unit, PBA Local 52.

Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley was the lone committee member to vote against ratification, saying it was a vote that "made me most uncomfortable"

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COURTHOUSE BADGE...Garwood Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro, standing, welcomed Daisy troop no. 41290 to Garwood's Borough Hall last week. The girls were given a tour of the courtroom and police department, highlighted by a look inside a jail cell. The Daisies were also introduced to Mayor Charles Lombardo, in back, who explained the role of public administrators and donated "borough goodie bags." The girls earned their courthouse badges that were donated by Councilwoman Cuccaro.



Paul Lachenaier for The Westfield Leader  
DUNK ME...A youngster tries to dunk the man in the tank during Sunday's town-wide barbecue sponsored by the Cranford Alliance.

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HISTORIC FACELIFT... The historic restoration of Westfield's flatiron building at Elm and Quimby Streets is continuing. The old facade was removed revealing the original cast iron columns. The building will have retail on the first floor and two apartments on the second and third floor with a rooftop terrace.

## School Lunches Is Focus Of Mountainside BOE

By KATE BROWNE Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

MOUNTAINSIDE — A dietician, two chefs and a smorgasbord of healthy meals and snacks awaited the board of education members at Tuesday's meeting.

In response to the results of a survey of parents and students, the staff from Maschio Food Services explained the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture's national school lunch program and presented samples of new menu items including a hummus and pita bread platter, a cheese and fruit box, and a yogurt bowl.

According to the Maschio account manager, the Department of Agriculture's guidelines mandate specific menu choices including the use of whole grains, low-fat dairy options, meats or meat alternatives, fruits and vegetables. In addition, the district is required to comply with standards for sodium, calorie range and a prohibition on the use of trans fats. Maschio has a strong social media presence on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and includes nutritional information on all their product offerings on their website, which is accessible to parents and students. The company will make a presentation regarding the new menu and its wellness program at Back to School night in the fall.

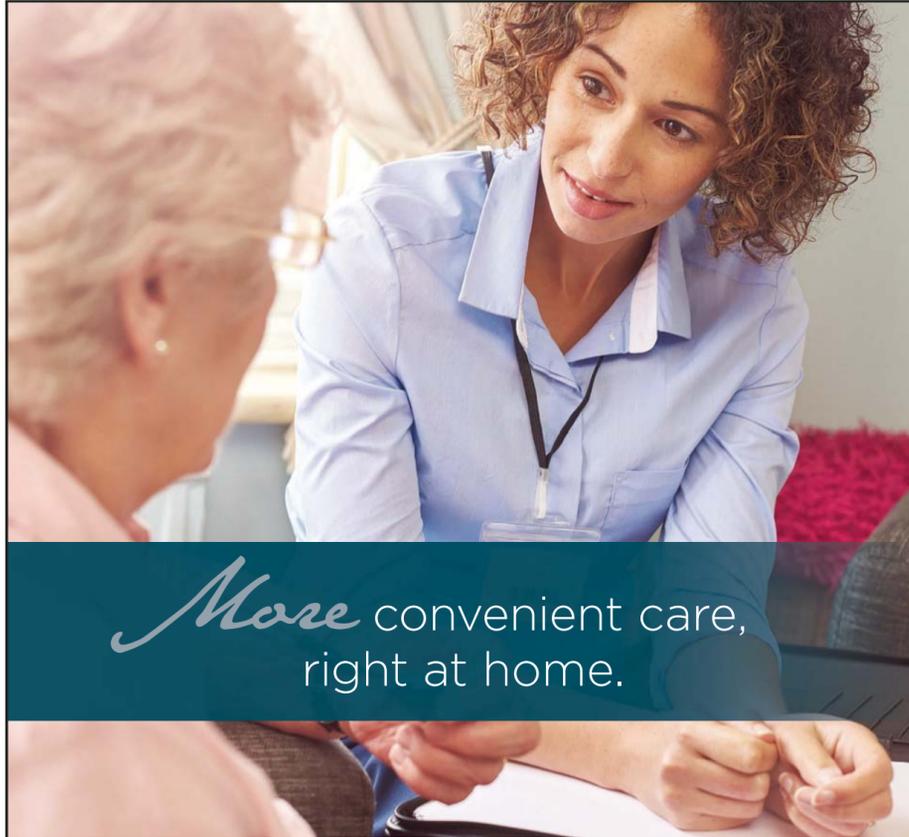
Chief School Administrator Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D. advised that PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) testing concluded on May 22. She also reported that both Beechwood Elementary School playgrounds have passed inspection and are being enjoyed by the children. Parent feedback on the recently completed art show and concerts was positive and she encouraged everyone to enjoy the soon-to-be-published online literary magazine.

Board President James Ruban explained that the board had expressed concerns to the borough council regarding issues with snow plowing and salt spreading during major snow events. The board agreed to investigate alternatives to the current shared-services agreement with the borough.

The board discussed the student activity fees for chess, music, drama and school sports and agreed to evaluate the issue at its June meeting.

The results of the recently completed school climate survey are available on the district's website. More than 95 percent of students and almost 50 percent of parents responded to more than 100 questions regarding academic preparation, school safety, communication and parent engagement. The results of the survey will be examined as part of the district's strategic review plan.

In other business, the board voted to approve the holiday calendar for the 2018-2019 academic year and to approve recently completed reports on safety and security drills and emergency evacuation reports.



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## Bond Ordinance

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ting because she was unaware until Mr. McCormack mentioned it during the council's workshop meeting discussion.

Ms. Todisco said any future "retrofitting," if included, would be an "operating budget expense" line item used for existing equipment costs. She said the bond ordinance addresses "capital items" or new purchases.

Mr. McCormack and Councilman Joseph Sarno voted no on the bond ordinance approval.

"Please vote down this bond ordinance. It is a huge amount of debt for 4,000 [residents]. Stop charging things we need to the credit card," said resident and former Councilman Jim Mathieu.

Mr. Sarno said he cannot support a zero budget tax increase at the expense of the borough's long-term financial health. He said he "hopes" Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro would support him by voting no on the ordinance as well.

Mr. Sarno said Ms. Todisco, Ms. Blumenstock and Councilman Marc Lazarov always vote in unison on ordinances and would appreciate if Ms. Cuccaro supported his views on long-term spending in relation to borough debt.

Ms. Cuccaro said she supports the current budget because it provides taxpayers with "one year of relief" or no tax increases. "After tax increases for 17 straight years," one year of relief is needed, she stated.

Mayor Lombardo said he believes "the committee system works," suggesting all committee members discuss specific decisions privately and vocally before they are presented to the public.

In other business, Mayor Lombardo said the Casale building demolition on South Avenue will not begin until after Wednesday, June 20, "when Lincoln School is scheduled to be closed for the summer." Russo Development will hold a "town hall"-style meeting on Wednesday, May 30, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Lincoln School, the mayor stated.

"As Mr. Russo has endeavored throughout this process, they remain willing to cooperate with the borough and to accommodate the needs of the community," Mayor Lombardo said.

At that meeting, Russo Development representatives "will provide accurate information and answers to discuss the process of demolition

and soil remediation," Mayor Lombardo said.

Ms. Todisco said, however, that Russo is confident the demolition will not hamper air quality for residents, noting that the demolition will follow specific state-mandated and federally-mandated environmental guidelines.

Councilman Sarno said he would like the parking committee to consider residential parking permits for both Myrtle Avenue and Spruce Avenue.

Mr. Sarno said he wanted to raise the conversation in an "agenda-setting format" during open workshop meeting discussion, "hoping" the council could render "a unanimous parking decision." Mr. Sarno stated that his intention was to avoid the permit discussion being delegated to the parking committee.

After a brief discussion, the council agreed the parking committee will look further into private parking permits for Myrtle and Spruce Avenues.

The council unanimously passed an ordinance to prohibit the retail of certain animals. The ordinance is aimed at eliminating "puppy mills," banning future establishments that purchase their dogs from "puppy mill-styled breeders." Currently, Garwood does not have any establishments selling dogs.

The volunteer county legislative leader for the Humane Society of the United States, Larry Cohen, said recent government funding measures have made checking where pet shops purchase their dogs from impossible or hard for consumers and animals-rights watch organizations.

Mr. Cohen said pet shops knowingly or unknowingly will purchase dogs from breeders who will protect profit margins. Profit-margin protection includes shooting un-purchased puppies in the head with guns, raising newborn puppies in highly-crowded and contaminated environments, and with many dogs dying from the disease-ridden squallor.

Friends of Animals United New Jersey representative Janice Fisher said the ordinance is neither anti-pet nor anti-dog breeders who maintain humane environments. Ms. Fisher said the measure is against puppy mills that are operating under less and less government oversight.

"If animal cruelty is illegal in all 50 states, then why do we allow for puppy mills to continue existing?" asked animal advocate Ellen Coyote.

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able and reluctant to cast." She recalled taking part in the recent search for a new police chief, which involved interviews of several candidates. She said she came away from that process "wowed and proud," but also aware that all of the candidates were close in age and years of service. The structure of the new contract, Mrs. Dooley said, induces too many police officers and those in leadership positions to retire after 25 years of service, resulting in the departure of too many individuals in the prime of their lives.

Mrs. Dooley said that while a number of other Union County towns have moved away from contracts that provide such early-retirement inducements, the Cranford contract "perpetuates" them — something she said will lead to the "evisceration of our police department" in several years' time. "We should be inducing the best and the brightest to stay," she said.

At the start of the brief meeting, Mayor Thomas Hannen, Jr. read a proclamation declaring the week of May 20 to 26 as Emergency Medical Services Week, and 10 members of the Cranford First Aid Squad, including several high-school students, were honored for their service.

## Hornish

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health classes, training was being provided to teachers to make them aware of it and there had been numerous sessions for parents.

The report showed that, during the period covered, there had been three suspensions from Edison Intermediate School, four from Roosevelt Intermediate School and 10 from Westfield High School. Superintendent Dolan said it was not possible to compare these figures with previous reports because the state had recently changed the format of the report.

The superintendent's other report to the board was much more positive as she thanked the Westfield Foundation for a grant that would enable the high school to create a high-tech Innovation Classroom.

Superintendent Dolan said this would be a way to bring into the district's ageing schools opportunities for engineering and robotics students.

The board also took the opportunity to celebrate talented musicians who have been accepted into regional and state choruses, bands and orchestras.



PRESERVATION POOLS... Jonathan Kinney and Jenna Solomon from the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office are flanked by members of Westfield's Historic Preservation Commission at Monday's night's meeting where they gave a presentation on New Jersey Preservation Tools.

## Ice Rink

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a private, for-profit business and his profits go way up, taking the location rent free from the town...what does the community at-large get in exchange for this corporate welfare? Four hours and 10 minutes of public skating sessions a week," he said. He called upon the council to negotiate better terms.

Some of the youth hockey players told of how having the rink in town would allow them more time for homework and would also mean that they would not practice late at night.

The rink's hours of operation are still under negotiation, Mayor Brindle said. The last hours noted on the town's website were 3 to 9:10 p.m. week-nights, 8 a.m. to 9:10 p.m. on Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The chiller would operate at all times.

Mr. Forno added that the club has 300 players, and the players' quality of life will be improved. It also was noted that new players have to be turned down because the club is at capacity, and the new rink could mean that the club could take in more players. The Westfield Hockey Club has 12 leagues, according to its website, ranging from age 5 up through high-school teams.

John McDevitt, a board member of the Westfield Hockey Club, called it a "prudent plan" with "no financial impact."

Another resident asked how covering the only storm drain at the park, which is on the basketball court, would be allowed. He said stormwater would spill out onto the park's grounds, causing soil erosion, and then flood onto the roadway.

Councilman Michael Dardia said he was opposed to the location of the ice rink given its proximity to a residential neighborhood.

Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan said she did not know enough about the proposal, that the decision was made quickly. "It's a huge impact to my ward," Ms. Neylan said. She said she never knew of talks of an ice hockey rink until recently, and wanted to hear testimony on traffic, noise and pollution impacts. She had concerns that it could open the town up to litigation.

Councilman Doug Stokes also opposed it, saying the proposal was not vetted long enough. Mr. Stokes also asked should "Westfield solve Union County problems?"

Councilman Mark LoGrippo, who voted in favor of the rink, said the county has failed to provide a two-sheet ice facility at Oak Ridge Park in Clark as previously discussed. "There is a need for more ice time," Mr. LoGrippo said.

Councilwoman Dawn Mackey and Linda Habgood said they had both felt they had enough information and discussions to make the decision to approve an ice rink at Gumbert Park. "I see it as a trial that could lead to more public-private partnerships in our town," Ms. Habgood said.

The council also passed a capital ordinance, 7 to 2, to appropriate \$1.55 million that will be used for the purchase of equipment, apparatus and vehicles for the Department of Public Works.

A bulky-waste program that usually happens in June will not take place, Town Administrator Jim Gildea said. The town is in the middle of negotiations with a hauler, but it is possible the cost to the town could be greater, and the length of time to pick up could be extended over a greater period of time. Bulky-waste items that can be hauled in a vehicle can be taken to the conservation center for \$30 per car load, Mr. Gildea noted.

A resolution supporting Kevin and Avonte's Law and the Missing Americans Alert Program was passed. The resolution would provide access to grants to help provide tools to school officials, first responders, families and caregivers of people with autism or Alzheimer's who may wander away from safety.



ON YOUR MARK... Youngsters get a jump start at Sunday's Cranford Brookside School PTA one-mile race. A 5K race followed the one-miler race.

## Garwood Mayor Lombardo Re: Russo Redevelopment

South Avenue Urban Renewal LLC, will be conducting a "Town Hall" public information meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Lincoln School, 400 Second Avenue, Garwood. Russo Redevelopment will be mailing out a flyer to all households in Garwood that is expected to be in mailboxes/between May 25-29. The public information session, conducted by Russo Development, will provide accurate information and answers to questions concerning abatement of asbestos, pre-demolition and demolition activities, as well as to discuss the process of demolition and soil remediation and their efforts to safeguard the Garwood community and its residents. Although Mayor Lombardo will introduce these professionals at the start of the meeting, this is in no way a meeting conducted by the Mayor and/or Council Members.

In attendance will be Mr. Russo of Russo Redevelopment, and Chris Minks, Senior Vice President and General Counsel. Also in attendance will be the project LSRP; representative of EAI; Project Manager; a representative of Northstar (abatement and demolition contractor); Russo's Project Engineer and professionals associated with the demolition of the project.

Mr. Minks recently told Mayor Lombardo that "there is no basis to require a delay as the demolition will not create public health concerns or hazards." However, Mr. Russo will continue to work with the Borough, and has agreed to delay the actual physical demolition of the structures until after June 20, when Lincoln school is scheduled to be closed for the summer. As Mr. Russo has endeavored throughout this process, they remain willing to cooperate with the Borough and to accommodate the needs of the community. In Mayor Lombardo's communication with Russo Development, Mr. Minks goes on to say that "It will be made clear at the Town Meeting that this is done merely as a courtesy to the community and not because of any legitimate health concerns posed by demolition".

As per the Mayor's request, Russo Redevelopment will provide reasonably detailed monthly LSRP status updates that will be suitable for publication on the Borough website. Mr. Minks also states "that this will be a good means of keeping the public informed as to the progress of the project and hopefully prevent the spread of the type of misinformation and rumors that we have recently seen".

## Fanwood Introduces \$9.9-Mil. Budget; Gun Violence Discussed

By **CHRISTINA M. HINKE**  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

**FANWOOD** — The borough council introduced a \$9.9-million budget on Monday (including the library tax), which includes a \$6.1-million tax levy. Finance Committee Chairman Tom Kranz said the “municipal portion of the budget will be going down about \$1 per average household” over last year. A public hearing is to be held Monday, June 25, Mr. Kranz said. The budget will be posted on the borough’s website this week, Borough Clerk Eleanor McGovern told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*. The new sewer utility will re-

move the sewer usage costs from the municipal budget and a fee will be assessed to each user with an annual charge to be calculated at .000969 per \$100 of assessed value of real property. On average the fee will be about \$85 annually, Mr. Kranz said.

Also, a \$10,000 emergency appropriation was approved to pay for computer software to be used for the borough’s new sewer utility.

During the public comment section of the meeting, 35-year resident Dorothy Dozier asked about the affordable-housing opportunities in the borough. “It’s been a struggle to keep up with the taxes I

pay” since her husband passed away in 2008, Ms. Dozier said. Mayor Colleen Mahr said the Station Square development will have seven affordable units that would be available by application through a lottery. The application is not yet available, but Mrs. McGovern said she could let her know when it is made available.

An ordinance was introduced to increase the sewer connection fee to \$1,000 for new residential properties, which would be an increase from the current \$400 fee.

The salary range for the recreation director has been amended to reflect the increased duties of the role to \$25,000 to \$35,000, Councilwoman Erin McElroy Barker said.

A \$427,000 bond ordinance was introduced to pay for road improvements to Paterson Road. Part of the cost will be paid for by grants totaling about \$250,000.

ARC Electric, LLC was selected to provide electrical service to the pavilion in LaGrande Park at a cost of \$1,610.

A Green Team Advisory Committee was formed with the mission to obtain bronze certification through the Sustainable Jersey program. Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell is to be the council liaison for the committee. Members of the community, borough employees and volunteers have been named to the committee.

At the conclusion of the meeting, during committee comments, Councilman Russell Huegel and Councilwomen McElroy Barker and Mitchell each acknowledged the shootings at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Tex., where 10 people were killed and at least 13 others injured last Friday.

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Fred T. Rossi for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

**SPRING IS FINALLY HERE...**Monday’s springlike weather made for the perfect excuse to get out of the house and head for the swingsets at LaGrande Park in Fanwood.



Courtesy of Tom Kranz/Borough of Fanwood

**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK...**Police Chief Richard Trigo honored a number of Fanwood police officers Monday for meritorious actions in saving lives and assisting the public. Awards were given for two instances of drug overdoses, in which the officers saved the victims by administering Naloxone; making arrests in a home invasion; answering more than 300 calls for service during the nor’easter storms over a 30-hour period, and for solving a \$200,000 online theft and stopping the stolen funds from being lost. Chief Trigo also thanked Mayor Colleen Mahr and the borough council for supporting his decision to send Officer Elliot Bernard to Puerto Rico last fall to assist the local police there in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Pictured, from left to right, are: Councilman Anthony Carter, Mayor for a Day Ethan Grant, Chief Trigo, Lieutenant Frank Marrero, Lieutenant Gene Chin, Sergeant Marc Gottlick and Officers Dan Piccola, Dan Kranz and Elliot Bernard. Also present were Officers Mike Rusin and Ryan Gilmore.

## Fanwood Rec. Commission Reviews Park Upgrades

By **LAUREN A. SILVA**  
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**FANWOOD** — Fanwood Recreation Commission Director Bob Budiansky discussed the numerous improvements at LaGrande Park and Forest Road Park at Tuesday’s commission meeting. There was much discussion about upcoming borough events as well.

The commission has a new alternate member, Fanwood resident Sara Johnston. Mr. Budiansky clarified the voting process for Ms. Johnston and

the other members of the commission.

“The voting is set up that we need a minimum of four commission members to vote, with a maximum number of seven members,” Mr. Budiansky said. “If one member is absent then the first alternate commission member votes. If two people are absent, then the second alternate member votes.”

At the April commission meeting, there was a tie vote about allowing dogs on leashes in Fanwood parks. With two alternate commission members voting, Demian Boroff and Scott Sinclair, the vote was approved to allow dogs into borough parks. The borough council will ultimately make this decision.

Scotch Plains resident Regina Mercado inquired about Fanwood recreational events and the park improvements. Mr. Budiansky updated the commission about the Forest Road Park master plan construction. On May 3, Mr. Budiansky’s contact at CME Associates said that the field survey and base mapping are complete. In addition, the design is underway. Mr. Budiansky stated that he

hopes to know more about the design by the commission’s June meeting. He said, “The most controversial part of the plan so far is the location of the trees.”

There was further discussion about park improvements. The Forest Road Park skate park’s fence replacement was approved by the borough council and the fence was ordered. The commission received an e-mail from a Fanwood resident regarding noise pollution at the skate park. Mr. Budiansky stated that, “The effective solution for a couple of thousand dollars is to replace the fence. It isn’t designed to hold the heavy winds.”

The commission also passed a vote to improve the fence surrounding the baseball field at LaGrande Park. The borough council recently approved electrifying the LaGrande Park pavilion. The estimated cost for this is about \$1,900. Mr. Budiansky reminded the council that the commission receives funding in two ways. The first source is from the borough council, which totals approximately \$34,000. The second source is from the commission’s trust, a bank ac-

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## School Lunches Is Focus Of Mountainside BOE

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**MOUNTAINSIDE** — A dietician, two chefs and a smorgasbord of healthy meals and snacks awaited the board of education members at Tuesday’s meeting.

In response to the results of a survey of parents and students, the staff from Maschio Food Services explained the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture’s national school lunch program and presented samples of new menu items including a hummus and pita bread platter, a cheese and fruit box, and a yogurt bowl.

According to the Maschio account manager, the Department of Agriculture’s guidelines mandate specific menu choices including the use of whole grains, low-fat dairy options, meats or meat alternatives, fruits and vegetables. In addition, the district is required to comply with standards for sodium, calorie range and a prohibition on the use of trans fats.

Maschio has a strong social media presence on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and includes nutritional information on all their product offerings on their website, which is accessible to parents and students. The company will make a presentation regarding the new menu and its wellness program at Back to School night in the fall.

Chief School Administrator Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D, advised that PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) testing concluded on May 22. She also reported that both Beechwood Elementary School playgrounds have passed inspection and are being enjoyed by the children. Parent feedback on the recently completed art show and concerts was positive and she encouraged everyone to enjoy the soon-to-be-published online literary magazine.

Board President James Ruban explained that the board had expressed

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**DEMANDING ACTION...**Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Union County Chapter Fanwood resident, Kristin O’Grady accepts proclamation from Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr at Monday’s borough council meeting.

## Garwood Council Okays \$416,000 Bond Ordinance

By **MICHAEL BONACCORSO**  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

**GARWOOD** — Mayor Charles Lombardo and the borough council approved a bond ordinance Tuesday night appropriating \$416,000 to allow for “various public improvements.” The various public improvements include the acquisition of “new additional” or “replacement” equipment including new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment.

The \$416,000 sum will assist in equipment down payments while necessary to receive county grants which will subsidize the capital purchases. Councilwoman and Finance Committee Chairwoman Sara Todisco said the total sums after county grants are subtracted from the \$416,000. She said the sum the borough will be responsible for is \$334,000.

The bond ordinance will facilitate a HVAC system purchase priced at \$15,000 less than estimates, Ms. Todisco said. Records retention and management costs were estimated at \$50,000, stated Ms. Todisco. The finance committee chose to allocate \$40,000 instead, which was the amount awarded by grant money to offset records retention costs, Ms. Todisco said.

She said the overall total capital costs were \$9,000 less than original estimates allowing for additional capital allocations to the fire department.

“The finance committee unanimously approved adding an air compressor to assist the fire department. The existing air compressor is 20 years old and will make filling air bottles easier and faster,” Ms. Todisco said.

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH...**Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission Vice-President Jason Benedict receives the National Historic Preservation Month proclamation from the Fanwood Borough Council at Monday’s meeting. He announced that professional evaluators will be at the Fanwood Museum on Sunday, June 3, to give an appraisal of antiques and artifacts.

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**A GREAT DAY OF BASEBALL...**The Banks family of Fanwood attends Sunday's Rockin' for Autism and Fanwood Community Day at the Somerset Patriots game. The fundraising continues following the successful LaGrande Park event last month, founded and organized by Mallory Banks, 16, and Sunday's game at TD Bank Ballpark was a part of that campaign. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ethan Banks, uncle Brian Rothman, Gina Banks, Mallory Banks and Jeff Banks with Councilman Tom Kranz behind them. They are tallying up the money raised for Autism NJ and will have the total soon.

## Detective Dies Suddenly; Ice Rink Passes 6 to 3

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

WESTFIELD — A moment of silence commenced the town council meeting Tuesday in honor of Detective Eric Lieberman of the Westfield Police Department, who died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home in Roselle Park. Det. Lieberman served on the force for 25 years. The cause of his death was unknown at press time.

During the business portion of the meeting, youngsters who play on local hockey teams lined the seating area to hear the council's vote on the outdoor ice hockey rink proposed for Gumbert Park. Supporters and those opposed who spoke were about equal in number.

Kids from the teams spoke about how they travel 20 to 30 minutes away to practice ice hockey, and that there is limited time available to practice due to the shortage of ice.

Residents said that while they did not oppose the sport, they listed a number of reasons why Gumbert Park was not the place to erect the ice rink.

The governing body voted 6 to 3 to have Mayor Shelley Brindle negotiate a lease agreement with Ken Anderson, the owner of Union Sports Arena, to operate a temporary, full-size ice rink on the basketball courts of Gumbert Park from November 1 to February 28 to provide ice time to local hockey teams for practice and games, as well as for recreational skating.

Mr. Anderson proposed the concept at a conference session April 10, and then was referred to the council's Code Review and Town Property Committee to discuss more details of the plan.

The speed at which the council voted on the subject was questioned by some members of the governing body, as well as some residents. Mayor Brindle said the idea of an ice hockey rink had "been in the works for years."

"The recreation commission had found it worthy of the council," Mayor Brindle said of Union Sports Arena's proposal.

The agreement has yet to be negotiated. Mayor Brindle said she sees the return to the town as being the access to the ice for the community.

While that access is not free, she likened it to the Westfield Memorial Pool, where users pay a fee to access and use the facility.

Mayor Brindle said the rink improves services to residents and increases community engagement.

The first resident to oppose the vote for placing the rink on Gumbert Field

was Susan Levy of Salter Place. She questioned why a commercial rink would be offered at the public park for free, and why the rink owner had not considered available commercial properties, citing a number of large spaces available to lease.

Ms. Levy remarked that the tent covering the rink would be an "eyesore," saying at its peak it would be as high as a four-story structure.

The lighting, long hours of operation, noise, traffic, safety and limited parking were other concerns of residents.

Chris Forno, president and co-founder of the Hockey Club, said Union Sports Arena had been "searching for years for a commercial space."

Resident Mike Morantz asked what kind of problems the hockey rink owner may be having that he can not find a commercial space to lease.

Union Sports Arena is looking to "expand his business, renting as much ice time as possible, for as high a price as possible to as many hockey teams as possible. The sports arena is a private, for-profit business and his profits go way up, taking the location rent free from the town...what does the community at-large get in exchange for this corporate welfare? Four hours and 10 minutes of public skating sessions a week," he said. He called upon the council to negotiate better terms.

Some of the youth hockey players told of how having the rink in town would allow them more time for homework and would also mean that they would not practice late at night.

The rink's hours of operation are still under negotiation, Mayor Brindle said. The last hours noted on the town's website were 3 to 9:10 p.m. weeknights, 8 a.m. to 9:10 p.m. on Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The chiller would operate at all times.

Mr. Forno added that the club has 300 players, and the players' quality of life will be improved. It also was noted that new players have to be turned down because the club is at capacity, and the new rink could mean that the club could take in more players. The Westfield Hockey Club has 12 leagues, according to its website, ranging from age 5 up through high-school teams.

John McDevitt, a board member of the Westfield Hockey Club, called it a "prudent plan" with "no financial impact."

Another resident asked how covering the only storm drain at the park, which is on the basketball court, would be allowed. He said stormwater would spill out onto the park's grounds, causing soil erosion, and then flood onto the roadway.

Councilman Michael Dardia said he was opposed to the location of the ice rink given its proximity to a residential neighborhood.

Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan said she did not know enough about the proposal, that the decision was made quickly. "It's a huge impact to my ward," Ms. Neylan said. She said she never knew of talks of an ice hockey rink until recently, and wanted to hear testimony on traffic, noise and pollution impacts. She had concerns that it could open the town up to litigation.

Councilman Doug Stokes also opposed it, saying the proposal was not vetted long enough. Mr. Stokes also asked should "Westfield solve Union County problems?"

Councilman Mark LoGrippo, who voted in favor of the rink, said the county has failed to provide a two-sheet ice facility at Oak Ridge Park in Clark as previously discussed. "There is a need for more ice time," Mr. LoGrippo said.

Councilwomen Dawn Mackey and Linda Habgood said they had both felt they had enough information and discussions to make the decision to approve an ice rink at Gumbert Park. "I see it as a trial that could lead to more public-private partnerships in our town," Ms. Habgood said.

The council also passed a capital ordinance, 7 to 2, to appropriate \$1.55 million that will be used for the purchase of equipment, apparatus and vehicles for the Department of Public Works.

A bulky-waste program that usually happens in June will not take place, Town Administrator Jim Gildea said. The town is in the middle of negotiations with a hauler, but it is possible the cost to the town could be greater, and the length of time to pick up could be extended over a greater period of time. Bulky-waste items that can be hauled in a vehicle can be taken to the conservation center for \$30 per car load, Mr. Gildea noted.



**MAYOR FOR A DAY...**Sixth grader Ethan Grant won a contest to become Fanwood Mayor for a Day at Monday's borough council meeting. He presided at the podium with Mayor Colleen Mahr for the presentation of awards and proclamations.

## Bond Ordinance

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ting because she was unaware until Mr. McCormack mentioned it during the council's workshop meeting discussion.

Ms. Todisco said any future "retrofitting," if included, would be an "operating budget expense" line item used for existing equipment costs. She said the bond ordinance addresses "capital items" or new purchases.

Mr. McCormack and Councilman Joseph Sarno voted no on the bond ordinance approval.

"Please vote down this bond ordinance. It is a huge amount of debt for 4,000 [residents]. Stop charging things we need to the credit card," said resident and former Councilman Jim Mathieu.

Mr. Sarno said he cannot support a zero budget tax increase at the expense of the borough's long-term financial health. He said he "hopes" Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro would support him by voting no on the ordinance as well.

Mr. Sarno said Ms. Todisco, Ms. Blumenstock and Councilman Marc Lazarow always vote in unison on ordinances and would appreciate if Ms. Cuccaro supported his views on long-term spending in relation to borough debt.

Ms. Cuccaro said she supports the current budget because it provides taxpayers with "one year of relief" or no tax increases. "After tax increases for 17 straight years," one year of relief is needed, she stated.

Mayor Lombardo said he believes "the committee system works," suggesting all committee members discuss specific decisions privately and vocally before they are presented to the public.

In other business, Mayor Lombardo said the Casale building demolition on South Avenue will not begin until after Wednesday, June 20, "when Lincoln School is scheduled to be closed for the summer." Russo Development will hold a "town hall"-style meeting on Wednesday, May 30, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Lincoln School, the mayor stated.

"As Mr. Russo has endeavored throughout this process, they remain willing to cooperate with the borough and to accommodate the needs of the community," Mayor Lombardo said.

At that meeting, Russo Development representatives "will provide accurate information and answers to discuss the process of demolition and soil remediation," Mayor Lombardo said.

Ms. Todisco said, however, that Russo is confident the demolition will not hamper air quality for residents, noting that the demolition will follow specific state-mandated and federally-mandated environmental guidelines.

Councilman Sarno said he would like the parking committee to consider residential parking permits for both Myrtle Avenue and Spruce Avenue.

Mr. Sarno said he wanted to raise the conversation in an "agenda-setting format" during open workshop meeting discussion, "hoping" the council could render "a unanimous parking decision." Mr. Sarno stated that his intention was to avoid the

permit discussion being delegated to the parking committee.

After a brief discussion, the council agreed the parking committee will look further into private parking permits for Myrtle and Spruce Avenues.

The council unanimously passed an ordinance to prohibit the retail of certain animals. The ordinance is aimed at eliminating "puppy mills," banning future establishments that purchase their dogs from "puppy mill-styled breeders." Currently, Garwood does not have any establishments selling dogs.

The volunteer county legislative leader for the Humane Society of the United States, Larry Cohen, said recent government funding measures have made checking where pet shops purchase their dogs from impossible or hard for consumers and animals-rights watch organizations.

Mr. Cohen said pet shops knowingly or unknowingly will purchase dogs from breeders who will protect profit margins. Profit-margin protection includes shooting unpurchased puppies in the head with guns, raising newborn puppies in highly-crowded and contaminated environments, and with many dogs dying from the disease-ridden squallor.

Friends of Animals United New Jersey representative Janice Fisher said the ordinance is neither anti-pet nor anti-dog breeders who maintain humane environments. Ms. Fisher said the measure is against puppy mills that are operating under less and less government oversight.

"If animal cruelty is illegal in all 50 states, then why do we allow for puppy mills to continue existing?" asked animal advocate Ellen Coyote.

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count that totals about \$120,000 to \$140,000 annually. This money comes from building rentals, borough camp programs and other recreational events.

Acting Chairman Bruce Zakarin and the commission spoke at length about the summer Party in the Park event to be held on Tuesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. The rain date is the following day.

"This will also kick off movie season. Last year, the movies were well attended by families. This was very good for Fanwood," Mr. Zakarin said. The first movie, *Despicable Me 3*, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. There will be eight movies in total, including *The Greatest Showman*, for couples' movie night on Saturday, July 14. The rain date for this is the following Saturday, July 21. The commission voted to show this movie and absorb the cost of the event. The next commission meeting will be Tuesday, June 19, at LaGrande Park, at 7:45 p.m.

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concerns to the borough council regarding issues with snow plowing and salt spreading during major snow events. The board agreed to investigate alternatives to the current shared-services agreement with the borough.

The board discussed the student activity fees for chess, music, drama and school sports and agreed to evaluate the issue at its June meeting.

The results of the recently completed school climate survey are available on the district's website. More than 95 percent of students and almost 50 percent of parents responded to more than 100 questions regarding academic preparation, school safety, communication and parent engagement. The results of the survey will be examined as part of the district's strategic review plan.

In other business, the board voted to approve the holiday calendar for the 2018-2019 academic year and to approve recently completed reports on safety and security drills and emergency evacuation reports.

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"I don't think we can turn our heads away and not admit to ourselves that there is a problem," Mr. Huegel said.

Ms. McElroy Barker said that in America, there are "57 times more deaths from school shootings than all G7 countries combined...we should be ashamed."

She said she "hopes we can do something in honor of them going forward."

Ms. Mitchell called out "spineless" legislators who do not support bills for gun safety measures, "because they are more concerned about contributions than our children."

"Can't we make access to guns more difficult? If you have rights as a gun owner...what about our rights to not be shot by you?" Ms. Mitchell said.

The council chambers was adorned with orange ribbons and a Moms Demand Action sign in honor of National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Wear Orange Day, on Friday, June 1.

Three members of a local chapter of Moms Demand Action were provided with a proclamation from the council.

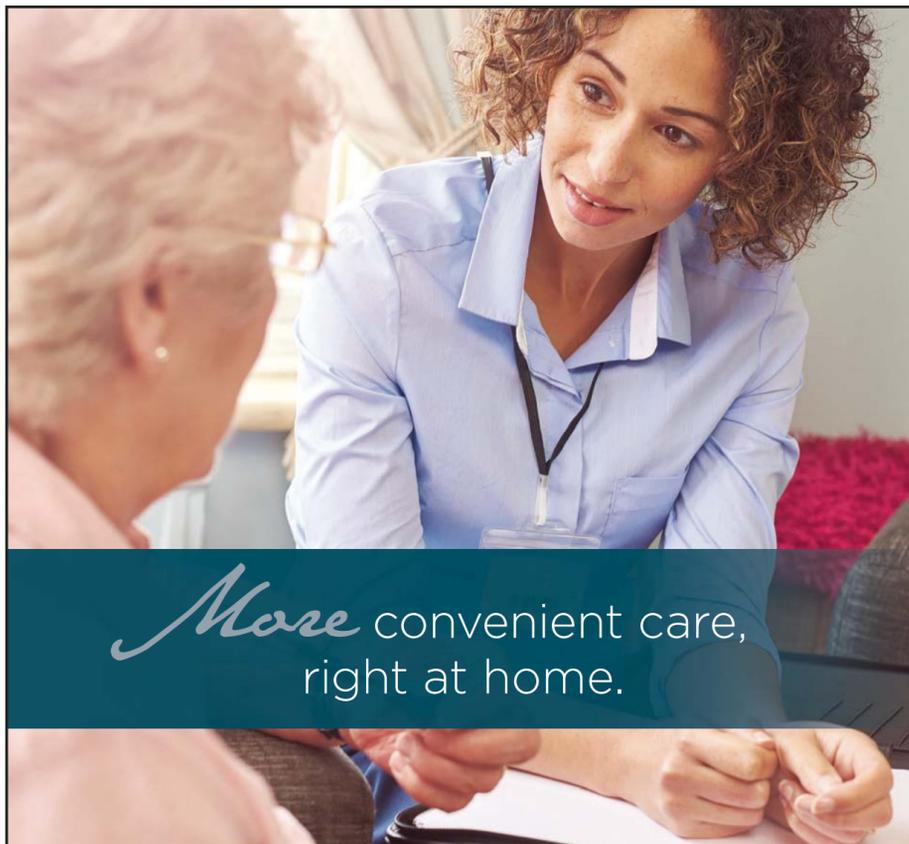
"In Fanwood, as a small community I think we are light years ahead of what is being done," Mayor Mahr said.

"I have worked really hard with

Moms Demand Action and Mayors Against Illegal Guns to keep a focus on the senseless part and gun trafficking," said Mayor Mahr, who has worked with the police department in educating people on gun safety.

Police Department Awards were given out by Police Chief Richard Trigo. Sergeant Marc Gottlick, Patrolman Elliot Bernard and Patrolman Ryan Gilmore were given the Life Saving Award; Patrolman Elliot Bernard and Patrolman Michael Rusin were given the Life Saving Award; Lieutenant Francisco Marrero and Patrolman Michael Rusin were given an Exceptional Duty Award; Patrolman Michael Rusin was given an Exceptional Duty Award; Patrolman Elliott Bernard was given the Chief's Award; Lieutenant Francisco Marrero, Lieutenant Eugene Chin, Sergeant Anthony Nassaur, Sergeant Marc Gottlick, Sergeant Phillip Ugone, Patrolman Elliott Bernard, Patrolman Daniel Kranz and Patrolman Daniel Piccola were given the Unit Citation.

The Chief's Award given to Patrolman Bernard was for his duty in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. Chief Trigo said he also gave the award to the mayor and council for their support of sending Officer Bernard to Puerto Rico.



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**BOYS OF SUMMER...**It's a safe bet that chilly, winterlike weather is over for the next several months, meaning it's time for the boys of summer to take the field, as they did on Monday evening at the Route 22 field in Scotch Plains.

Fred T. Rossi for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

# Freeholders Adopt Budget Of \$483.7; Taxes Up \$6.2 M

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

COUNTY - The Union County Freeholders Board adopted a 2018 county budget of \$483.7 million last Thursday by a 7 to 2 vote. A total of \$360.98 million is to be raised in county taxes, an increase of \$6.2 million over 2017. Overall spending is down \$41.7 million.

According to the budget document, taxes account for 74 percent of the revenue in the spending plan with a total of \$24 million to come out of surplus funds, accounting for 4.97 percent of the revenue stream. The county surplus totaled \$90,861,583 as of December 31, 2017, up from \$65,927,980 as of January 1, 2017 and \$55,868,766 as of January 1, 2016. State and federal funding accounts for \$46,674,605, or 9.65 percent of revenues.

The Union County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund was established after voters passed a referendum in 2001. To date \$159,238,086 has been collected in open space taxes county-wide. The \$10.5 million total collection for 2018 includes \$2.5 million for the payment of bond principal and \$1.9 million for interest on those bonds.

Fiscal Committee Chairman Bruce Bergen said the panel, working with the newly-created county fiscal efficiency ad hoc committee, was able to reduce the tax levy by \$2.489 million from what was presented by former county manager Al Faella in his executive budget.

"This was done without any loss of jobs, reduction of services, or negative impact on our stellar bond rating. The overall result is a tax increase of just 1.75 percent. This is the lowest overall tax increase in 16 years," Mr. Bergen said. He also noted that the county's "revenue position continues to improve."

He also said the county's ratable base increased by 3.26 percent, which equates to \$2.2 billion of new valuation over 2017. "This is the largest amount in 10 years and our fourth annual increase in a row in our ratable base," Mr. Bergen said.

He said the county clerk's office recorded its strongest growth in 12 years with \$44.29 million in total revenue.

Freeholders Angel Estrada and Mohamed Jalloh were the two no votes on the budget. Mr. Estrada said he is opposed to the \$70.3 million total in the budget for capital projects for 2018.

"I truly believe it just keeps on climbing and climbing and climbing...but still I think a better effort should be made to reduce that amount," he said. He added that "ultimately all these will translate to debt."

Garwood resident Bruce Paterson said it looks like the county surplus "is out of control and it is actually a fantastically good thing." He said the county "now has a running fund balance of \$91 million that comes in," which accounts for 20 percent of the budget. He said the surplus of \$67.8 million accounts for around 15 to 18 percent of the spending plan.

"Thank you very much for a low tax increase, but looking at all the surplus that is running away...it really should be

a zero tax increase," Mr. Paterson said. He questioned why revenue from the Union County Utilities Authority has been reduced from \$2 to \$1 million the last two years.

Mr. Paterson suggested that the county get "outside eyes" involved on the ad hoc panel to look at the budget, suggesting input from the Summit Taxpayers Association.

Per questions from Mr. Paterson, Freeholder Chairman Sergio Granados said the county's bonding capacity is \$1.3 billion or 2 percent of total county valuation. The county's total debt currently is \$598 million, which is under 1 percent of total valuation, Finance Director Bibi Taylor said.

## Westfield Announces Polling Place Changes

WESTFIELD - With the state's Primary Election coming up on Tuesday, June 5, the Town of Westfield has announced that changes have been made for polling places for six of the 25 town's voting districts as approved by the Union County Board of Elections. The changes are as follows:

Ward 2, Districts 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been moved from Washington School to Wilson School. Ward 3, District 1 has been changed from the Westfield Rescue Squad building on Watterston Street to the Westfield Armory on Rahway Avenue.

Westfield's complete list of polling places is as follows:

First Ward: Districts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7, Roosevelt Intermediate School Gym, 302 Clark Street; Districts 4 and 6, Westfield Memorial Library Program Room, 550 East Broad Street;

Second Ward: District 1, Union County Administration Bld., 300 North Avenue; Districts 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Wilson Elementary School Gym, 301 Linden Avenue;

Third Ward: Districts 1, 5, 6 and 7, Westfield Armory Drill Floor (parking and entrance in rear), 500 Rahway Avenue; District 2, 3 and 4, Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue;

Fourth Ward, Districts 1 and 2, Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue; Districts 3, 4 and 5, Westfield Armory Drill Floor (parking and entrance in rear), 500 Rahway Avenue.

## Sample Ballots On Website, App

COUNTY - Sample ballots for the Tuesday, June 5 Primary Election are now available on the Union County Votes mobile app for Apple and Android devices, and on the County Clerk's election website at unioncountyvotes.com. Any registered voter can cast their vote early for any reason, by using a Vote-By-Mail ballot. Voters can also use the County Clerk's One-Stop service to fill out their ballot and cast it in a secure collection box, all in the same visit. Voters who opt to use the One-Stop service will need to show a New Jersey driver's license or other New Jersey identification that provides their name, address and photo.



PROGRESS BEING MADE...Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control met with new New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Catherine McCabe getting strong support for the Rahway River Flood mitigation project. New Jersey will be working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District to evaluate the storage solution at Orange Reservoir Dam. The Mayors are urging the project gets underway in 2018. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jim Houston, Bohler Engineering for Rahway; Rahway Mayor Raymond Giacobbe; Cranford Mayor Tom Hannen; Sam Mardini, Springfield engineer; Commissioner McCabe; Millburn Councilwoman Dianne Eglov and Union County Engineer Tom Mineo and Union Township Engineer Philip Haderer. Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz (R-21st, Summit) and Senator Tom Kean Jr. (R-21st, Westfield) were also present.

## Board of Health Reviews Bike Safety, Food Establishment Inspections

The Westfield Board of Health held a meeting on May 7.

The Board discussed bicycle safety. As the weather improves and more people get outside we encourage all bicycle riders to wear properly fitted helmets. All riders under the age of 17 are required to wear a helmet under state law. Bicycle safety information for children can be found at [www.statenj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/kids.shtm](http://www.statenj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/kids.shtm)[TO1].

The Board reviewed the health department reports for April 2018. Sixty-six inspections were conducted. Sixty-one of the inspections resulted in satisfactory ratings, three inspections did not involve ratings changes and two inspections resulted in conditional ratings. The conditional ratings require that the food establishments make corrections to deficient conditions and prior to a mandatory re-inspection.

From the public health nursing reports for January and February: nine schools and childcare centers were audited for compliance with maintaining proper immunization records. For schools that were not 100 percent in compliance the public health nurse provided educational information and will conduct a reinspection to ensure full compliance. Lyme disease continues to be present in the area residents are urged to take precautions against ticks when going outdoors.

Overlook Medical Center is offering glucose and blood pressure screenings on the following Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2 and 9. These screenings will be held at the Overlook Downtown Center located at

357 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ. Each of these screenings requires pre-registration and there is no fee. Call 1-800-247-9580 to register.

Information on the health department's activities, including child health clinics and vaccines for adults, and other programs and activities can be found on the Westfield Regional Health Department website at [www.westfieldnj.gov/health](http://www.westfieldnj.gov/health).

The board approved a resolution supporting state legislation, Senate bill 2173 and Assembly bill 3818, that clarify statutory exemptions from mandatory immunizations.

The next meeting of the Westfield Board of Health will be on Monday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building; the public is invited to attend.

Thomas K. O'Neill, President  
Westfield Board of Health

## Pallone Announces Grants for Rutgers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-6th, Long Branch) has announced that Rutgers University has been awarded three National Science Foundation grants totaling \$470,549.

The grants include: \$185,000 for a project entitled "Ancient Solutions and Singularity Analysis in Geometric Flows," \$105,552 for a project entitled "Discrete Conformal Geometry of Surfaces and Applications," and \$179,997 for a project entitled "Uncertainty Quantification in High-Dimensional Structured Regression Problems."

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# PSE&G Looking to Buy Third of 750 Walnut Ave.

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD - While Hartz Mountain Industries is seeking to rezone 750 Walnut Avenue for residential use, PSE&G is pursuing the idea of building an electrical substation on a third of the 30-acre property.

"PSE&G made the official offer...for a substation. They made an initial inquiry to acquire a portion of the property. They weren't really sure of the configuration and size...We are currently in discussions with PSE&G...We know there is potential for them to take it away whether we want to sell it to them or not," said James Rhatican, the attorney for Hartz Mountain Industries, Wednesday during the planning board hearing to rezone 750 Walnut Avenue from commercial to residential use.

There was no further information provided on this attempt to acquire a third of the property by PSE&G made initially a year ago, about the same time Hartz had applied with the township to rezone. Right now, PSE&G holds a relatively small office space, about 22,000 square feet, for a call center at the property that may no longer operate there come next year. PSE&G has told Hartz Mountain it is not renewing the lease when it comes due next July, said Vice-President of Sales and Leasing for Hartz Mountain Industries, Charles Reese, who testified as a fact witness for Hartz Mountain on the viability of the commercial and industrial market.

Another tenant on the site, LabCorp, has notified Hartz it is looking to downsize at the site. Bank of America vacated the site a year ago, leaving the largest building on the property vacant. Mr. Reese said he has been unsuccessful in leasing the space. There are seven buildings on the site, each varying in size.

The board had heard the testimony of Mr. Reese, after which it had decided to continue the hearing on June 6. The board may decide to schedule a special meeting before June 6, and would notify the public, or at the June 6 meeting either hear the next witness or announce a new meeting date for the application.

Hartz is seeking to rezone because Mr. Reese said the suburban office market is not strong, and the location of the property is not suitable for an industrial use. The benefits of rezoning, he said, would be a fiscal net positive to the municipality and it would aid in fulfilling the municipality's affordable-housing obligation. Over the last six years, attempts to lease the space have failed, Mr. Reese said.

Board member Dan Aschenbach

asked Mr. Reese to explain how the suburban office market is not strong while other office parks in Cranford are doing well.

Board member Ann Dooley asked if Hartz looked at distribution uses that can use the Garden State Parkway such as Amazon's concept that uses smaller vehicles to deliver goods. Mr. Reese responded that most companies want to be located near I-95. Ms. Dooley said she found this thinking was looking backward and not the "new paradigm."

Hartz also was asked by Ms. Dooley and residents if they considered knocking down the vacant buildings and building something modern to attract a tenant.

"I still have to convince them to come to a suburban market," Mr. Reese said.

Further, resident Eric Rubinson accused Hartz of not maintaining the building, saying the roof leaks, causing parts of the building to be closed off during rainstorms due to the flooding inside, and Mr. Aschenbach referred to photos in the applicant's proposal to the township that showed garbage bags strewn about inside the office building.

When asked if the cost to lease was competitive, Mr. Reese responded that, "Our rents are more than fair," further stating Hartz offered a discount on current rent to Bank of America and LabCorp in an attempt to retain them. Bank of America moved to MetroPark across from the train, and paid more in rent, Mr. Reese said.

Summit Medical Group, a prospect to lease space at 750 Walnut Avenue, opted to set up at Florham Park, Mr. Reese said.

Hartz last spring submitted a proposal to build 905 apartments, with 15 percent of those designated as affordable housing, as well as swimming pools and community rooms. Should the rezoning application be approved by the board and the township committee subsequently amends the zoning ordinance, Hartz would move forward with a site plan application, Mr. Rhatican said.

## Carter Named to Assem. Seat in District 22

SCOTCH PLAINS -- The Union County Democratic Committee on Saturday named County Freeholder Linda Carter of Plainfield to fill the 22nd Legislative District left vacant by the death of long-time Assemblyman Jerry Green (D-Plainfield). Ms. Carter is expected to swear in today to the seat at the Statehouse in Trenton. She will also have to resign her freeholder seat, thus leaving a temporary vacancy on the board.

Ms. Carter is serving her eighth year on the freeholder board.



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## Many Questions Remain From Scotch Plains' Redevelopment

Scotch Plains officials are in the midst of planning a major change to the township. We have reported on the Downtown Redevelopment Committee and township council meetings where plans have been discussed. However, we have many questions on the impact these plans will have on the quality of life in Scotch Plains from additional traffic, more children in the public schools and additional debt on township taxpayers.

As we have reported, plans call for two or three parking structures in the downtown — likely on Park Avenue — to accommodate new development, which will include a new library and possibly a new community center. The parking facilities would likely be situated on Park Avenue in the present municipal parking lot next to the municipal building and behind stores on Park Avenue between Bartle and Westfield Avenues.

Late last year sketches were unveiled that depicted a new building consisting of 90 rental units atop a two-level, 160-space parking deck that would be located where the municipal lot next to the current municipal building is situated on Park Avenue. But the biggest impact from the proposed development plans involves the estimated 3,000 new housing units that are to be built over the next eight years due to court settlements with developers regarding affordable-housing mandates. Some of the new high-density housing would be located along the Park Avenue corridor as well as on East Second Street.

Plans call for a new home for the municipal building "outside of the downtown" along with fire, police and rescue squad operations, as well as a new and expanded municipal library of three to four

stories next to its current location on Bartle Avenue. The township anticipates that half of the cost of the library would come from funding from the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act.

We are concerned about the debt Scotch Plains will incur from constructing a new municipal complex for administrative services, fire, police and rescue squad operations and for a new library. How much tax revenue will be produced by the development of municipal parking lots and the north-side fire house areas and the new housing developments? How many school children will the thousands of new housing units produce? How many new classrooms would be needed and at what cost?

How many more vehicles will the new developments generate on local roadways? Will this impact response time to emergencies by our first responders?

From what is being said by officials, this whole plan seems like a done deal. Will there be public hearings before to gauge community input?

Mayor Al Smith has said the goal is to make Scotch Plains the next Hoboken. Really? Is that what Scotch Plains residents want? Will there be significant night life coming to town? If so, is our local police department large enough to handle this from a crime and crowds perspective?

We believe a lot more community input is needed on these proposals. And given the significance of the redevelopment plan, any calls for parking structures and new and relocated municipal operations, in our view, need to be placed on election ballots as a referendum before Scotch Plains voters, as Westfield did in 2004 with its proposed parking deck. Remember how that went?

## We Hope Meeting on Russo I Will Address Residents' Concerns

In response to ongoing concerns regarding demolition and cleanup of the Petro/Casale site on South Avenue in Garwood, also known as the Russo I development property, a town hall-style meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Lincoln School. We encourage citizens of the community to be at this meeting — in order to have their questions and concerns addressed.

Borough residents, especially parents of children who attend Lincoln School, have expressed fears that dust clouds released by the pending demolition process will pose health hazards to students. Residents have reported witnessing Russo employees in HazMat suits and utilizing other protective gear, and noted that Lincoln students have no such shielding from potential contaminants. The school is located less than 1,000 feet from the demolition site.

Various Russo representatives are scheduled to attend next Wednesday's meeting to answer residents' concerns, among them Christopher Minks, senior vice-president and general counsel. Mr. Minks has previously stated that while "the demo-

lition will not create public health concerns or hazards," Russo has nevertheless agreed to postpone the actual demolition process until after the school year ends in June. Currently, asbestos abatement and other work preceding demolition has been taking place at the site.

We are glad that Russo is demonstrating a willingness to work with the community in mapping out the course of the project, but also concur with borough officials and residents that various, legitimate issues remain and need to be addressed. Environmental concerns related to the demolition, for example, apply not just to Lincoln School students but to all residents, as well as visitors and commuters traveling through the borough.

Residents indeed deserve the facts, and answers to their questions, and for their voices to be heard. The Russo development will be a significant part of the future of Garwood, and all residents are therefore entitled to clear, accurate information. We hope the upcoming town hall will truly be an informative dialogue regarding this highly important next chapter in local redevelopment.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Leadership For Our Brave Men And Women of the Mountainside Police

The recent complaint filed against the Borough of Mountainside asserts allegations that, if true, we can all agree are most disturbing. The nature of the allegations dictates that we, the residents of Mountainside, take them seriously and ensure that they are carefully investigated.

Our sworn officers and dedicated employees should never be subject to the types of behavior that are alleged, especially in our great town. Moreover, the residents of Mountainside are now at risk as those accused of enabling the behavior continue to be employed by the borough.

We need to ask the tough questions, press for action and demand full transparency. We need to understand as a community — who knew what and when they knew it. How much money has and will be spent, investigating and defending this lawsuit? Have we spent yet more in settlements or payments to make the problem go away?

We need leaders who will put the tax-paying residents of Mountainside first. We need leadership who will stand by our brave men and women of the Mountainside Police Department. We need change.

In solidarity,  
**Anjali Mehrotra**  
 Candidate for Borough Council

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#### If Allegations Are True, It's Time For Mountainside to Clean House

I have lived in Mountainside for 12 years, and am sickened and appalled by the allegations against the leadership of the borough and its police department. The sexual antics that are alleged are bad enough, but the assertion that police would wave their guns in the faces of colleagues, "borrow" the police car of another jurisdiction after phoning in a false report, and drive recklessly on Route 22 to terrorize other officers is too horrific to even consider.

It is quite disheartening to think that if, as alleged, civilian leadership of the borough had known about these activities for months they did not take immediate steps to stop this. I will presume the innocence of those accused, of course, until the thorough investigation is completed, but if these assertions are proven true it will surely be time for the borough to clean house.

**Bill Gottdenker**  
 Mountainside

#### Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library Thank Community

Thank you for making our 45th annual Spring Book Sale a success. We are grateful to the Westfield Department of Public Works and the Board of Education for their assistance in setting up the sales floor in the library's Community Room. Thanks to Trader Joe's, Kings, Costco, ShopRite and Stop & Shop, we had the hundreds of boxes we needed to organize donations of books, CDs and DVDs, and the shopping bags needed for our customers. Over 130 volunteers worked more than 1,100 hours, serving as sorters and organizers prior to and during the sale, and as floor assistants and cashiers during the sale.

Several members worked many hours to raise awareness of the sale by distributing flyers and soliciting volunteers and donations. We also thank our setup crew for preparing the Community Room and preparing boxes for the sales displays. In addition to our loyal supporters from the Friends, we also thank students from local schools, Edison Girl Scout Cadette Troop 40491 and students from St. Helen's Church who pitched in to help.

Many people who dropped off donations stayed to work on the sale, and we thank them as well. This year we raised over \$16,000 from the sale. The proceeds provide unrestricted funding to the library, as well as to underwrite popular programs such as Museum Pass, adult and children's programming, and a scholarship program for current and future librarians.

We encourage all Westfield residents to become members of the Friends, patronize our programs, and support our annual sale — as volunteers, donors and shoppers.

**Marcy Lechner**  
 Westfield

#### Why I'm Voting for Sara Todisco...

The purpose of this letter is to explain why I'm voting for Sara Todisco for Mayor of Garwood during the Democratic Primary election on June 5, 2018.

I have known Sara for several years. In my opinion, Sara is a positive, hard-working professional who has integrity. She is transparent and a great communicator. She is always volunteering. For example, she coached several of our kids' softball teams and she has served as the president of our Education Foundation of Garwood for the last six years. Sara's passion and love for our Garwood community is admirable.

I'm voting for Sara to be our next mayor because of the results she has achieved over the last seven years, serving as a member of our town council. Here are a few examples of Sara's accomplishments:

There is no 2018 municipal tax increase. It is important to note that this has not happened in 17 years. Sara led this effort by serving as the Finance Committee chair.

She created the first five-year capital plan, which provides a timeline for replacing equipment in our town. It is important to be proactive in order to prevent "surprises" (e.g., unexpected spending).

She was instrumental in ensuring new LED stop signs and radar speed signs were installed at areas of major traffic safety concern.

As our town continues to go through challenging and exciting times, I think we all agree that we need an effective, accountable leader. Sara Todisco is my choice for Mayor of Garwood.

**Tracey Roland**  
 Garwood

#### Mentally Ill People And Criminals Having Guns

With the recent rash of shootings that have taken place in the last few months (if not weeks), many people are concerned (rightfully so) about gun violence in this country, but I feel that most people are looking at it in the wrong way, saying that it is a gun problem, that we must reduce the number of guns and restrict the type of guns people may or may not have. But, it is not that there are too many guns but that there are too many people (mentally insane and criminals) who should not have guns who have them.

The issue is not with law-abiding citizens carrying guns for legitimate and legal purposes but with mentally ill, insane people and criminals having guns; it is not with guns in the right hands but in the wrong hands!

**Michael Smith**  
 Berkeley Heights

#### Where Our Politicians Graduated

If Senator Tom Kean, Jr. wants a good study, and fast, of why out-of-state colleges draw NJ high school grads, survey both legislative houses.

As of April 28, 2018, his Senate colleagues had, undergraduate wise, nine who graduated N.J. public colleges/universities, eight N.J. private institutions, eight out-of-state public and nine out-of-state private. (out of 40).

The Assembly had 12 undergrad N.J. public, N.J. private five, out-of-state public seven and 25 out-of-state private (out of 78 - 2 were unknown).

For extra points, name the last governor with an N.J. undergrad degree and the first alum association to obtain a N.J. vanity license plate.

**Roger Stryeski**  
 Roselle

#### I Endorse Jennyfer Guerrero for Garwood

My name is Deborah Acosta, and I am writing to endorse Jennyfer Guerrero of the Regular Democratic Party "Garwood Forward" for the position of council member in the Borough of Garwood, N.J. With full confidence I state Jennyfer has the character and experience required to be an excellent representative and leader in our community.

Jennyfer, along with her husband, Juan, have established and maintained a home within the community of Garwood for ten years. As a successful businesswoman and loving mother of three children, she embraces the responsibilities of balancing her career, raising a family, and being a model neighbor. Jennyfer has consistently demonstrated that she has the thoughtfulness, energy and passion required to bring new perspectives to Garwood. Through her professional experience and commitment to volunteering, Jennyfer has acquired and displayed the skills necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of a councilwoman. Her dedication to being an advocate of service leadership and being a positive role model are key assets that Garwood needs to move forward into the future and beyond.

I am honored to support Jennyfer Guerrero and ask that you do the same in the June 5 Primary Election. I truly believe that she has the principles and proficiency required to exceed the expectations of our community and excel as our representative.

**Deborah A. Acosta**  
 Garwood

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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. Puceron — Plant louse
2. Juzgal — The cheekbone
3. Puerilism — Childishness
4. Jorum — A large bowl or vessel for drinking

**ILLAQUEATE**

1. To crumble; scatter
2. To entrap or ensnare
3. To wobble or walk in a swaying manner
4. To laugh loudly or too much

**HOGMANAY**

1. New Year's Eve
2. An effort or endeavor
3. A harem slave
4. A heated debate or dispute

**MAZER**

1. A battle ax
2. A tanner of pelts or animal skins
3. A large drinking goblet or bowl
4. Spanish strap with which a saddle girth is adjusted

**FRAISCHEUR**

1. Concise; brief; to the point
2. Coolness; freshness
3. A sermonizer; preacher
4. Savageness of manner; fierceness

## Bringing Proactive Leadership Garwood Needs In Changing Times

I am excited about voting Column D in the June 5 Garwood Democratic Primary for Sara Todisco for mayor as well as Sean Benoit and Michael Ince for council. They are the team with the energy, new ideas and competency to lead Garwood as we experience changing times and inevitable challenges.

I'm relatively new to town, 10 years or so; when I first met Sara she was coaching my youngest daughter in softball on the Garwood recreational team and always talking about Garwood. She impressed me then with her boundless energy as she is a full-time teacher, councilwoman and volunteer for multiple organizations in town. Sara has a drive for giving back and making a difference, which are qualities very admirable in someone seeking public office. Most importantly, she is competent. Sara knows what is going on in town and has great ideas for how to make the town better, whether it's ensuring a more open application process for citizens to get

involved on boards and committees or proper oversight of redevelopment projects. I know she will give it her all, like she has done for many years.

In meeting Michael and Sean, I see enthusiasm and a true commitment to Garwood, above all else, as they seek the Democratic nomination to run for council. Their professional backgrounds show me that they know how to listen to others and keep an open mind, which is what our town needs in its elected officials. They believe in restoring professionalism and teamwork to the council, which is also desperately needed.

I'm confident that with Sara as the mayor, civility will be restored to our local government. I am also certain that she will not let a day go by when she is not on top of the issues. She will bring proactive leadership that Garwood needs in these changing times.

Marc Scepkowski  
Garwood

## Don't Wait For A Closed Group Of Union County Decision Makers

It is intriguing to me that the incumbent mayor and his team attempt to lay claim to being "real" Democrats. If they are "real" Democrats, then why are well-known Garwood Republican politicians rushing to their defense on Facebook and openly supporting them with lawn signs? It is clear that they prefer the Lombardo-Guerrero-Kearney team, not because they will be supporting them in the November election, but because they prefer them as their opposition in November.

When a fellow Garwood Democratic Club member raised concern over Mayor Lombardo voting for Trump in 2016, Mayor Lombardo's surrogates attacked him with letters to the paper. Mayor Lombardo's campaign went silent on that issue, instead deciding to double down on efforts to claim the title of "real" Democrats. It seems to me these are just empty buzzwords with little meaning.

This local election is not really about who the "real" Democrat is, but it is about which candidates are true to Garwood. Sara Todisco, Michael Ince and Sean Benoit are true to Garwood.

Sara Todisco is a fourth-generation Garwood resident, Lions Club President, Education Foundation President and former softball coach. She always puts Garwood first. Instead of waiting four more years for a closed group of Union County decision makers to select her as their candidate, Sara Todisco is taking a risk and running under the "Democrats for Garwood" ticket; she realizes that Garwood needs strong leadership now and cannot afford four more years of ineffective leadership. Sara Todisco is true to Garwood.

Michael Ince is a retired FBI Special Agent and wants to serve his fellow citizens by bringing his 30-

plus years of professionalism and teamwork to the council. Michael Ince is true to Garwood.

Sean Benoit wants to represent the interests of the people of Garwood with the same determination and dignity that he provides his at-risk clients in the courtroom; he wants to make sure that Garwood is the best it can be for his wife and young son. Sean Benoit is true to Garwood.

In my research for this article, I discovered that Mayor Lombardo was the paid Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority representative for 14 years. In 2007, he voted against the previous mayor and council's wishes on an important matter about whether or not to start the process of privatizing the authority. Why would he go against their directive? It turns out that Mayor Lombardo's county connections were more influential to him than the previous Garwood mayor and council. That is not being true to Garwood.

When Sara, Michael and Sean run as "Democrats for Garwood," that is who they are. They are true to Garwood. While I am a proud Democrat nationally, locally, I want council members who are for the town above all else.

If you agree, please join me in voting \*Column D\*, Todisco for Mayor as well as Ince and Benoit for Council, on June 5!

Joe Burkard  
Garwood

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following Ordinances were passed on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey on the 15th of May 2018, and that said Ordinances will be considered for final adoption at a meeting of the said Township Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 430 Park Avenue, on the 19th day of June 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place a public hearing will be held prior to final passage of said Ordinances and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same. Copies of said Ordinances can be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office at any time prior to final adoption at no cost to any member of the general public who requests same.

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#### ORDINANCE 2018-16

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Municipal Clerk  
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## I Ask Garwood Democrats to Please Support Me and My Running Mates

My name is Jennyfer Guerrero, and I am running with the Regular Democratic Party "GarwoodForward" team for the borough council with my running mates Mayor Charles Lombardo and Vincent Kearney. This is my first time running for any elected office.

I am an Energy Contracts Manager for PSE&G, and I am the mother of three young children. I have volunteered for over ten years and been part of the board for the March of Dimes and Adelante. Adelante is PSE&G's Employee Business Resource Group for Hispanic/Latino employees which provides opportunities for networking, mentoring, cultural understanding and career building.

Why I am running for office and why I would like to be a councilwoman is a question many people have asked me in the past few weeks. It's an important question, because I feel not all candidates are running for the same reason or view this role the same way I do.

Along with my husband, Juan, we moved to Garwood ten years ago to raise our family. Since moving here, I've been wishing our town had more activities and programs for both children and all our residents. My children were the reason why I first got involved in the Celebrations Committee. I saw the opportunity to volunteer for the Celebrations Committee to help support community activities, though I soon realized I wanted to do even more for Garwood.

Soon after I had this thought, I was

## He Knows That Women's Rights And Human Rights Are The Same

I am writing to encourage everyone to vote for Tom Malinowski in the June 5 Democratic Primary. In the year of #MeToo, it's incumbent on us to elect a candidate who knows that women's rights and human rights are one in the same. Tom has shown these values time and again while at the State Department, and when he received the endorsement of Planned Parenthood.

We need a candidate to unseat Leonard Lance, who cares so little for women's health that he follows GOP leadership over his constituents, and proposed splitting Planned Parenthood in two - despite being pro-

choice when he was a New Jersey legislator. We need a candidate who fights for what's right for women.

We need a candidate who doesn't change his beliefs, no matter how close he is to an election. And that's why we need to vote Malinowski.

made aware that the Democratic Party was searching for candidates for the borough council. I was very excited to hear this and thrilled to be selected to run!

To me, running for office is not about a title or promoting myself; it is about what I see as taking the next step in community building; leveraging my professional and life experience to bring a new perspective to the council. I would rather let my actions speak for me than talking about myself more.

My intention is not to use this as a starting point for future political ambition; instead, I see this role as an opportunity to help our community to continue the growth and change which has happened since I moved here ten years ago. Community involvement is very important for me, and I would like to play a positive role in strengthening our town to continue to move it forward. It's clear to me that Garwood is a town that is moving in the right direction thanks to the hard work and efforts of my running mate Mayor Charles Lombardo, who has done a tremendous job behind the scenes.

I would like to ask our Garwood Democrats to please support me and my running mates, Mayor Lombardo and Vincent Kearney, in the June 5 Primary Election. Look for us on Column B!

Jennyfer Guerrero  
Regular Democratic Candidate for  
Garwood Council

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Garwood Council

Sharon Stockwell  
Westfield

## The Future for Garwood Under a Todisco Leadership Burns Bright

When I first considered running for council back in early 2016, I of course had to weigh the pros and cons of the decision before me. Yes, it would take up a good amount of time, but I had so many ideas for our town and thought perhaps the reward of serving our residents would more than outweigh any cost. But it was Councilwoman Sara Todisco who tipped the scales for me. The vision Sara had for Garwood was clear and it really piqued my interest. The more we spoke, the more we realized that we shared many of the same goals for our borough, and I was eager to work with her to make those ideas become a reality.

Together, we've been able to bring the revitalization of Hartman Park to fruition; we've begun a Green Team to make our town not only more beautiful but more environmentally sustainable; and we've made our shared goal of encouraging and honoring our volunteers a top priority with the creation of the volunteer rewards card. We were also able to work together on the Finance Committee to produce a budget with a zero dollar tax increase this year, something that I know Councilwoman Todisco has been working hard towards during her tenure as Finance chair. She's been appointed to the Finance Committee each year of her seven on the council and five times as its chair by both Democrat and Republican mayors, which speaks volumes about her competence.

The future for Garwood under a Todisco leadership burns bright. I will be thrilled to work side by side with her to support initiatives to ensure the future for Garwood is even stronger with a Citizens Advisory Panel, where residents, not elected officials or former politicians, give their input on major capital projects. A clear channel of communications between the Planning Board and Board of Education will be critical in the coming years, and I intend to help her to ensure that her idea of quarterly

meetings between the boards and the council becomes a reality.

I commend Mayor Lombardo for his 25 years as an elected official. His volunteerism to this town is admirable. However, the assertion made by his camp that Sara should "wait her turn" is frankly all too reminiscent of an "old boys club" mentality. Councilwoman Todisco's energy and enthusiasm for all things Garwood is a part of what's made her an excellent mentor and colleague. Her opponents would have you believe that all of that energy and tireless activity is something to be ashamed of. But shouldn't we encourage the involvement of citizens in our town? Why shouldn't we recognize one's many accomplishments?

Her opponents want you to believe that you should want a "behind-the-scenes" mayor. But I ask you: wouldn't we rather a mayor who makes sure to be a part of all of the major decisions and changes coming to Garwood? Don't we want to have a mayor who has a proven track record of rolling up her sleeves and fighting, negotiating and most of all making things happen?

I am voting for Sara Todisco for mayor not because it's her turn or out of any perceived loyalty. I am voting for her because she has proven she is the right one to lead Garwood. Join me and cast your vote for the Todisco-Ince-Benoit ticket on June 5.

Council President Jen Blumenstock  
Garwood

### Whose School Is It?

WESTFIELD - Assemblyman Jon Bramnick is concerned about the Murphy administration declining to comment on the lawsuit that may deny local students from staying in their hometown school. "Will a student have to enter a lottery to go to their neighborhood school? Trenton or the courts should not run our schools. I want good schools in every district and have always supported reforms in education," concluded Mr. Bramnick.



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## Teen Teaches WWII Vet, 99, How to Use Smart Phone

SCOTCH PLAINS — Sitting and speaking with Hayward Wheaton at his home in Scotch Plains is like taking a step back in history. On October 30, Mr. Wheaton will celebrate his 100th birthday. He is hoping for a small party and a big chocolate cake.

Originally from Jersey City, Mr. Wheaton can remember when he made \$60 a month working as an elevator operator, when the mailman came twice a day (stamps were two cents), and when making a phone call required a live operator's assistance. He shares stories of serving in the Army during World War II and working, in part, as a laborer digging graves for both German and American soldiers. The day the Holland Tunnel opened, Mr. Wheaton walked through it. He can remember life pre-television and how much he enjoyed using his ham radio to communicate with people all over the world. He recalls with gratitude his grandmother paying for him to go to college (\$9 per credit when he began) and graduating from New York University in 1948. He became a physical therapist and enjoyed a long and successful career. He learned to fly planes in the 1960s and took up golf in the 1950s. Just last year he was awarded "Most Inspiring Player" at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Clark. "Inspiring" is a word that suits him well.

Not one to stay idle for very long, Mr. Wheaton recently decided to turn in his flip phone for a new smart phone. Learning to use it has been a challenge. "It's smarter than I am," he

said, "And overwhelming." To help older adults like Mr. Wheaton sort out their smart phone angst, SAGE Eldercare has a free program called Teen Tech Support, which teams a tech-savvy teenager with an older adult to offer help including how to place a call, how to text, find e-mail, use FaceTime, load apps and more.

SAGE Volunteer Coordinator Amy Stuart started the program earlier this year after a number of SAGE clients told her the trouble they were having with their phones. Volunteers either go to the adult's home or assist in group sessions at SAGE.

Mr. Wheaton was tutored at his home by eighth-grade Pingry student Griffin Faecher of Berkeley Heights. After two sessions, he said he was comfortable making and receiving calls, texting and taking photos. "He was great," Mr. Wheaton said of his 14-year-old teacher. For Griffin, the experience of working with a World War II veteran was exciting and mutually beneficial. "It was amazing. I was shocked when I went back the second time and he had mastered everything from our first session. I couldn't believe that someone who is almost 100 would want to learn to use a cell phone," said Griffin. He noted that of all the community work he has done, this felt different. "Sometimes the work can feel impersonal, but with this I can see the impact of what I'm doing."

To learn more about SAGE's Teen Tech Support, call (908) 598-5548 or e-mail education@sageeldercare.org.



CARING COLLEAGUES...Caring Contact, a volunteer-staffed crisis hotline and listening community located in Westfield, recently welcomed new members to its board of trustees. Pictured, from left to right, are: Vicki Simpson, Andrea Jestin and Michele Fine.

## Simpson, Jestin and Fine Join Caring Contact Board

WESTFIELD — Caring Contact has announced the addition of Vicki Simpson, Andrea Jestin and Michele Fine to its board of trustees.

Ms. Simpson is the assistant program director for Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey and is a graduate of the University of Southern Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications and Public Relations. She is a longtime resident of Westfield, where she has raised her three children, Emily, Julia and Rachel. Through her work and volunteer experiences Ms. Simpson has seen that non-profits like Caring Contact are vital to the survival of a community. "It seems that the stigma around mental health is lifting, and I would like to be part of the continued solution as a board member," she said.

Ms. Jestin is a volunteer listener at Caring Contact as well as training assistant and facilitator for new listener volunteers. "As a board member I will have an active role in making Caring Contact the best it can be. I hope to be able to contribute to that goal," she stated.

Ms. Jestin is the executive director of human resources at Instinet in New York City. She is a resident of Mountainside, where she lives with her husband, Edward Jestin. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Brooklyn College.

Ms. Fine is a vice-president at JP Morgan Private Bank. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Emory University and a Financial Planning Certification from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She has friends and family members who would have benefited from an organization like Caring Contact. "I want to help spread awareness of Caring Contact in the community and beyond Westfield so that more people who need help can get it," she said.

Additionally, Ms. Fine serves on the Impact Finance Committee for the National Council of Jewish Women and is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Fine has lived in Westfield since 1991 with her husband, David, and has two sons, Adam and Ben.

Caring Contact is an award-winning, volunteer-staffed crisis hotline and listening community. Located in Westfield, it provides active listening support and best-in-class education to central and northern New Jersey. For more information on volunteer opportunities, call (908) 301-1899 or visit caringcontact.org.



TECH TEAM...Griffin Faecher, 14, of Berkeley Heights helps World War II veteran Hayward Wheaton, 99, of Scotch Plains learn to use his smart phone through a program at SAGE Eldercare called Teen Tech Support. The free program partners a teenager with an older adult in both their home and at SAGE to teach older adults how to use their smart phones. The program teaches participants how to make calls, answer calls, text, get e-mail, facetime and other functions.

## Spencer Savings Names Alexandre As New Westfield Financial Ctr. Mgr.

Spencer Savings Bank, a community bank headquartered in Elmwood Park, N.J., has announced that Marta Alexandre will serve as manager for the new Westfield Financial Center, expected to open in early July 2018.

Ms. Alexandre, currently Spencer's Garwood branch manager, not only works in Union County, but is also a longtime resident, giving her a strong sense of what local residents and businesses need in a community financial institution. She is celebrating 15 years with Spencer this June.

The Financial Center will showcase the latest banking technology designed to simplify routine banking; interactive teller machines will allow customers to conduct transactions using a remote-controlled kiosk while being virtually guided by a banker. There will also be on-site bank representatives to assist with account openings, loan applications, loan closings and more.

Located at 240 North Avenue West, across the street from the Westfield train station, the Financial Center will operate on the extended hours of 8

a.m. to 8 p.m., with a 24-hour ATM machine available. Additionally, the Financial Center will house a loan production office featuring top lending professionals.

"Spencer Savings Bank offers the same capabilities of a larger bank, but with a high level of personal attention and customer commitment that can't be found elsewhere," Ms. Alexandre said. "Our customers comment to us all the time that they've really experienced how dedicated our staff is and how we've gone the extra mile for them. It's going to be exciting to see all we can do for the Westfield community."

Spencer will continue to announce additional details and special offers pertaining to the Westfield Financial Center as its July opening date approaches.

To learn more about Spencer Savings Bank, visit [www.spencersavings.com](http://www.spencersavings.com).

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## Commentary

### Memorial Day: Honoring All Who Answered the Call

From the first patriots to take up the cause of our fledgling nation's independence, American men and women have defended the precious right of people to live free. It is a tradition that has been upheld over nearly two-and-a-half centuries, in campaigns spanning seas and continents, to the present day. Millions have given their lives on behalf of liberty, not living to see the victories their valor helped to attain.

It is these fallen heroes we honor each year on Memorial Day weekend, their service and sacrifice commemorated through ceremonies and parades, testimonies and music, among other tributes. Our local towns will again hold remembrance events this Sunday and Monday, to which the public is invited as a show of support and appreciation for all military veterans — both those still living and those gone from our midst but who live on in memory.

Westfield will begin its observances Monday with opening ceremonies at the World War I Veterans Memorial Monument, followed by the annual parade. The 57-foot monument memorializes Westfield's "Boys of '17" — so named for the year the United States entered what was then called "the great war." All these sons of Westfield lost their lives in that war, which ended a century ago this year.

Scotch Plains and Fanwood will continue their joint commemoration this year. The seventh annual Memorial Day Concert, to be held Sunday evening on the north-side lawn of the Fanwood train station, will feature the Westfield Community Band and

the reading of letters sent by military personnel home to their loved ones. On Monday, ceremonies and the laying of wreaths will take place in both Fanwood and Scotch Plains. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade will follow.

Neighboring communities such as Mountainside, Cranford and Garwood likewise will hold and participate in ceremonies and parades on Monday in recognition of those who gave their lives in freedom's name.

In his Gettysburg Address, delivered November 19, 1863, at the site of the battle subsequently considered the turning point in the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln described those fallen in the conflict as having given "the last full measure of devotion."

Such devotion has been reflected in each generation of America's military since our country's founding, from the World War I "doughboys" to the "greatest generation" of World War II; from those who served in the Korean Conflict, which ended 65 years ago this year, to the Vietnam veterans whose patriotism often was cruelly and unjustly derided and dismissed, to all our troops who have since fought and continue to safeguard freedom on multiple fronts today.

We encourage all our readers to join us in saluting these champions of freedom with their presence at Memorial Day events this weekend, and to bring their children as well. The priceless freedom won time and again through the service and the lives of our fellow Americans is a legacy that must forever be preserved.

### Fanwood Announces Events Honoring Memorial Day

FANWOOD — The Borough of Fanwood has announced the lineup of Memorial Day events and observances that will take place this weekend. Fanwood will be the host to the annual Memorial Day Concert and Memorial Day Observance and Parade.

"Memorial Day serves as a day of remembrance for those we lost and acknowledgement of the sacrifices they made for our country," said Mayor Colleen Mahr. "I'm honored that Fanwood will be the host to so many great events this year to honor Memorial Day."

The Seventh Annual Memorial Day Concert will be held on the north-side lawn at the Fanwood Train Station, beginning at 6:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 27. The theme of the concert, "A Tribute to Fallen Heroes," will be recognized throughout the night as the Westfield Community Band plays patriotic tunes and traditional marches to commemorate all of the men and women who lost their lives during military ser-

vice for their country. All are encouraged to bring a chair in which to sit and enjoy the night, which will conclude with speeches from local dignitaries, veterans and family members.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, all are invited to the Fanwood War Memorial in front of the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road, for the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance beginning at 9 a.m. Mayor Mahr and members of the Fanwood Borough Council will host local veterans' groups and dignitaries for the placing of wreaths and reading of the names of Fanwoodians lost in combat, followed by a gun salute.

Finally, the annual Memorial Day Parade gets underway in Scotch Plains at 10:45 a.m. and makes its way south on Park and Martine Avenues through Fanwood, ending on La Grande Avenue. The parade's overarching theme, "Remember and Honor All Those Who Sacrificed," will be celebrated through military honor guards, regional high-school bands, local first responders and several community groups as they march through Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Leading the parade will be Marine Corps Colonel Konstantine E. Zoganas, this year's grand marshal. He will be accompanied by Ed Miller and Joe Nagy of Fanwood, the 2017 grand marshals, who did not get to ride in the parade due to inclement weather last year. Colonel Zoganas, a resident of Scotch Plains, is an Iraq War veteran and currently assigned to the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., where he provides training and exercise support to the Center for Applied Strategic Learning. He will retire on June 1.

The annual parade is funded by the Borough of Fanwood and the Township of Scotch Plains. The concert is presented through the generosity of local donors, including individuals, businesses and community organizations, that underwrite the expenses of staging the concert.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE, that on Monday, April 23, 2018, the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, approved the application of 2019 Mountain Scotch Plains, LLC for property located at 310 and 320 Park Avenue, Block 1001, Lots 45 and 46 for preliminary and final site approval with bulk variance and associated site upgrades for the B-2 District. The Resolution memorializing said approval was duly presented and adopted by the Planning Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2018. A copy of said Resolution has been filed in the office of the Planning Board and/or the office of the municipal clerk and is available for public inspection.

Shannon Rapant  
Land Use Secretary  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Times Fee: \$22.95

#### PUBLIC NOTICE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD Date Adopted: 5/17/18

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RESOLUTION NO: 2018-456  
amending (Resolution No. 2016-541)  
AWARDED TO: Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Elizabeth, New Jersey  
SERVICE: to support services such as intensive case management, outpatient counseling, development of peer support and progress monitoring  
PERIOD: July 1, 2016- December 31, 2018  
COSTS: to reduce the total amount contract by \$30,000 for a new total contract amount of \$191,211.38  
James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$22.44

#### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In accordance with the ordinances of the Township of Cranford, and the statutes of the State of New Jersey, Notice is hereby served upon you that an application for development, Application No. ZBA-18-007 to be located in Zone: R-2, on the premises known as 1052 Coolidge Street, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, Block No. 132, Lot No. 5, has been submitted by: Gary A. Palm of 1052 Coolidge Street, Cranford, New Jersey 07016.

The proposed development involves and requires the granting of relief from the following requirements of the ordinance so as to permit:

Ordinance: #255-38b Sideline Setback and #255-34 increase of Impervious Ground Requirement for the installation of an In-ground Pool and any additional relief that may be required from the board.

The Zoning Board will conduct a public hearing on this matter on June 11, 2018 at 8:15 p.m. in Room 107 of the Cranford Township Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey. Any person or persons affected by this application will have an opportunity to present any objections to the proposed development. The Board does, however, have the right to exclude repetitious testimony.

All documents relating to this application may be inspected by the public Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Planning/Zoning Department, Cranford Township Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.

Applicant  
Gary A. Palm  
1052 Coolidge Street  
Cranford, New Jersey 07016  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$37.74

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RESOLUTION NO: 2018-454  
AWARDED TO: Various Agencies  
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark \$37,219.00  
Central Jersey Legal Services \$26,500.00  
Community Access Unlimited \$75,503.00  
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless \$40,750.00  
Jewish Family Services of Central NJ \$30,000.00  
Plainfield Action Services \$28,280.00  
PROCEED, Inc. \$37,403.00  
The Gateway Family YMCA \$32,500.00  
Urban League of Union County \$47,750.00  
YWCA Union County \$15,000.00  
SERVICE: to provide activities programs and services that relate to behavioral health, in-patient detoxification, emergency services  
PERIOD: June 1, 2018- December 31, 2018  
COSTS: in the total amount not to exceed: \$370,905.00  
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# Ceremonies, Parade on Tap Monday In Westfield

WESTFIELD — The annual Westfield Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 28. Opening ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. at the World War I Monument Circle at the North Avenue and East Broad Street Plaza. Participating organizations are requested to be at the Lord & Taylor West parking lot by 8 a.m., where line of march positions will be assigned.

Opening ceremonies will feature remarks by Allan Batau, past commander of Westfield American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3. Mr. Batau will reflect on this year's 100th anniversary of the ending of World War I. He also will announce a planned tribute on September 13, 2018 by the Genealogical Society of the West Fields to "The Boys of '17" and the ending of World War I.

Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle will express her thoughts on the importance of Memorial Day as well.

Bob D'Areca, chaplain for Post No. 3, will offer the opening prayer and benediction.

Kerry Stubbs will sing a cappella rendition of "God Bless America."

The Westfield High School Chorale Group, conducted by John Brzozowski, will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." The Westfield High School Marching Band, led by Chris Vitali, will play patriotic music along the parade route.

Ted Schlosberg, Ed.D., executive director of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) will play "Taps." As a special tribute to veterans, he is requesting that any veteran who plays an instrument or who would like to learn to play contact the NJWA to set up a schedule for free lessons. Mr. Schlosberg would like to create a musical ensemble with veterans.

Wreaths will be sponsored by the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. Larry Sheldon, a Westfield resident, is sponsoring a wreath from the U.S. Coast Guard that will be presented by members of the Girl Scouts. The Westfield PAL and the Westfield Boosters will present wreaths honoring veterans.

During the ceremonies there will be a series of bell tolls echoing from the bell tower of the First United Methodist Church. Jack Panosh, Westfield Bell Master and town clock curator, will coordinate the ringing. He also will ride through the parade route with the Town Bell.

The gun volleys at the opening

ceremonies will be performed by members of "The Fighting 69th Regiment New York State Volunteers." The 69th was the first regiment of the famed Irish Brigade of the Union Army during the Civil War. Today, members use authentic uniforms and equipment to accurately portray the soldiers as they were in 1862.

Grand Marshal Teddy Grossi, with a contingent of veterans, will lead the parade. Mayor Brindle, the town council and members of the board of education will follow.

Participating this year will be various civic groups, among them the Westfield Neighborhood Council. The Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Boy and Cub Scouts also will be part of the tribute.

In keeping with the spirit of Memorial Day, the parade committee will honor three Westfield veterans and their families with a unique tie to the town. Each of the three families had a member who served during World War II in the United States Navy and each of the families, at different times, lived in the same house at 3 Stanley Oval, an Edwardian foursquare home built in the early 1900s.

George J. Morgan, Jr. was a Navy pilot who went missing in action off Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands; Richard Lagreze, a lieutenant who commanded the minesweeper U.S.S. Minivet in 1945, and William J. MacRitchie, who served on the U.S.S. Price. The parade route will pass Stanley Oval and a brief stop will be made as the veterans salute these three sailors.

After the opening ceremonies, the parade line of march will be directed by Barbara Verdic. The parade route will be up East Broad Street, ending at Fairview Cemetery, where a final ceremony by the American Legion at the Civil War section will take place.

Music during the parade will be presented by the Westfield High School Band directed by Chris Vitali. The Westfield Community Band will keep the marchers "in step" with a variety of patriotic music. This band, established in 1912, is among the longest-standing community bands in the country.

After the parade there will be a barbecue at the American Legion Post at the corner of Crossway Place and North Avenue. All are welcome.

In the event of poor or questionable weather on the day of the parade, call (908) 233-2767 for an outgoing message and instruction.



Mr. Christopher Bielak and Miss Brigid Leigh Ryan

## Miss Brigid Leigh Ryan To Wed Mr. Christopher Bielak

Gregory L. Ryan and Alberta Capria-Ryan, of Millsboro, Del., formerly of Westfield, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Brigid Leigh Ryan of Jersey City, to Mr. Christopher Bielak, also of Jersey City. He is the son of Richard and Jayne Bielak of Old Bridge.

Miss Ryan is a 2009 graduate of Westfield High School. In 2013 she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Film Editing from Emerson College in Boston, Mass.

Mr. Bielak is a 2005 graduate of Old Bridge High School and in 2009 he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Rutgers University.

A 2019 wedding is being planned.

## Cranford Reveals Marchers For Memorial Day Parade

CRANFORD — The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department has announced that its annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 28. The lineup will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Marching will commence at 9 a.m., ending with a traditional memorial ceremony at Memorial Park on Springfield Avenue between Riverside Drive and Central Avenue, at 10 a.m.

Joining the line of march will be the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Color Guard, Grand Marshal James Silksens, United States Army; VFW Post No. 335, the Cranford High School Band, flag bearers carried by Boy Scout Troops No. 75 and 80, the mayor and township committee, Cranford Police, Cranford Fire Department, Cranford First Aid Squad, Cranford Council Knights of Columbus, Union County Pipes and Drums Band, Cranford Historical Society, Crane's Ford D.A.R., Hillside Avenue Band, Cranford Democratic Club, Azure-Masada Lodge No. 22, Cranford Republican Club, the mayor and council of the Borough of Garwood, Garwood Fire Department, Garwood First Aid Squad, American Lab Rescue, Sunny Acres Civic Group, Shining Stars, Cranford Elks No. 2006 Motorcycle Club, Car Group and other vehicles, Orange Avenue Band, Cranford Community of Girl Scouts, Boy Scout Troops No. 75 and 80, Cub Scout Packs No. 75 and 103, Cranford Lacrosse Club, Cranford Baseball and Softball League, Cranford Soccer, and

the Cranford Hockey Club. The Cranford High School Madrigal Ensemble and the Cranford High School Band will provide musical selections at the ceremony.

In the event of inclement weather, services only will be held at the Cranford Community Center at 10 a.m. A limited number of American stick flags will be distributed to those along the parade route. For further information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at (908) 709-7283.

## Library Acquires 'Father Bob' Book

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library, located at 224 Walnut Avenue, recently obtained a copy of "Better Than We Believed 2" by the Reverend Robert J. Cormier.

Born and raised in Cranford, "Father Bob," as he was called by his many friends and parishioners, served as a minister in Newark and Jersey City, a prison chaplain, a rehabilitation counselor, and as president of the board of Project Live, Inc., an Essex County nonprofit that provides mental health services in Essex County.

After his death in 2014 on Mount Hood, Ore., he was honored by the City of Newark with a street named after him. "Better Than We Believed 2," a 2018 followup to an earlier volume by Reverend Cormier, is a reflection on faith and religion through the eyes of multiple characters. The book will be added to the library's circulating collection.

# Memorial Day Programs To Honor U.S. War Casualties

FANWOOD/SCOTCH PLAINS — Fanwood and Scotch Plains will honor American military personnel of all wars who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to their country. These fallen heroes will be recognized at several events in the two communities during Memorial Day weekend.

The seventh annual Memorial Day Concert will take place this Sunday, May 27, on the north-side lawn of the Fanwood Train Station beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Westfield Community Band will play patriotic tunes and traditional marches. The program also will include the reading of letters written by members of the United States military to their loved ones back home.

On Monday, May 28, observances will begin with a memorial service at 8 a.m. at American Legion Post No. 209, located at 237 Park Avenue at Sunset Place in Scotch Plains.

At 9 a.m., there will be a memorial

service and presentation of wreaths at the Fanwood Memorial Library at 5 Forest Road. A memorial tribute and laying of wreaths will take place at 10 a.m. at the gazebo at Park Avenue and Front Street in downtown Scotch Plains.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade will follow this ceremony. The theme for this year's parade is "Remember and Honor All Those Who Sacrificed." The parade will recognize the service, commitment and sacrifices of America's armed forces who have defended and continue to protect their nation. The grand marshal of the parade is Iraq war veteran Konstantine Zoganas, Colonel, United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Starting at 10:45 a.m. at the gazebo in downtown Scotch Plains, the parade will proceed along Park Avenue, move down Martine Avenue into the center of Fanwood and end at LaGrande Park in Fanwood.



Christina M. Hinke for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
SPIRITUAL LEADER...Pastor Christopher Belden, pictured at right, of the Community Presbyterian Church of Mountaineer, has announced his retirement as pastor after serving the church for 32 years. Mayor Paul Mirabelli presented the pastor with a proclamation during the May 15 meeting of Mountaineer's governing body.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE BE ADVISED, that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a public hearing on **June 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**, at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, First Floor Council Chambers to hear the application of DMF Service Company, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey for property located at 2208 Old Farm Road, Block 6703, Lot 1, R-2 Zone who proposes to construct a deck at the aforementioned single family dwelling, contrary to the following Zoning Ordinance: **Section 23-3.4A, Paragraph C, R-2 Zone, Schedule of Lot, Yard and Building Regulations:** Column 10 Rear Yard Set-Back: Minimum Required: 35 feet, Proposed: 27 feet +/- by plan.

The Applicant is also requesting any and all variances deemed to be necessary at the time of the hearing, including any other waivers, exceptions, interpretations and other relief necessary to allow Applicant's proposed use of the property.

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Shannon Rapant  
Secretary to the Zoning Board  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Times Fee: \$28.56

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# Rotary Foundation to Hold Art Exhibition and Auction

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Rotary Club Foundation, the non-profit fund-raising arm of the town's 97-year-old Rotary club, has announced that it will host a Gala Art Exhibition and Auction on Saturday evening, June 9, at the First Congregational Church of Westfield. Proceeds from the event will benefit the club's local initiatives: Project Hunger, community grants and college scholarships.

"Rotary is bringing this new event to Westfield as a fun, different and inexpensive way for people to help us to assist the community through service projects and grants," said Marta Alexandre, chairwoman of the foundation. "Tickets are just \$10 each and include hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese, craft beer, dessert and coffee."

"Our chairman, Joe Mindak, has done an outstanding job of identifying a large selection of artwork in a variety of media that includes something that will satisfy the taste and pocketbook of just about everyone," Mrs. Alexandre continued.

Mr. Mindak, who recently joined the club, was previously president of the Rotary Club of Hoboken, where he was involved in similar fundraisers.

"It's an enjoyable night led by professional auctioneers," he said. "Attendees can preview the inventory ahead of time when it will be on view for an hour beginning at 6 p.m. The auction begins at 8. The genres include contemporary art, impressionist, seascapes, Americana, Christian and Judaic, Primitive, African-American and sports. Celuloid images from the movies are

included. Some of the most recognizable featured artists are Chagall, Neiman, Moses, Wyeth, Rockwell, Gorman and many, many more."

The First Congregational Church is located at 125 Elmer Street. Tickets are available from any Westfield Rotarian and many local realtors. Admission is \$10. Anyone with questions may contact Mr. Mindak at (201) 410-8282 or joe@finnconnective.com.

## Legal Advertising

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2215

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,550,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWN.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on May 22, 2018.

Tara Rowley, RMC  
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# Summer Concerts to Offer Diverse Musical Styles

CRANFORD — In keeping with the national Library Summer Reading Program theme this year, "Libraries Rock," the Cranford Public Library will highlight local artists and a diverse range of musical styles during its 2018 Summer Concert Series. All concerts will be sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library and held at the Cranford Community Center.

"Rewind — Back to Classic Rock" will take place on Wednesday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. New Jersey-based, three-piece band Rewind will play the songs of great American artists, the British Invasion and the Summer of Love. Rewind members include John Delgiodice (guitar), Ken Cohen (drums) and Rich Loughlin (bass).

The Odessa Klezmer Band will be featured on Wednesday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of bandleader, accordionist and vocalist Ed Goldberg, the Odessa Klezmer Band has played the joyous dance music of the Klezmerim (Jewish folk musicians) throughout

the tri-state area for more than 30 years. With an eclectic mix of Eastern European and Middle Eastern tunes, including polka and czardas, the band is known for inspiring audiences to dance in the aisles.

The Amir Vahab Trio will perform on Wednesday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. Honored as a peacemaker and virtuoso, Amir Vahab is a composer/vocalist and lecturer specializing in a wide variety of traditional Persian instruments: the tanbour, ney, Daf, tar and oud. Mr. Vahab is noted for his expertise in Persian culture and history, and for the spirituality present in his music and teachings. His songs weave fiery instrumentals and melodies of the ancient lands of the Middle East that include Persian, Turkish, Azeri and beyond.

No registration is required for these free concerts. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue and is accessible to all. For more information about the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, go to cranfordlibrary.org and click on Friends of the Library.

# Obituaries

## Ann Marie Suriani, 52, of Mountainside; Was Florist For Over 30 Years

Ann Marie Suriani, 52, passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2018. Born in Illinois, she was a resident of Mountainside.

Ann loved working with flowers, as she was a florist for over 30 years. She also enjoyed sailing and fishing. She was predeceased by her mother and father.

Surviving are her devoted husband, Richard Suriani; her loving stepson, Richard M., and his wife, Stephanie; her beloved two grandchildren, Gabriella and Matthew; her two brothers, Matt and Rob of California, and her aunt and uncle, Suzanne and Charles.



Ann Marie Suriani

## Peace and Justice Committee Announces Two Events

WESTFIELD — Madeleine Korfmacher, co-chairwoman of the Peace and Justice Committee of Holy Trinity and St. Helen's, will give a presentation on Thursday, May 31, on her recent eight-day mission trip to Nicaragua. She will share pictures, experiences of Nicaraguan joys and struggles, and specific ways the Westfield area community can help.

Her focus will be on the visits made to various Peaceworks Projects, including a children's center to help homeless teens, medical and dental clinics, women's support programs to help victims of domestic violence, and micro-lending projects to help impoverished women start their own businesses.

Her talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Room 102-103 at St. Helen's Parish Center, located at 1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield. It is free and open to the public.

On Sunday, June 10, there will be an Ecumenical Gathering of Love/Justice Worshiping Community at 2:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Parish Center, located at 315 First Street, Westfield. The inspiration to form an Ecumenical Solidarios Worshiping Community came about during a recent mission trip to Nicaragua.

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# Imagine Executive Dir. To Address 'Complicated Grief'

AREA — The Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis, located at 301 S. Livingston Avenue, Livingston, will offer a workshop on "Loss, Grief, Mourning and Complicated Grief" on Wednesday, May 30, from noon to 1 p.m.

It is estimated that as many as one in three bereavements result in "morbid outcome or pathological patterns of grief." In this type of complicated grief, painful emotions are so long lasting and severe that people have trouble accepting the loss and resuming their lives.

This workshop will examine the underlying factors in both normal and maladaptive grief. It is designed to be helpful to anyone coping with or working with individuals coping with loss or overwhelming experiences and help them to design effective, coping interventions.

Mary Robinson, executive director of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, will be the workshop presenter. Professionals and anyone from the community are invited. To RSVP, contact info@acapnj.org or (973) 629-1005. CEUs are available for many professions for a fee of \$15. For more information, call (973) 629-1005.

Imagine is a free, year-round, peer grief support center located in

Mountainside, serving children ages 3 to 18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent support groups for their parents or guardians. Support for children and teens living with a parent or sibling with a life-altering physical illness also is available. Additionally, free, year-round support groups are offered for young adults who have had a friend, sibling, parent or other important person in their life die, or who have a parent, sibling or friend

living with an illness. For more information about Imagine, visit [imaginenj.org](http://imaginenj.org) or call (908) 264-3100.

## Knights Blood Drive Set For Saturday

AREA — Knights of Columbus No. 3240 of Roselle Park will sponsor a Community Blood Drive this Saturday, May 26. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption, located at 113 Chiego Place, Roselle Park.

Complimentary cholesterol screenings will be available. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served to all donors. To make an appointment, call (201) 251-3703 or access [donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/47541](http://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/47541).

# Antique Appraisals to Be Held In Fanwood June 3

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission will offer a program of antique appraisals on Sunday, June 3, between 2 and 4 p.m. It will take place in the Fanwood Museum, located in the historic Fanwood Railroad Station. The entrance to the museum is from the north side of the railroad station, where there is abundant parking available on a Sunday.

Appraising the antiques will be Yola Chalabi, the owner of Winterhill Antiques, which is located at 425 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains. She will be joined by her associate, Kurt Homing. Anyone with an antique article that might be a family inheritance and who is curious about its monetary value is invited to bring it to the

appraisal event.

Such items might be an old official document; a dated piece of gold jewelry like a ring or set of gold cuff links; a dated decorative household accessory like a vase; a surviving child's toy that was popular one hundred or more years ago, or a sports item like a baseball signed by a heralded professional star player from a time long ago. Items handed down through several generations of a family, such as a piece of small furniture like a flower stand or a cherished painting, also may be brought.

The Fanwood Railroad Station is located at North and Martine Avenues. All are welcome, whether or not they are Fanwood residents, and refreshments will be served.

# Scotch Plains Library Posts June Book Club Schedule

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library has announced the dates for its June Book Club meetings.

The Evening Book Club will meet on Monday, June 4, at 7 p.m., to discuss "The Bridge Ladies" by Betsy Lerner. A 50-year-old Bridge game provides an unexpected way to cross the generational divide between a daughter and her mother. Betsy Lerner takes readers on a powerfully personal literary journey, where they learn a little about Bridge and a lot about life.

The Afternoon Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 19, at 1 p.m., to discuss "The Private Lives of Mrs. Sharma" by Ratika Kapur. With equal doses of humor and pathos, this book is described as a sharp-eyed examination of the clashing of tradition and modernity, from a dramatic new voice

in Indian fiction.

The Scotch Plains Public Library's book clubs are free and open to the public. For more information, go to [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org), e-mail [library@scotlib.org](mailto:library@scotlib.org), call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or stop by the library Reference Desk. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.

## Blood Pressure Clinic To Be Held June 12

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township nurse will be available at the Scotch Plains Public Library for blood pressure checks on Tuesday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. No registration is required. There will be no screenings during July and August.

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-18001692 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-046272-14 Plaintiff: NATIENSIS, JAMES LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY VS. Defendant: JOHN A. FUSCO AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Sale Date: 06/20/2018 Write of Execution: 04/10/2017 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on Wednesday, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Ninety-Six and 49/100\*\*\* \$388,096.49. The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Mountainside, in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 222 Central Avenue. Block: 5.20 (1/4 x 5.7) Lot: 62. Dimensions of Lot (approximately): 000.973 AC. Nearest Cross Street: Poplar Avenue. Subject to: Taxes current to 3/30/2018. Sale subject to subsequent taxes, utilities, liens and interest since 3/30/2018. Total Upset: \*\*\*Four Hundred Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven and 59/100\*\*\* \$407,667.59 together with lawful interest and costs. Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement. Peter Corvelli Sheriff

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-18001695 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-002231-17 Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF MRS. CWABS INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-16 VS. Defendant: PATRICIA E. CHEATHAM, HIS/HER HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT. Title: 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on Wednesday, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The judgment amount is: \*\*\*One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Six and 55/100\*\*\* \$152,906.55. The property to be sold is located in Borough of Fanwood in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as 56 Glenwood Road, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023. Tax Lot No. 20; Block 72. Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 70 x 110. Nearest Cross Street: Ranier Road. Total Upset: \*\*\*Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six and 26/100\*\*\* \$156,747.26 together with lawful interest and costs. Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement. Peter Corvelli Sheriff

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SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-18001409 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-008727-17 Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO LAFAYETTE CAPITAL XXIII, FKA NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE VS. Defendant: JAMES F. ZAMBRI A/K/A JAMES ZAMBRI; MRS. ZAMBRIA, SPOUSE OF JAMES F. ZAMBRI A/K/A JAMES ZAMBRI; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR E-LOAN, INC.; MARIA SILVA; LAKEVIEW CAPITAL, INC.; MARRIAGE AND PROBATE SORBY ASSIGNMENT TO BANK OF AMERICA NA; MARINA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CO/T/A BORGATA; PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; AMERISOURCE BERSEN; THE CORPORATION; STATE OF NEW JERSEY Sale Date: 06/06/2018 Write of Execution: 02/20/2018 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on Wednesday, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and 12/100\*\*\* \$730,840.12. The property to be sold is located in the municipality of SCOTCH PLAINS in the County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as 2020 WINDING BROOK DRIVE, SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY 07076. Tax Lot 38, BLOCK 13301. Dimensions of Lot: 001.215. Nearest Cross Street: BAYBERRY LANE. -2018 - DUE DATE: \*QTR2 - 05/01: \$7,291.37 OPEN \*SEWER ACCOUNT # 07\_07/01/2017 - 12/31/2017 \$139.80 OPEN PLUS PENALTY: \$139.79 OPEN PLUS PENALTY: OWED IN ARREARS: SEWER CHARGES ARE BASED ON PRIOR WATER CONSUMPTION. Total Upset: \*\*\*Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Eleven and 33/100\*\*\* \$752,111.33 together with lawful interest and costs. Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon. Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement. Peter Corvelli Sheriff

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### Sierra Club to Learn Of Renewable Energy

AREA — The Sierra Club Loantaka Group will present Chris Fleischman, the New Jersey Sierra Club Renewable Energy coordinator, at its meeting on Wednesday, June 13. The meeting will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Library of the Chathams, located at 214 Main Street, Chatham.

Mr. Fleischman will discuss the impacts of climate change, New Jersey's renewable-energy policies and the Sierra Club's Ready for 100 Campaign. He will focus on the new administration's plans to go 100 percent renewable in the future, as well as bottom-up grassroots organizations influencing local leaders to implement energy-efficiency and renewable-energy programs.

The speaker will welcome volunteers to help lead/join local teams to make their towns 100 percent renewable by 2035. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call (908) 233-2414.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-18001404 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-035668-15 Plaintiff: DELITSCHE, BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE VS. Defendant: LORI MASE A/K/A LORI LOWENSTEIN, MASE A/K/A LORI LOWENSTEIN; TOM MASE A/K/A THOMAS V. MASE; PATRICIA HELLER-JACKSON; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; COUNTY EDUCATORS FCU Sale Date: 06/06/2018 Write of Execution: 02/20/2018 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on Wednesday, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Five Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Fifty-Three and 26/100\*\*\* \$524,053.26. The property to be sold is located in the municipality of WESTFIELD in the County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as 138 VERNON TERRACE, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090. -2018 - DUE DATE: \*QTR2 - 05/01: \$3,220.86 OPEN \*QTR2 - 05/01: \$3,220.86 OPEN Total Upset: \*\*\*Eight Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine and 26/100\*\*\* \$842,399.26 together with lawful interest and costs. Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon. Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement. Peter Corvelli Sheriff

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Attorney: RAS CITRON LAW OFFICES 130 CLINTON ROAD SUITE 202 FAIRFIELD NEW JERSEY 07004 (973) 575-0707 4 T - 05/10, 05/17, 05/24 & 05/31/18 Fee: \$195.84

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SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-18001528 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-007148-17 Plaintiff: PROVIDENT FUNDING ASSOCIATES, L.P. VS. Defendant: LORRAINE CHRONE, JEFFREY CHRONE, U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TRUST Sale Date: 06/13/2018 Write of Execution: 03/02/2018 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on Wednesday, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the



**BIG TEN...**At a recent Key Club meeting in Westfield High School, Lt. Governor of Division 6, Hemani Patel, left, presents the current officers with an award. The "Big Ten" award is a certificate recognizing an increase in membership in the club of 10 percent or more in the last year. Under the leadership of senior Sarah Ward, (second from right) outgoing president of the student-run club, the high school community service group was lauded for their work. The Key Club is under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Westfield, a philanthropic international club that encourages community service and student leadership in children and teens.

# THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

By AMANDA PYLE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

With this past Friday's high school shooting in Texas that resulted in ten deaths, the same question that has been circling everyone's minds in recent months comes into the spotlight again: when will enough truly ever be enough to create change?

Some degree of school safety is practiced in the Westfield Public School District from the time we're in elementary school. One of the many drills that is required is the monthly lockdown drill, which helps to systematically break down what people should do in the case of an emergency. The problem with this drill is that it plans for what to do after an emergency happens, but what many students — myself included — fear is the lack of protection from these emergencies happening in the first place.

For as long as I can remember, I've never been afraid of having an active-shooter in all of the Westfield schools I've attended. I've always thought of lockdown drills as mere government mandates, because of course an actual school shooting would never happen in my town. It wasn't until this past year when I noticed a growing sense of legitimate fear among my classmates during our own lockdown drills.

All of the high schools where recent shootings took place were just normal schools like the schools here in Westfield. They couldn't have anticipated a mass shooting to happen at their school, a place meant to safely further the education of America's youth.

Westfield High School (WHS) is frighteningly similar to these schools. Granted, we are fortunate enough to have a police officer stationed in our school, Officer Elizabeth Savnik, but this fact can't erase the overwhelming sense of fear I have each time I walk into school. The fear that today could be the day where another school shooting happens, and maybe it could even happen at my own school.

I never thought that school shootings would become so common that I my-

self would be afraid of one actually happening in Westfield. But the sadder part is that I'm not alone in having this fear.

My friends and I have had open conversations about the threat of a school shooting and how frighteningly real this threat has become. I distinctly recall this type of conversation happening after a lockdown drill that WHS had only six days after the Parkland Shooting back in February.

I normally can't remember the little details of a lockdown drill but for this one, I can state with confidence that I was sitting in the back right corner of my English class, next to my friend, Alex. I have never experienced a quieter lockdown drill in my entire life. Not only was every single student paralyzed with fear, but my teacher appeared genuinely nervous too, something I'd never seen before.

It's not that there is a direct threat in our town that is worrisome, it's the continuously recurring high school shootings nationwide that create mass panic among American students. It's becoming all too common to hear about another school shooting happening somewhere in America, and this is destroying the safe and enjoyable environment that schools once had.

Teenagers should only have to focus on actual schoolwork when in school, not on whether or not their high school is going to be the next school to make it on the continuously growing list of high school shootings that have happened in 2018 alone.

School safety is a complex national issue that has sparked many heavy debates throughout society. There isn't going to be one simple solution to this problem but there is one thing that is certain: change needs to be made now, as high school students shouldn't legitimately be afraid for their life to walk into a place meant for education, but that is unfortunately the feeling shared among American students today.

## Evan Henry Rossi Earns Bachelor's Deg.

SANTA FE, N.M. — St. John's College is pleased to announce the graduation of Evan Henry Rossi of Westfield on May 19.

Each senior is required to write and defend a senior essay in an oral examination as a requirement of graduation. Mr. Rossi's senior essay was entitled "The Metaphysical Foundations of Leibnizian Mechanics."

High School newspaper showing exceptional works of reporting. Rollins is a member of the National Honor Society, a regular part of the school's Distinguished Honor Roll, honored with the seal of Bi-Literacy and Vice President of the Future Physicians and Scientists Club and a senior intern in her church' youth ministry. Rollins will attend The University of Virginia to major in Nursing.

Erica Varga is the daughter of Josephine and Honor Varga. She is a hard working, dedicated, successful student who played volleyball and was a key contributor to the team. Through hard work, she was awarded the certificate of Bi-Literacy in Spanish. Erica has volunteered for Paws In Need and worked as a tutor at a day care center. She also volunteered at her church making sandwiches for the hungry, baby seating during Mass and helping at food banks. Erica has been inducted into The National Honor Society and was a WHS student government representative and Freshman transition leader. Erica will attend the University of Maryland and be part of the school's Scholar's Program.

Plains-Fanwood Board of Education was Barbara Prestridge. Mrs. Prestridge has been nominated by the board to be recognized as the 2018 Arts Educator of the Year by the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival.

Mrs. Prestridge is a well-respected master teacher with multiple noteworthy accomplishments as an educator, as well as a talented and successful professional painter and musician. Mrs. Prestridge has initiated the creation of a variety of workshops aimed at improving writing through unique and innovative formats. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood fourth through eighth grade writing teachers have received training to incorporate the process of using music, visual art and puppetry to deeply engage students in writing that is richer, elaborate and more informed.

## Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE Recognizes Teachers

SCOTCH PLAINS — Margaret (Peggy) Brown has been nominated by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest recognition that a kindergarten through twelfth grade mathematics, science or computer science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States.

Mrs. Brown is a dedicated, passionate teacher with captivating energy that engages all students in science inquiry. She is meticulous in her unit and daily planning, ensuring that all students are able to not only meet but exceed the learning objectives.

Also recognized by the Scotch

## Woman's Club of Westfield Awards Scholarships to Six WHS Seniors

WESTFIELD — At a recent general meeting of the The Woman's Club of Westfield (WCW) held recently at The Masonic Lodge in Westfield, six Westfield High School (WHS) Seniors were each awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. The scholarships are four general general Woman's Club of Westfield and two Ruth L. Quandenfield Scholarships. Ms. Quandenfield was a former member WCW and the Scholarships are offered in her name. The ladies of the club wish these winning students good luck and much success in their college days and beyond.

During her years at WHS, Ashley Gigon has consistently been a successful student taking AP courses and has been listed on the Distinguished Honor Roll. Ashley has been a WHS soccer player and captained the WHS Girl's Lacrosse team. She has worked for Habitat for Humanity, volunteered at the Community Food Bank and Soup Kitchen, helped at the Historical Society and worked at a law firm. Ashley will continue her studies at Providence College in Rhode Island.

Stephanie Hoodya, the daughter of Raymond Hoodya, is an integral and competitive part of the WHS Cross Country and Spring track teams. She has been employed for the last two years at a local business where she has done so well, she has been promoted to a supervisory position. Stevie is known at WHS to be a conscientious, hard working and thoughtful person. She has all the qualities to succeed and will be a successful part of college life in the near future. Stevie will attend Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

Isabel Lee is the daughter of Elizabeth Wolf and Andrew Lee. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Isabel took a course focused on civil engineering this Summer at Stevens Institute of Technology and won third place for building a bridge that held 390.6 pounds. She has played

rugby and intramural soccer while at WHS. Isabel has also been a Pal mentor tutoring children after school with their school subjects. She has taken many of her major subject at the highest level offered at WHS and done well. Isabel will study Civil Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.

Lucille Ritter is the daughter of Frances and David Ritter. She is a leading student who has been inducted into the National Honor Society, is all around great drummer, has been captain of the drum line in the WHS Marching band, has performed with the WHS Jazz Ensemble and is a drummer at St. Helen's Church. She has also received many Best Drum Solo Awards at competitive jazz festivals. She is a member of the International Thespian Society and has worked part time at a local ice cream shop. Lucy will attend Indiana University, Jacob's School of Music.

Rollins Terry is the daughter of Shannon James and Terry Rollins. She has been an outstanding student at Westfield High School with an ideal transcript record. Rollins has been Editor in Chief of the Westfield



**WINNING SCHOLARS...**The Woman's Club of Westfield 2018 Scholarship Winners are (from left to right): Lucille Ritter, Stephanie Hoodya, Isabel Lee, Ashley Gigon and Erica Varga. Not pictured is Rollins Terry.



**PEDAL POWER...**Brookside Place School (BPS) installs two new bike racks on school grounds in a Pedal to School Campaign to promote healthy lifestyles made possible in part by a grant from Atlantic Health System's Atlantic Healthy Schools A+ Challenge, the Brookside PTA and the Cranford Police Department. Pictured, left to right, are: BPS PTA 2nd Vice President Tracy McSweeney; local bike shop gift card raffle winners Cameron Towery, Quinn Wright, Georgia Paine and Sophia Santomauro; back row, Atlantic Health System's Health Educator Erica Ohrn.

## Brookside Place School Promotes Pedal Power

CRANFORD -- In an effort to promote healthy choices and active lifestyles, Brookside Place School (BPS) Nurse Paula O'Hara recently began a "Pedal to School" campaign. Through a grant from Atlantic Health System's Atlantic Healthy Schools A+ Challenge, the generosity of the Brookside PTA and a partnership with the Cranford Police Department, Mrs. O'Hara was able to offer school-wide bike registration, a raffle for gift cards to a local bike shop, a bike safety assembly and the addition of two bike racks for the younger students. Parents and teachers were thrilled to see the bike racks being put to use immediately.

Ms O'Hara said, "We encourage our students to be active every day and biking to school is one way to do this. It was so exciting to see the new racks filled with so many bicycles today!"

The school also worked closely with Atlantic Health System's Overlook Medical Center Health Educator Erica Ohrn for coaching throughout the program.

Brookside Place School is a grade K-5 elementary school in Cranford. Atlantic Healthy Schools' A+

Challenge is a school initiative offered by Atlantic Health System. This program funded 36 schools to assist in the implementation of healthy eating and/or active lifestyle in the school environment.

## Yoga Fundraiser Event Planned

WESTFIELD — The public is invited to support the Westfield High School Girls Ice Hockey Team on Wednesday, June 6, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for Yoga on the Green at Shackamaxon Country Club. Gina Pachkowski of Allium Yoga will lead a mixed level yoga class (all ages welcome), followed by sound healing bowl meditation with Marie and Chris Olguin of Space Westfield.

A portion of the proceeds will also support Imagine, a Center for Coping with Loss.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Space may be limited so to register in advance visit [www.westfieldhighschoolgirlsicehockey.com](http://www.westfieldhighschoolgirlsicehockey.com). Optional poolside dinner following yoga, requires advance registration. The rain date is Thursday, June 7.

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# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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**LEIGH WINS 200, FLEISCHER 3200, JOSIAH CADET 400H**

## Raider Boys Win 2, Cougars 1 At UCT Track & Field Meet

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
The Union County Tournament individual track and field championships, due to weather conditions, was jammed into one long afternoon and evening at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 17. The Elizabeth

Minutemen won the boys team title with an 81.5 total, followed by Union Catholic at 77 and Rahway at 61. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders placed fourth with 57 points, followed by Linden at 45 and Union at 40. The Westfield Blue Devils took seventh with 33 points, the Summit Hilltoppers

were eighth at 29 and the Cranford Cougars placed ninth with 26 points. The first meet of the afternoon for the boys was the 400 hurdles and Cougar Josiah Cadet crossed first with a personal-best (PB) time of 54.01. Raider Justin Williams finished eighth

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FIRST IN THE 400 HURDLES....Cougar Josiah Cadet, right, crosses first in the 400 hurdles with a personal-best time of 54.01 at the UCT Track and Field Championships at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 17.

**SCHWERTFEGER KNOCKS IN McCAFFERY FOR WINNER**

## Cougars Muzzle Wolfpack In North 2, Gr. 3 Softball, 3-2

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
Good fortune and aggressive base running set the stage for Elizabeth McCaffery to score the winning run on Erin Schwerdtfeger's chopper in the bottom of the seventh inning to earn the fourth-seeded Cranford High School softball team a 3-2 victory over the 13th-seeded West Morris Central Wolfpack in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament at Adams Field in Cranford on May 18.

Cougar pitcher Brenna Dolan, who in recent games had hit several batters, tossed a three-hitter, walked three and recorded two strikeouts to earn the win. "I am trying to work my hit-batters down. The team really came together today. They made my job very easy and I felt very secure knowing that I had a brick wall behind me," Dolan said. Wolfpack pitcher Marissa Raguseo allowed 10 hits, walked only one batter and recorded two strikeouts. De-

spite the seed, the 8-15 Wolfpack proved to be a far better team than most would have anticipated, especially with the fielding abilities of shortstop Madisyn Johannessen and third baseman Bri Cope. "This team was really seeing the ball great today and they made me pitch very carefully and making sure I had located right. They gave me a run for my money," Dolan said. McCaffery, the leadoff hitter, had a double and a single and scored twice.

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FIRST LEG OF THE 1,600....Blue Devils Mia Melao, left No. 4, Grace Morgan, behind Melao, and Emma Jackler, No. 3, Cougar Lindsay Aschmies and Raider Sara Greene keep in a tight pack during the first lap of the 1600 at the UCT Track and Field Championships in Plainfield on May 17. Melao's huge kick on the final leg earned her the title.

**WF'S MELAO WINS 1,600, HACKER 3,200; SPF'S HART LJ**

## Blue Devils Second, Raiders 6th At UCT Girls Track & Field

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
Defending champions Union Catholic won the team title at the girls individual Union County Tournament track & field championships held at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 17. Last year Union Catholic totaled 152 well ahead of Westfield at 73 but

this time the competition was a little closer as the Vikings finished with a 115.25 total to the Blue Devils' 86. Union took third at 43, followed by the Governor Livingston Highlanders at 39 and Rahway at 34. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders took sixth at 26.5, followed by the Summit Hilltoppers at 29 and the Cranford

Cougars at 26. Probably one of the most amazing performances of the afternoon came in the 1,600. Viking Jerika Lufano jumped out to a big lead and appeared to be running in a world of her own with no competition in site. That was until midway through the final lap

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**SZCZECH 4 RBI, 3 HITS; VAN DAM STRIKES OUT SEVEN**

# Cougars Settle Mendham, 7-1, In North 2, Group 3 1st Round

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
Pitcher Jake Van Dam got stronger as the innings progressed and Tyler Szczech provided the majority of the offense as the eighth-seeded Cranford High School baseball team defeated ninth-seeded Mendham, 7-1, in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2 Group 3 Tournament at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 21. The 12-7-1 Cougars advanced to the quarterfinal round to face the top-seeded West Morris Central

one batter, while allowing only four singles. Kevin Donovan relieved for one out in the sixth and all three outs in the seventh.  
"In the beginning of the game, I was pitching a little scared. Big game! I was a little bit nervous then me and [catcher Mike] McGee talked. He said what are you doing? Just throw the ball. I went out there and settled down. We started getting runs and that really helped. The confidence went through the roof," Van Dam explained. "With all these hits coming in, it just comes

Szczech had an RBI groundout in the first inning, a two-run single to center in the third, a single to right in the fifth and an RBI single down the right field line in the sixth.  
On his first hit, Szczech explained, "I knew eventually I was going to get a curveball, so I was thinking first hit just hop on it and hit it hard in play somewhere. That's what I did, just dropped through the middle."  
On his third hit, he said, "The pitcher's delivery was a little weird, so I was able to hang on, get the ball,



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PROTECTING THE PLATE FOR THE OUT....Cougars catcher Mike McGee puts the tag on Mendham's Garrison Higgins during the third inning of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 first round at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 21.

Wolfpack, who peeled 16th-seeded Orange, 13-0, in their opening round. Van Dam ran into trouble in the second and third innings but managed to dodge the Mendham bullets both times. From that point, however, he struck out two batters in the fourth inning, three in the fifth, although allowing Mendham to score its only run on a throwing error, and another in the sixth. Van Dam finished with seven strikeouts, walked three and hit

easier throwing all these strikes." The Cougars tapped starting pitcher Logan Shortall for seven hits and reliever Drake Lam for another three hits. Szczech finished 3-for-4 with four RBI and scored twice.  
"Especially with a good pitcher on the mound like Jake and Kevin. They always throw strikes and do really well. Then the batters just have to put the ball in play and hitting is just a mind set," Szczech expressed.

power through it and put the ball in play, get another run in."  
Leadoff hitter Jamie Shriner (2-for-4) tripled, singled and scored both times. Mike Murphy had an RBI sacrifice fly and an RBI single, Pat Connolly rapped an RBI single, Jake DeClerico singled twice and scored once and Jack Jarosz singled, was hit-by-a-pitch and scored once.  
After Van Dam retired the side 1-2-3

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MIXING IT WITH A MUSTANG....Blue Devil Dylan Alfano, No. 24, mixes it with a Clifton Mustang during the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 16. The Blue Devils clipped Clifton, 20-2.

**RITTENDALE NETS 4; BOND, ENGELKE, ALFANO 2 EACH**

# Blue Devils Clip Clifton, 20-2, In North 2, Group 4 Boys Lax

Prepared By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
The 14th-seeded Clifton High School Mustangs may have thought they had a galloping chance when they won the first two faceoffs against the third-seeded No. 9-ranked Westfield boys lacrosse team in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament at Gary

quarter. Attacker Devon McLane set up most of those goals and finished with a goal and eight assists. Other Blue Devils who found the net in the game were Jason Alvarez, Reid Colwell, Nick Martini, co-captain Pat McIlroy, Matt Mineo, Will Popadopoulos and Sean Riccardi.  
After the Mustangs won the opening faceoff and fiddled around in the

score. Thirty-six seconds later Wornow set up McLane with his goal. It took just 10 seconds to make the score, 4-0, when Rittendale scored his first goal.  
Rittendale's second goals came just 27 seconds later then 33 seconds later Engelke made the score 6-0. The flood gates remained opened. Martini scored, Mineo scored then Rittendale



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

BRINGING IT DOWNFIELD....Blue Devil Griffin Aslanian, No. 44, brings the ball downfield during the game with Clifton at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 16.

Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 16. However their two winning faceoffs were quickly intercepted and converted to goals then from that point, the 11-5 Blue Devils won the remaining faceoffs of the first quarter to seize a 12-0 lead en route to a 20-2 triumph.  
Attacker Matt Rittendale recorded all four of his goals in the first quarter as did midfielder co-captain Nicky Bond with his two goals. Attacker Jake Engelke and midfielder Dylan Alfano each scored one of their two goals in the first quarter and midfielder/co-captain Jake Wornow had a goal and an assist in the first

Blue Devils' turf for a brief period of time, their pass was intercepted and taken into Clifton territory. At 9:11, Bond connected on an overhead slam. Exactly three minutes later at 6:11, McLane fed McIlroy for the second

upped the lead to 9-0 with his third goal. Bond nailed his second goal on an overhead stuff. Wornow scored with 22 seconds remaining then Rittendale netted his fourth goal with just eight seconds left in the first quarter.  
The Blue Devils became merciful for the remainder of the game, scoring three times in the second quarter, adding three in the third quarter then notching two goals in the final quarter. The Mustangs scored once in the second quarter and once in the fourth quarter. Blue Devil goalkeeper/co-captain Jack McCauley made one save and allowed no goals. Theo Dardia made two saves and allowed one goal and Becket Dardia made three saves and allowed one goal.  
The Blue Devils were to host the sixth-seeded, 11-5 Ridge Red Devils in the quarterfinal round on May 19. Ridge defeated Montclair, 15-8. Jack Turner notched five goals, Sean Eversen had four goals and three assists and Bryce Kirkland had a goal and three assists in the victory.

Clifton	0	1	0	1	2
Westfield	12	3	3	2	20

**Blue Devils Nip Ridge in Boys Lax Quarters, 6-5**

The Westfield High School boys lacrosse team advanced to the semifinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament after nipping the Ridge Red Devils, 6-5, at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 19. Matt Angelo won seven of 12 faceoffs and goalkeeper Jack McCauley made 12

saves in the victory. Nicky Bond and Jake Engelke each netted a pair of goals. Devon McLane had three assists, Jake Wornow had a goal and two assists, Matt Rittendale had a goal and Luke Hutziker scooped four ground balls.

Ridge	0	0	1	4	5
Westfield	2	2	1	1	6

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Blue Devils 2nd, Raiders 6th at UCT Girls Track

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Blue Devil senior Mia Melao stepped it up, kept gaining ground and was virtually in a neck-and-neck race down the stretch with Lufano, before finally edging her out to seize the Gold with a personal-record (PR) time of 5:09.05.

sophomore year, which was at counties and I ran 5:10. This is my first open 16 of the season and I knew that if I wanted to keep running the 16 at the sectionals, I needed to put down a fast time.

rounded combination of endurance with a strong kick.

"I ran the 32 and had a nice PR in there, so that gave me some confidence to go out and leave it all on the track today. It was a good combination today," she said.

Raider four-year veteran Trinity Hart won her heat in the 100 dash to qualify for the finals and would eventually place fourth with a time of 12.64.

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ASTONISHING FINISH...Blue Devil Mia Melao, front, outkicked Union Catholic's Jerika Lufano to capture first in the 1,600 at the UCT Track & Field Championships at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 16.

WF Y Flyers Take 13 Firsts At NJ Striders Track Meet

On May 6, the Westfield Area Y Flyers Track Club competed in Fair Lawn. Competing against teams from all over New Jersey, the Flyers took home 13 first place finishes and set eight team records.

- Jasmine Parran (7-8) — 1500m 6:32.70 1st
Jackson Folvik (7-8) — Javelin 60-05 1st Team Record
Grace Closter (9-10) — 1500m 6:05.90 1st
Douglas Gee (9-10) — 1500m Race/Walk 10:48.20 1st Team Record
Victory Gee (11-12) — 80m Hurdles 16.20 1st — 1500m Race/Walk 9:12.90 1st
Eamon Mason (11-12) 3000m 11:13.70 2nd Team Record
Alexandra Bonn (13-14) — 100m Hurdles 16.70 1st Team Record — Long Jump 14-06.00 1st — Triple Jump 31-00 1st Team Record

- Abigail Granrath (13-14) 1500m 5:25.30 3rd Team Record
Grace Endy (15-16) 1500 Race/Walk 6:57.60 1st Team Record
Sophie Vastine (15-16) — 100m Dash 13.90 3rd Team Record — 100m Hurdles 22.20 1st — 200m Hurdles 36.10 1st
Margaret Zhu (15-16) 3000m 12:43.20 1st

The Westfield Area Y Flyers Track Club is a USATF-certified club that serves over 700 athletes throughout the year. The Club has cross-country, winter conditioning, and spring and summer track & field programs in Westfield and Cranford. The Club's summer season starts on May 30. For more information visit the team website www.yflyerstrackclub.com or contact Greg Hatzisavvas at 908-233-2700 x251 or ghatzisavvas@westfieldnj.org.



The Westfield Area "Y" Flyers took great strides at the NJ Striders Track Meet

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the ordinances of the Township of Cranford, and the statutes of the State of New Jersey, Notice is hereby served upon you that an application for development, Application No. PBA-18-0002 to be located in Zone NC, on the premises known as 517 Centennial Avenue, Block No. 604, Lot No. 9, has been submitted by Applicant: 517 Centennial Ave Real Estate, LLC, of 1 Betty Ann Drive, Edison, New Jersey 08820.

The development is located within 200 feet of property owned by you, and involves and requires the granting of relief from the following requirements of the ordinance so as to permit: Amended site plan approval under application #P01-08 having been previously approved on March 19, 2008 with the Resolution of Memorialization adopted on April 2, 2008 to permit construction of an office building with current application to amend the approved site plan substantially reducing the size of the building and height with the following variance and design waiver:

\$ 255-26G(3)(a) - Less than the required 15-foot setback for parking area to street right-of-way with applicant proposing amendment of previously granted variance to 5-feet; and \$ 255-26G(3)(a)[1] - Off-street parking spaces shall not have a useable area of less than 180 square feet and shall measure not less than 10-feet width by 18-feet length with design waiver requested to reduce spaces to 9-feet by 18-feet; and such other variances/waivers as may be required.

The Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on this matter on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Room 107, Cranford, New Jersey 07016.

John R. Frieri, Attorney for 517 Centennial Ave Real Estate, LLC 1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$52.02



Alex Lowe for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GREAT ON OFFENSE, GREAT ON DEFENSE...Senior and Wagner bound Jack Brady, left, has been key offensively and senior Harrison Prada, No. 12, has been key defensively for the Raiders.

BRADY, COSTANZO 3 GOALS; PORTER 2 GOALS, 3 ASST.

Raider Lacrosse Boys Hold Off Wayne Valley, 9-8, in Sectional

By ALEX LOWE Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys lacrosse team held on for an 9-8 victory over No. 10 seed Wayne Valley in an NJSIAA North Jersey, Group III first round tournament game played on May 16 in Scotch Plains.

Senior Jack Brady and junior Noah Costanzo each scored three goals to lead the Raiders. Brady's goals all came in the first half where the No. 7 seed Raiders built a 6-1 lead before withstanding a furious comeback attempt by the visitors in the second half.

"I think we had a big lead coming into the second half and we started to get a little comfortable," said senior Harrison Prada. "We made some mistakes that led to being in a man down situation a couple of times that led to goals."

The Raiders threatened to make a laugh out of the state playoff opener in the first half. Playing in a steady rainstorm, Wagner bound Brady found

the back of the net three times as Scotch Plains-Fanwood dominated possession and went into the half with a 6-1 lead.

"My teammates did a great job of finding me in the game," said Brady. "Not just me but everyone. Anthony Porter found the open player throughout the game."

The second half proved to be a far different game though as Wayne Valley quickly closed the gap. Thomas Peligrino scored at 7:21 of the third quarter to make it 6-2. Less than a minute later, Tommy Moran scored to cut it to 6-3. Peligrino scored again, bouncing one past Raider goaltender Tom Bruckman to slice the deficit to 6-4 with 4:27 remaining in the third period.

With momentum entirely on the visitors' side now, the Raiders needed someone to make a play. They got it from Porter who intercepted a clear near midfield then swooped in unassisted and deposited the ball into the back of the net. The goal gave the Raiders a 7-4 lead with 2:45 left in the period. Wayne Valley would not give up though. Moran scored with just :08 remaining in the quarter to make it 7-5 heading into the final period. The game was set up by a turnover when a Raider stepped out of bounds bringing the ball down the sideline.

"We were turning the ball over," said Raider Head Coach Nick Miceli. "We did not have the ball the whole third quarter. We had some failed clears. We were in the penalty box at least four or five times. That killed us along with a lack of possession. That is always going to determine success or failure. In the first half, we did that. In the second half, we did not and let them back into the game."

Wayne Valley was doing well with the ball when they had it as well. The visitors changed tactics at the half and it resulted in a more productive attack.

"They changed their dodging in the

second half," said Brady. "Instead of doing like a dummy dodge, they had a couple of select guys that they were really trying to get the ball to them. At some points they would get one nice dodge and we would get to slide over in time and it resulted in goals for them."

Costanzo came up with a key score just 30 seconds into the final quarter. Porter set him up beautifully, slipping out from behind the net and flipping the ball to Costanzo as he cut into the crease. Costanzo took it from there, firing the ball into the back of the net for an 8-5 Raider lead.

Wayne Valley scored again to make it 8-6 less than a minute later. Porter came up big again. Once again Porter made good on a charge in from behind the net, this time keeping it himself and scoring an unassisted goal to make it 9-6 in favor of the Raiders. The goal came after nearly three minutes of possession by the Raiders.

Wayne Valley would not quit though. A goal by Mark Dubois with 3:22 remaining cut the lead to 9-7. Then Moran scored his fourth goal of the contest to draw the Indians to within one goal at 9-8 with 1:43 left in regulation. Wayne Valley won possession again and worked the ball around for a final shot attempt.

Reagan Cappozoli got the chance when he fired a shot from point blank range that was saved by Raider goalkeeper Tom Bruckman with :17 left, preserving the win for the Raiders.

Porter finished with two goals and three assists. Aiden Guma added a goal. Bobby Root won 10 faceoffs, while Bruckman made 10 saves. Wayne Valley (14-4) was led by Moran who scored four goals. Goalkeeper Nick Beninati made 10 saves in defeat. Scotch Plains-Fanwood was set to travel to second seed Wayne Hills on Saturday in a state quarterfinal match-up.

Wayne Valley 1 0 4 3 8 Sc Pl-Fanwood 2 4 1 2 9

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Environmental Commission of the Township of Scotch Plains has scheduled a meeting for June 6, 2018. The meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and be held in Room 202 of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

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## Devil's Den

# 100 Years of 'States' Held by the NJSIAA

By BRUCE JOHNSON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Over the next few weeks, the 2018 state champions will be decided in baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls track, boys and girls golf, boys tennis and boys volleyball.

State championships have been held by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association since its inception during the 1918-19 school year. This year is the 100th year of state championships and championships in New Jersey.

After the First World War ended in November 1918, basketball and track became the first two sports in the winter and spring of 1919 to hold state championships under the auspices of the fledgling organization. Cross-country started in the fall of 1919, followed by swimming in 1921, wrestling in 1934, golf in 1935, soccer in 1946 and tennis in 1950. Baseball didn't hold its first official state tournament until 1959, and the football playoff system wasn't created until the 1974 season.

Prior to that, the NJSIAA awarded titles to what it considered the "best" teams.

Girls state tournaments officially

began in the 1970s, after Title IX took effect and mandated that equality in sports was another part of women's equality.

The first state champion representing Westfield High was Ed "Ted" Hubert, who won the Class B (small school) 100-yard dash in 1922. WHS had several state track champions in the 1920s, including the great Hall of Famer Jimmy Byrd, a three-time state champion in the mile (1926-27-28).

Since the NJSIAA started holding state tournaments, the school that has been the biggest winner in the biggest category (Group 4 in most sports, Group 5 for football and wrestling) is Westfield High. The Blue Devils have had 407 state champions—team, individual and relays. Their closest big-school competitors are Trenton (356), Columbia (336), Plainfield (303) and Montclair (285).

The overall leader is Haddonfield, a Group 1 or 2 in Camden County that takes full advantage of its "choice school" status.

The top 10 public schools, regardless of school size, are: Haddonfield

487, Westfield 407, Trenton 356, Willingboro 349, Columbia 336, Asbury Park 333, Bernards 319, Plainfield 303, Montclair 285, and Millburn 267.

(These numbers were researched and compiled by me 10 years ago, and are updated after every season.)

Here is a list of all of Union County's public high schools with their total number of state championships through the winter of 2017-18 season. There's also a list of the top-three public schools in each of the other 20 counties; plus any other schools with 100-plus state champs.

### TOTAL STATE CHAMPIONS

(Through winter 2018 season)

#### UNION COUNTY

Westfield 407, Plainfield 303, Union 182, Rahway 177, Summit 133, Cranford 118, Elizabeth 115, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 111, New Providence 106, Roselle Park 98, Roselle 96, Dayton 89, Gov. Livingston 69, Linden 60, Hillside 50, Brearley 37, A.L. Johnson 35.

#### OTHER COUNTIES

Atlantic: Pleasantville 137, Mainland 85, Atlantic City 82.

Bergen: Ramapo 185, Ridgewood 178, Hackensack 110, Glen Rock 107.

Burlington: Willingboro 349, Moorestown 251, Palmyra 145, Shawnee 120, Lenape 110.

Camden: Haddonfield 487, Winslow 236, Camden 192, Cherry Hill East 144, Haddon Heights 135.

Cape May: Ocean City 135, Wildwood 46, Lower Cape May 43.

Cumberland: Bridgeton 217, Vineland 156, Millville 64.

Essex: Columbia 336, Montclair 285, Millburn 267, East Orange 164, Glen Ridge 149, Verona 116, Science 115, Clifford Scott 109, Central 102.

Gloucester: Woodbury 219, Paulsboro 139, Delsea 132, Kingsway 115.

Hudson: Lincoln 145, Kearny 113, Dickinson 67.

Hunterdon: North Hunterdon 155, Hunterdon Central 145, Voorhees 94.

Mercer: Trenton 356, Princeton 167, Hopewell Valley 116, West Windsor-Plainsboro South 106.

Middlesex: Metuchen 205, Highland Park 179, East Brunswick 156, Old Bridge 118.

Monmouth: Asbury Park 333, Monmouth 190, Neptune 178, Long Branch 145, Matawan 138, Red Bank 113, Rumson-Fair Haven 107.

Morris: Mountain Lakes 202, Morristown 139, Morris Hills 109, Chatham 106, Randolph 104.

Ocean: Lakewood 158, Toms River South 134, Brick Township and Jackson Memorial 104.

Passaic: Passaic 73, Wayne Valley 67, Clifton 55.

Salem: Penns Grove 142, Pennsville 59, Schuylkill 47.

Somerset: Bernards 319, Franklin 166, Somerville 114.

Sussex: Newton 105, Sparta 60, High Point 32.

Warren: Phillipsburg 90, Warren Hills 73, Hackettstown 45.

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The 17 Westfield teams that have earned a state championship are: Boys basketball, bowling, boys cross-country, football, boys golf, girls gymnastics, boys lacrosse, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls swimming, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls winter track, boys spring track, and wrestling. (Note: Boys gymnast Dave Sargent won several individual state titles.)

The 12 Westfield teams yet to earn a state championship are:

Baseball, girls basketball, girls cross-country, field hockey, girls golf, boys and girls ice hockey, girls lacrosse, softball, girls spring track, boys and girls volleyball.

There have also been more than a few near-misses.

The baseball team reached the state finals twice, losing in 2011 and 2013; they also lost in the 1988 state semifinals.

The softball team lost four times in the state final (1974, 1978, 1985, 1988), and five times in the state semifinals.

The field hockey team lost four times in the state final (1975, 1978, 1979, 1992).

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**Blue Devils**

**Raiders**

**Cougars**

**Walk Down Memory Lane**



David B. Corbin (May 2014 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**GUNNED DOWN AT SECOND...Blue Devil second baseman Tyler Bowman, puts the tag on Raider John Maxwell after a throw from catcher Mike Ionta in the second inning. The Blue Devils defeated the Raiders, 5-2, on May 22, 2014.**

From the (goleader.com) archives of The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

**May 21, 2015:** Senior lefthander Chris Gibbons had his curveball working nearly to perfection on his way to a complete game shutout that gave the second-seeded Raiders baseball team a 4-0 victory over Watchung Hills in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament in Scotch Plains. Gibbons, who struck out seven Warriors and walked four, allowed just two infield hits.

The Raiders scored three times in the second inning. Christian Isola (2-for-3, run scored) and Peter Yarem (2-for-3, double, run scored) hit back-to-back RBI singles and Zach Lipschitz, who would later double in the fourth, lined an RBI single to left. In the Raider sixth, Yarem whacked a two-out double to center and scored on Alex Eckert's RBI single down the third baseline.

**May 22-23, 2015:** Seeded fourth in their event, the Blue Devil four-some of Kelly Morrison, Noelle Blackford, Julia Myers and Brooke Schaeffer, not only stunned the rest of the field but also, broke the meet record in the 4x800 meter relay on Day 1 of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament at Ridge High School. In the 4x800 event, the Lady Blue Devils crossed the line in 9:29.58 to shatter the previous record of 9:39.58 set by Columbia in 2013.

In girls Group 3, Cougar Erin Meixner, although it was not her best throw, took first in the shot put with a distance of 35-6.5. Teammates Christina Barlik at 32-6.25 and Brianna Scotti at 32-1.25 took 5-6. Throughout the season, however, the trio have been consistently improving their PRs. The Lady Cougars also took top hon

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## High School Sport Shorts:

### Lady Blue Devils Sink Old Bridge Laxers, 15-2

The Westfield High School girls lacrosse team advanced to the second round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament with a 15-2 triumph over Old Bridge in Westfield on May 17. McKenna Edmondson flicked in four goals, while Natalie Bond and Ellie Kate Brown each notched three goals for the 9-7 Blue Devils.

Olivia Shields netted a pair of goals. Kellie Leuthold and Nicole Scheuermann netted a goal and an assist each. Lucy Gretskey scored once and Carley Farella added an assist. Goalkeeper Mia Fleming had two saves.

Old Bridge	0	2	2
Westfield	14	1	15

### Cougar Nine Stings GL Highlanders, 3-2

Despite not getting a single hit the Cranford Cougar baseball team capitalized on opportunities to sting the No. 5 Governor Livingston Highlanders, 3-2, at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 17. Pat Connolly, Mike Murphy and Sean Petrucci scored for the 11-7-1 Cougars and Mike McGee had an RBI.

Andy Serretti blasted a solo homer for the Highlanders and Stephen Reid had an RBI single. Drew Compton and Tyler McCulloch each had two hits, Dan Serretti doubled and scored once and Chris Bruno singled. Cougar pitcher Gordon Graceffo picked up the win.

Gov. Livingston	100	100	0	2
Cranford	000	201	x	3

### Blue Devils Shut Out E. Orange Nine, 11-0

The top-seeded, 15-9 Westfield High School baseball team shut out East Orange, 11-0, in four innings in Westfield on May 21 to advance to the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament. Jake Vall-Llobera and Jake Lerie both had a hit, two RBI and scored once. Mike Knapp singled, scored twice and added an RBI. Matt Manning doubled and singled. Chris Wagner singled and scored twice. Matt McIntyre and Andrew Caminiti both scored twice. Dylan Jackson went 1-for-1 and scored once. Matt Barmakian singled and scored twice. Jack Cerria had an RBI. Pitcher Mike Carlone picked up the victory.

East Orange	000	0	0
Westfield	532	1	11

### Cougar Top Oakcrest In Lax Section, 13-2

Hunter Brogan netted five goals and Cole Blazek scored once, added five assists and scooped seven ground balls to lead the 11-6 Cranford Cougar boys lacrosse team to a 13-2 triumph over Oakcrest in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament in Cranford on May 16. Ryan Echevarria had four goals, an assist six ground balls. Dante Cassaro had two goals. Conor Halpin (assist) scooped 17 ground balls and won 13 of 15 faceoffs. Pat Jarosz and Jack Callan each had an assist. Goalkeeper Phil Marotta made five saves.

Oakcrest	0	1	0	2
Cranford	4	2	2	13

### Westfield Blanks Ridge In Tennis Semis, 5-0

The No. 3, top-seeded Westfield High School boys tennis team shut out the Ridge Red Devils, 5-0, at the Mountaineers Racquet Club on May 18 to advance to the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championships to face JP Stevens.

Damien Ruparel defeated Kaivalya Haruharan, 6-2, 6-2, at first singles. Matt Bartok blanked Dion Peng at second singles and Jacob Tananbaum defeated Patushy Iyer, 6-1, 6-1, at third singles. Dave Sprung and Rob Faktor edged Rishi Kundargi and Alan Liu, 7-5, 6-1, at first doubles and Brad Hornbeck and Sebastian Wroe defeated Arya Lakshmanan and Igor Guranovic, 6-0, 6-1, at second doubles.

### Raider Laxmen Stun Wayne Hills Boys, 8-4

Two days after knocking off 10th-seeded Wayne Valley, 9-8, in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament the visiting seventh-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys lacrosse team stunned second-seeded Wayne Hills, 8-4, on May 19 to advance to the semifinal round. Aidan Guma scored two goals and had an assist, while Jack Brady and Alex Oslislo each netted two goals for the 12-6 Raiders. Tom Nakonechney and Noah "Costanzo" each had a goal and goal-keeper Tom Bruckman made 11 saves.

Sc Pl-Fanwood	1	1	5	1	8
Wayne Hills	1	2	0	1	4



**Westfield High's only state championship in boys basketball came in 1971-72. That team capped a 25-2 season with a 44-42 overtime win over Triton Regional at Princeton's Jadwin Gym.**

and three times in the state semifinals.

The girls cross-country was second in 1995, and third in 2000 and 2017.

The girls volleyball team was state runner up in 2002 and a state semifinalist in 2017.

The boys ice hockey team was a state semifinalist in 1999 and 2011.

### BASEBALL STUFF

Through Sunday, baseball coach Bob Brewster had a career winning percentage of .663 (624 wins, 317 losses). But in 36 Union County Tournaments, he has a nifty .777 winning percentage (87 wins, 25 losses). He's coached 19 UCT finalists, winning a record 11 times. And only in 1988, 2000 and 2003 did his team lose its UCT opener.

Chris Rinaldi earned first team all-Patriot League this spring. The sophomore shortstop out of WHS ('16) hit .320 and led the Crusaders with 10 doubles and 13 stolen bases.

### DEVIL TRIVIA

WHS has been playing its varsity baseball games behind Edison since 1961. Prior to that, which of the following fields were used by the Blue Devils? a) Recreation Park (now Gary Kehler Stadium); b) Armory Field (behind the Armory); c) Nomahegan Park, Cranford; d) Unami Park, Garwood; e) Tamaques Park; f) none of the above; g) all of the above.

Send your answer to bj1019@aol.com a.s.a.p.

### DEVIL TRIVIA ANSWER

Last week's mystery photo was future WHS coaching legend Gary Kehler, showing off his 1950 mallet in his Hackettstown yearbook photo. Carol Cole, Theo Truch, Bill Monninger and Bill Tittle all correctly identified it. Ironically, several people guessed fellow coaching legend and 1950 WHS graduate Walt Clarkson.

1963: Mike Ketcham was medalist with a 76 as the golf team captured the Union County championship.

1970: Bill Dunkel went 5-for-5. Bob Brewster added three hits and pitcher Steve Jupa fanned 12 consecutive batters at one point as the Westfield Merchants beat Plainfield Dreier's 10-1 in the Union County League. Fun facts: Brewster, an all-county catcher at WHS, played shortstop that day; Dunkel was an assistant coach on WHS's state champion basketball team in 1972.

2001: Scotch Plains defeated the WHS tennis team 4-1, the first and only time that's ever happened. Griffin Maloney won at first singles for the Blue Devils, but the Raiders won the other four matches in straight sets.

2008: Adam Bero set a sectional triple jump record at 44-9/4, while Brandon Heroux won the javelin at 202-4.

### AROUND THIS DATE

May 23, 1963: Dennis Burke pitched a no-hitter in a 6-1 baseball win over Thomas Jefferson.

May 23, 2005: The golf team won the state title behind Ryan Shallcross (71) and Jimmy Arbes (72).

May 23, 2007: Ryan Yarusi scored 10 goals, a school-record, as the lacrosse team crushed Cherry Hill West, 20-7.

May 25, 1945: Charles Frankenbach struck out 19 in a nine-inning 3-2 loss to Bound Brook.

May 25, 1951: Bob Williams, a transfer from Dunellen, struck out 19 in a seven-inning game against Plainfield.

May 25, 1978: Jackie Booth tossed a no-hitter as the softball team downed Elizabeth 5-0 to win the sectional title.

May 25, 2016: The tennis team edged Montgomery, 4-1, to win the state Group 4 championship. Owen and Matt Bartok earned the clinching point at first doubles; Tyler Roth, Damien Ruparel and Noah Reich swept the singles matches.

### North 2, Gr. 4 Girls Lax Quarterfinals:

Hunterdon Central 17, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 2

### North 2, Gr. 3 Boys Lax Quarterfinals:

Wall Twp 14, Cranford 6

### Raiders Rap Elizabeth In Section Baseball

The fourth-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team rapped the 13th-seeded Elizabeth Minutemen, 16-5, in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament in Scotch Plains on May 21. Sam Schetelich produced some big time offense with a double, a single, five RBI and a run scored for the 15-9 Raiders.

Dean Kirian and Tyler Stines both went 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Mike Dieu doubled, singled, scored once and had two RBI. Pat Downey and Josh Canavan each had two hits, an RBI and two runs scored. Jonny Ramos singled twice, scored twice and had an RBI. Wily Gale singled, scored twice and had an RBI. Anthony DiNizo singled and scored once and pitcher Pat Cucurullo picked up the win.

Elizabeth	310	10	5
Sc Pl-Fanwood	080	35	16

# Cougars Settle Mendham, 7-1, in Sectionals

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in the top of the first inning, Shriner hammered a leadoff triple to deep center then scored on Szczech's ground out to second. In the second, Van Dam was in a situation where he had a runner on first (courtesy runner Brian Anderson) with one out. Vin Czarecki tapped a single to left putting runners on first and second. Cougar catcher Mike McGee attempted to back pick the runner on first but the ball sailed into foul territory along right field. Anderson headed for home but he was gunned down at the plate

by Shriner. Van Dam then got the next batter to ground out. In the Cranford second, Mendham centerfielder Alex Schlegel made a diving grab to prevent any scoring. Van Dam then ran into his most difficult trouble in the third. Garrison Higgins beat out an infield single and Tristan Navarino took a fastball to the back. With no one out, both runners advanced on a wild pitch. Mike Cilio hit a chopper to third, Higgins attempted to score but Cougar third baseman Jarosz threw him out at the

plate. The next batter grounded out then after walking the next batter, Van Dam got the final batter to line out to right.

The Cougars added three runs in the third. With Jarosz and Shriner aboard, Szczech delivered his two-run single to center then scored on Murphy's sac fly to right.

Mendham attempted to rattle Van Dam again in the fourth with a leadoff single by Shortall followed by a walk to Czarecki. Schlegel advanced both runners with a sac bunt but Van Dam tightened up and fanned the next two batters. In the fifth Van Dam ceded a leadoff single to Mike Cilio, who stole second. Cilio then scored when he attempted to steal third and the throw from McGee behind the plate sailed into left field. From that point, Van Dam struck out the next three batters.

"Towards the end we were working a lot of breaking stuff trying to get them off-balance, just try to get through inning by inning," Van Dam said.

Cranford jumped its lead to 6-0 in the fifth. Szczech singled, stole second then scored on Murphy's RBI single to left. Connolly brought Murphy home with a slashing single to left. The seventh Cougar run came in the sixth. DeClerico singled to right and was awarded second on a balk call. Jarosz punched a single then Szczech sliced his RBI single to the opposite field.

Cougar reliever Kevin Donovan retired all three Mendham batters in the seventh.

The trip to Chester to play the top-seeded Wolfpack is next.

"We are a very capable team. We can obviously put the ball hard in play, get runs across. If the pitcher is throwing well, we can win," Szczech said.

"I think it's great to have the eighth seed. Now we are coming up from behind. All these teams are not expecting us. We are just hitting our stride right now," Van Dam said.

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WINNING HER HEAT IN THE 100....Raider Trinity Hart, right, finished first in her heat of the 100 meters at the UCT Track and Field Championships at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 17. Hart placed fourth in the finals then went on to win the long jump event with a personal-best leap of 18-1.75.

# Blue Devils 2nd, Raiders 6th at UCT Girls Track

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who competes in several events, had a spectacular leap of 18-1.75 in the finals to win the Union County Conference Watching Division crown in the long jump and was looking forward to the possibility of winning the event again.

"That was my first time over 18 feet. Before my PR was 17-11, so I was right there trying to get 18. So long jump is my main event right now. I have been doing that since my freshman year. I won the Watchung Conference last week. I am also a sprinter, so I do the 100, 200 but my main event is the long jump," Hart said.

As to her other events and how it affects her long jump, Hart said, "I am feeling good today. I like to do the 100 before the long jump because it loosens me up, gets my legs going. I am trying to get more consistent running on the board, so the 100 is really going to help my long jump steps. I am hoping the 200 doesn't interfere with my long jump."

Later in the day, Hart, who decided not compete in the 200, matched her leap of 18-1.75 to win the long jump. Blue Devil Adriana Vergara took fifth with a leap of 17-0.5. Cougar Sasha Knapp placed seventh at 16-11.25

and Lyght took eighth at 16-7.25.

Blue Devil Sarah Hacker crossed first in the 3,200 with a time of 11:32.64 and teammates Caroline Stockwell finished third at 11:47.75 and Grace Endy finished fourth at 11:54.82. Cougar Julia Kelly finished eighth at 12:23.38. Blue Devil Julia Csorba finished second in the 400 hurdles at 1:05.76 and Cougar Charlotte VanWhy finished 10th at 1:09.29. Lyght finished 10th in the 400 at 1:00.23.

Summit Hilltopper Icisis Sadler won the 100 hurdles with a time of 14.08 and Blue Devil Lauren Triarsi finished third at 15.46. Cougar Sasha Knapp placed fifth at 15.92. Raiders Rosie Cuomo at 16.08 and Kayla Paprocki at 16.79 finished 7-8 in the finals. Raider Nicole Agwu recorded a preliminary time of 16.51 and Csorba had a time of 16.79 but both times were not in the top-8 to qualify for the finals. Sadler also took first in the 200 with a time of 24.7.

Governor Livingston (GL) Highlander Victoria Vanrielle captured first in the 800 with a time of 2:09.48. Blue Devil Katie Hamilton took third at 2:17.53, followed by GL's Katelyn Quinn at 2:20.36. Raider Amanda Logie finished eighth at 2:24.7. Blue

Devils Marie Koglin, Sydney Harding, Csorba and Tami Horton finished fifth in the 4x400 at 4:06.02.

In the jumping and field events, Blue Devil Sam Stravach placed second in the javelin with a toss of 104-7. Raider Suzanne Jackson took seventh at 91-8. Stravach also placed second in the discus with a toss of 107-9. Cougar Cielo Tumbokon placed second in the triple jump with a distance of 35-5. Raider Abbe-Gayle Burton placed fourth at 34-10.5 and teammates Che Dashiell at 33-1.25 and Anina Dashiell at 33-1 placed 8-9.

The AL Johnson Crusaders pretty much dominated the high jump with Natalya Torres taking first with a height of 5-2, followed by Carly Tarentino at 5-0 and Jenna Weise placing sixth also at 5-0. Raider Che Dashiell placed seventh at 5-0. (Placement determined by number of misses).

GL Highlander Lauren Saifi won the pole vault with a clearance of 11-0, followed by Blue Devil Leah Norton at 9-6. Raiders Rivers and Kayla Scott and Cougar Hannah Capone tied for third at 9-0 and Cougar Leah Filimonczuk tied for seventh also at 9-0.



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EMPHATIC PUTOUT AT HOME....Cougar catcher Mike McGee makes sure that Mendham courtesy runner Brian Anderson does not get home safely in the second inning at Memorial Field in Cranford.



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SWIPING SECOND BASE....Mendham's Mike Cilio swipes second base in the fifth inning of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 first round as Cougar shortstop Tyle Szczech prepares to catch the ball at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 21.

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**BLOCKING THE OFFENSIVE MOVE...**Blue Devil defender Christian Burgdorf, No. 17, halts the offensive move of Columbia's Brett Mangan as goalkeeper Alex McHugh pays close attention (May 22, 2012).

ors in the 4x800 when Amanda Bush, Bella Disimone, Alannah Clarke and Kiera Hurley crossed the line first in 9:49.41.

In the boys Group 4, Raiders Kobe White and Merlin Edmond were in a battle for bragging rights in the 100 meters. In the preliminary round, White just nipped Edmond to record the fastest qualifying time. In the finals, Edmond (11.23) won by a toe over White (11.26) to finish 1-2. Edmond also finished fourth in the 400 at 50.05. On Day 2, however, White crossed first in the 200 with a time of 22.57.

Blue Devil Theo Brunson won the pole vault with a height of 12-6. Cougars Josh Cadet, Acacio Escada, Jack Schetelich and Josiah Cadet finished third in the Group 3 4x400 at 3:28.63.

**May 22, 2014:** Superb pitching combined with key hits and some outstanding defensive plays have been the mainstay of the Westfield Blue Devils baseball team this season and that formula remained intact as the top-seeded, seventh-ranked Blue Devils stopped eighth-seeded Scotch

Plains-Fanwood, 5-2, in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 tournament in Westfield. Blue Devil Mike Andronis pitched five strong innings, permitting just two hits and a run, while striking out one. He did experience some intermittent control problems and yielded four walks.

Centerfielder Anthony Perconte made most catches seem easy, but he was definitely put to the test in the fourth inning when Raider Chris Gibbons launched a shot toward the fence. Perconte fired up the jets and chased it down to save a pair of runs. Perconte had two of the 19-3 Blue Devils' seven hits, a single in the first and an RBI triple in the fourth. He added another RBI in the sixth. Christian Zazzali had a single and both RBIs for the Raiders.

**May 23-24, 2014:** Strong individual performances helped catapult the SPF Raider boys and girls track & field teams to third and fourth place, respectively, and the Cranford Cougar girls to third place at the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tourna-



David B. Corbin (May 2013 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**COLD BUT PRODUCTIVE WEEKEND...**Cranford Cougar Regine Hunter placed first in the long jump, third in the 100 dash, second in the triple jump and second in the 100-hurdles at the NJ Section 2, Group 3 meet in Millburn (May 24, 2013).

*D. Blair Corbin's*

Blue Devils
Raiders

Cougars

**Walk Down Memory Lane**

ment at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield on May 23-24. Raider Tori Balianico used a strong kick after clearing the final hurdle to cross first in the 400 intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:04.02. Cougars Anna Fitch at 1:04.4 and Laura Van Horn at 1:07.31 finished 3-7.

In the field, Raider Briana Johnson won the discus with a toss of 99-3. Cougar Maranda Brown took third at 92-10. Cougar Ashley McGuire crossed first in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.21, while Cougar Jenna Ellenbacher at 16.03 and Balianico at 16.6 finished 3-4. Cougars Jessica Brown, Bella DeSimone, Ellenbacher and Fitch crossed first in the 4x400 with a time of 4:02.98.

For the boys, Raider Quincy Sanchez crossed first in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 56.36. Raider Rashan Gary won the shot put with a shove of 50-0.5.

**May 24-25, 2013:** Inclement weather may have hindered individual performances, but the Westfield Blue Devil boys track and field team made a good showing at the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 tournament at Ridge High School, placing fourth with a total of 47. Blue Devil Phil Edwards finished first in the 3,200 with a time of 9:43.43. Matt Luppino crossed second in the 1,600 with a time of 4:23.58. Peter Fagan, who set a WHS record of 16 feet in the pole vault at the East Coast meet on May 20, won the pole vault with a clearance of 14-0.

On May 24 at Millburn, Cougar



David B. Corbin (May 2015 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**WINNER BY A TOE...**Raider Merlin Edmond, left, edged teammate Kobe White by a toe to win the 100 meter dash at the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championships at Ridge High School on May 22, 2015.

Regine Hunter weathered the inclement conditions, as did the rest of the athletes, and took top honors in the long jump with a distance of 17-7.75. Brianna Grant at 15.42 and Hunter at 15.5 placed 1-2 in the 100-hurdles. Grant and Hunter also placed 1-2 in the triple jump with respective distances of 36-6.5 and 35-5.

**May 25, 2012:** Pitching was the name of the game, and all it took was a run in the bottom of the first inning to get the top-seeded Cranford Cougar baseball team past Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 1-0, in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament at Memorial Field in Cranford.

Cougar starting pitcher Kurt Rutmayer (7-1) tossed five innings, allowed four hits and walked just one, while striking out six Raiders. Lefty Ryan Williamson relieved in the sixth, permitted no hits and walked one, while fanning two. Raider pitcher James D'Angelo (7-1) went the distance, allowing six singles but walking none, while striking out six Cougars. Williamson went 2-for-3 and had the only RBI when he drove in Sean Feeney, who had singled in the first inning.

**May 22, 2010:** Despite being without the services of senior distance runner Ryan Scrudato, the Blue Devil boys track and field team placed second at the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 championship held in Basking Ridge, while the Raider placed second at their Group 3 sectional in South Plainfield. The Cranford girls placed second in the Group 2 sectional and the Cougar boys placed 10th. Cougar Kelly Burke made several aborted approaches in her three attempts to break her own Union County record of 12'6" in the pole

vault and to break the meet record when she elevated the height to 12'7". Raider Camille Handy leapt 37'0.75" on her final attempt to capture first, and teammate Sarah Canfield placed second with a leap of 35'4.5". Kim Wenson reaped the most points for the Raider girls, winning the shot put with a shove of 35'11" and the discus with a toss of 103'9" and placing second in the javelin with a toss of 117'10". Blue Devils Jhakyse Williams, Brian Henry, Pat Gray and Jon Henry won the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:21. Jon Henry won the 800 with a time of 1:54.84. Raider Frank Mellana kept inching closer to that 200-foot mark when he won the javelin with a meet-record toss of 197'8".

**May 25, 2010:** Capitalizing on mistakes and free passes won over a created opportunity and a pair of long balls as the third-seeded Cougars baseball team managed to nudge past the second-seeded Raiders, 6-5, in Scotch Plains to advance to the championship of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 tournament.

Cougar Nick Pace slammed a double off the fence in the top of the first inning and later scored on a pitch in the dirt. Freshman Sean Feeney whacked a devastating two-run triple to the right field fence. Raider Lou Mazzella blasted a solo home run. Gary Binkiewicz blasted a leadoff

home run in the seventh. Joe D'Annunzio ripped a single, sped to third on a single and scored on a batched rundown attempt.

**May 21, 2009:** Seventh-seeded Phillipsburg did not know what hit them when the second-seeded Blue Devils softball team unloaded with nine runs on nine hits in the second inning and rolled to an 11-1, five-inning victory in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 tournament in Westfield. Senior pitcher Alyson Moskowitz recorded eight strikeouts, while allowing just two hits and senior leadoff hitter Cyndil Matthew jumped on the first pitch of the first inning and launched a solo blast to right-centerfield. Matthew also added an RBI single and a bunt single.

**May 20, 2006:** An outstanding one-hit pitching performance through five innings by junior lefty Lindsay Brown was spoiled when the fourth-seeded Cranford softball team scored two runs in the sixth inning and held on to defeat ninth-seeded Westfield, 2-0, in the semifinals of the Union Tournament at Memorial Field in Linden.

**May 22, 2006:** It took four years but the Blue Devil boys lacrosse team finally defeated the top-seeded Summit Hilltoppers for the Union County Tournament championship with a 10-9 triumph at Tatlock Field in Summit. Junior midfielder Ryan Yarusi led the charge with three goals and an assist.



David B. Corbin (May 2012 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**THE DECIDING FACTOR...**Cougar Sean Feeney dives home in the first inning for the only score as Raider catcher Ryan Henkels prepares to catch the throw. The Cougars won, 1-0, in Cranford to advance to the semifinal round (May 25 2012).

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which included the first run of the game. Mia Markase whacked an RBI double and singled. Morrihan Gardiner, who received the only walk, Sarah Gluck and Dolan each singled once. Schwerdtfeger scored the Cougars' second run of the game, had two RBI and rapped three hard singles.

"I was just focusing on contact. Lately I haven't been hitting as well as I know that I can. For me, it was

important to stay back on the ball, completely swing, make sure you have good pitch selection and it worked," Schwerdtfeger explained.

The Wolfpack posed a threat in the top of the first inning when Joscelyn Johannessen lined a one-out single to left and Hannah Lindert followed with a walk. Both runners advanced on a fly out to right field but Dolan struck out the next batter to bring the Cou-

gars to the plate where McCaffery sizzled a leadoff single over third base, advanced to second on Gardiner's sacrifice bunt, alertly scooted to third on a groundout to short and scored on Schwerdtfeger's hard liner to center.

In the Cougar second inning, Jayne Mallon's popup into shallow right field was too difficult for Wolfpack

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**GETTING TO THIRD SAFELY...**Cougar Elizabeth McCaffery slides into third base safely in the first inning as Wolfpack third baseman Bri Cope awaits a throw. McCaffery also scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

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second baseman Maddy Staley to handle. McCaffery went the other way with a blooping double over first and Gardiner walked to load the bases with two outs. But Raguseo got the next batter to ground out to short. As to her hits, McCaffery described, "The first one I was trying to see how she was as a pitcher and if I should stay back or attack quickly when she released the ball. The second one I realized because I have been trying

"I always like to get as many bases as I can. In my head I was thinking, 'Ok! It's a bunt.' I already know I'm taking off with the pitcher because I have trust in Brenna to get the bunt down. At that point, I said, 'might as well,' because you need bases to win games and it was a big factor today," Schwerdtfeger expressed. The Cougars offered a threat in the fifth. Gluck plopped a single over first and stole second base.

day," Dolan expressed. The decisive Cougar seventh began when McCaffery hopped a grounder to the shortstop, whose throw forced the first baseman to pull her foot off the bag. Gardiner lined a single to center then the shortstop fielded Gluck's grounder and tossed to third to get the force out but when McCaffery collided with the third baseman, the ball jarred loose. All runners were safe. Schwerdtfeger's



COLLISION AT HOME...Cougar Sarah Gluck, No. 2, collides with Wolfpack catcher Liv Malone in the fifth inning of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament at Adams Field in Cranford. Gluck was called out but the Cougars won 3-2.

not to hit to shortstop because I tend to do that all the time, I just laid back. I got under it a little bit." The Wolfpack grabbed a 2-1 lead in the third. Mackenzie Staley slapped a single past first, Cope walked and Lindert drilled a two-run double to deep right. A perfect performance of aggressive base running arrived in the Cougar third. Schwerdtfeger hacked a hard chopping single to left. Dolan laid down a bunt and while the throw was heading to first, Schwerdtfeger had no intention of stopping at second and sprinted to third, sliding in safely. Markase then brought her home with her double to right. A little later, Markase attempted to score from third but was nailed at the plate.

Markase laced a two-out single to center and Gluck rounded third and headed for home. The throw from centerfielder Joscelyn Johannessen was on target to catcher Liv Malone, resulting in a rugged collision but the third out. Defense called the shots in the sixth inning when Cougar Alex Pachkowski made a running snag in right, and in the seventh when Cougar centerfielder Ava Manfra chased down a fly ball for the third out with Wolfpack runners on first and second. "We've been practicing really hustling at everything and trying to keep everything from bouncing. Their speed combined with their wherewithal and determination made for a really great formula for success to-

grounder forced the shortstop to throw home but McCaffery had a great jump and scored the game winner. "Liz hustled through all the bases. She ran it out all the way to first because it was a lucky call we got there. Her foot was off the base. It was important she ran the ground ball out and obviously we won the game," Schwerdtfeger said. "We were in the dugout and were saying we got to get this done. This is our game to win and we went in with aggression and it worked," McCaffery added. On May 23, the Cougars would host fifth-seeded Ferris, 27-0, victors over 12th-seeded Orange. 

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RUNNING WITH THE HILLTOPPERS...Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider Brandon Garcia, center, runs the first leg of the 1,600 with a pair of Summit Hilltoppers during the Union County Tournament Track & Field Championships held at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield.

## Raider Boys Win 2, Cougars 1 at UCT Track

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with a PB time of 58.65. Cadet decided to work a different strategy this time. "Today I went out differently. On the first five [hurdles], I wanted to stride out instead of doing what I used to do when I sprint out, so I could have more in the tank at the end. I think that's better for me because when I am at the end, I usually die or slow down. But here I felt really good and that ending was the best I have done yet," Cadet explained. Down the stretch, Cadet and Linden Tiger Ugonna Ike were virtually clearing each hurdle at the same time until Cadet's gas in the tank pushed him ahead at the finish. "I didn't want to burn out because

I knew if I burnt out he would have won. I wanted to wait, settle, settle, settle then at the end just sprint through," Cadet explained. The results for first place in the 110 hurdles was about as close as it could get when Rahway's Ola Akande just fumbled out Josiah Cadet, 14.3 to 14.31. Raiders Kyle Estivene at 14.7 and Dhvanil Nanshah at 15.4 finished 4-8. Midway through the meet Raider Jacob Leigh took top honors in the 200 at 22.11 and Cougar Josh Cadet finished third at 22.29. Raider Dwight Laylor took fifth at 22.5 and Blue Devil Jacob Saltzer took seventh at 22.91. Cougar Elijah Arroyo finished 10th at 22.97. In the 100 dash, Laylor finished second at 10.94 (PB), followed by Leigh at 10.96 (PB). Josh Cadet took fifth at 11.08 and Raider Estivene finished eighth at 11.32. Raider Ben Fleischer crossed first in the 3,200 with a time of 9:36.7, followed by Blue Devils Matt Meusel at 9:37.66, Will McGlynn at 9:42.97 and Kevin Yucetepe at 9:48.26. Blue Devil Spencer Weigand finished third in the 800 at 1:58.04. Raider Brandon Garcia finished fourth in the 1,600 with a time of 4:31.26. Blue Devil Will Loggia finished seventh at

4:34.41, followed by Raider Scott Kaiser at 4:34.62. Raiders Garcia, Estivene, Leigh and Justin Sanders took third in the 4x400 at 3:25.94. Blue Devil Saltzer finished fifth in the 400 at 50.05 and teammate Ajay Olson finished ninth at 51.72. In the jumping and field events, Leigh placed third in the high jump with a height of 5-10 and Raider Mike Gross tied for seventh at 5-8. Raider Jaizahn Jones took seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 40-3 and Blue Devil Tim Alliegro took sixth in the shot put with a shove of 45-3. Blue Devil Bennie Buontempo took fourth in the discus with a toss of 135-7. Summit's Dorian Jackson had the best throw in the javelin with a distance of 171-5. Blue Devil Joe SanGiacomo took fifth at 160-0, followed by Raider Mike Leegan at 149-8 and Blue Devil Brendan Riccardi at 149-5. New Providence Pioneer Cheney Price won the pole vault with a clearance of 14-1. Raiders Ian Celardo at 11-0 and Tyler Dvorin at 10-6 placed 8-9.

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# Fanwood’s Harcourt Named to All-Mid-Atlantic Region Team

NORMAN, OKLA – For the third year in a row, junior Danny Harcourt (Fanwood, N.J./Saint Peter’s Prep) of the Gettysburg College men’s golf team has been named to the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Division III PING All-Mid-

Atlantic Region Team. Harcourt represented one of the 15 players from the Mid-Atlantic Region. Six were from Centennial Conference schools.

Harcourt led the Bullets with a career-low 74.2 scoring average this season – a mark that also led the Centennial Conference. He shot below 80 in all 21 of his rounds and broke 75 eight times. He claimed medalist honors at three matches, including the Randolph-Macon Ted Keller Memorial, where he shot a 1-under 139 (69-70). He also captured the Dickinson Spring Invitational, where he came within a stroke of the school record with a 2-under 68.

In addition, Harcourt won the Gettysburg Spring Invitational with a 73, and he tied for first at the Ursinus Spring Invitational with a 74. At the Centennial Conference Championship, Harcourt tied for sixth with a 227 (75-74-78), missing a place on the all-conference team by one spot.

The Bullets finished the year with an 18-hole average of 311.5 and placed among the top-three in eight of their 15 matches, including two victories and one runner-up performance.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Westfield in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., for the "2018 IMPROVEMENT OF GROVE STREET (between Rahway Avenue & Central Avenue), IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY".

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

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

- 1,700 tons of 2 inch thick Superpave Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course
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Due to its proximity and impact to Westfield schools, work on this street must be completed no later than August 24, 2018.

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

Proposals shall be in writing on the forms furnished and must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned, and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Town of Westfield in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the base amount of the bid, but not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$20,000.00. (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-21) Each bid must also be accompanied by a Surety Company Certificate stating that said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required Performance bond in the full amount of the Contract (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22), by a Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor's Qualification Statement, Statement of Ownership, on the forms included in and explained in the contract documents.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and must pay workmen the prevailing wage rates promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry for this project, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer.

This project is being funded by a Transportation Trust Fund Grant administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Plans and specifications may be seen or procured at the office of the Town Engineer, Public Works Center, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. The non-refundable cost of contract documents is (\$50.00) made payable to the Town of Westfield, which must be paid by check. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any bid, and to waive any informality in any bid, if in the interest of the Town, it is deemed advisable to do so.

Kris J. McAloon  
Town Engineer  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$69.36

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 16th day of May, 2018 the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following action:

1. Application PBA-18-00001: Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization APPROVING the applicant's request for amended preliminary and final site plan approval, a C(2) variance for parking and a design waiver (§255-44 Schedule 1) on Block 293 Lot 1 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 1100 Orange Avenue in the O-1 Zone.

2. Application PBA-17-00012: Adopted a Resolution of Memorialization DENYING the applicant's request for site plan approval for a subdivision of a single lot into two fully conforming lots with no variances and no design waivers on Block 198, Lot 1 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 112 Park Drive, in the R-1 Zone.

3. Application PBA-17-00011 CARRIED UNTIL JUNE 6, 2018: Sergio Martins and Sandra F. Julio Martins, Applicants, 116 Garden Street, Block 285 Lot 5, R-4 Zone, Applicant is seeking a minor subdivision in the R-4 Zone. Minimum lot area required is 6,000 square feet and relief requested is minimum lot of 5,000 square feet as per Section 136 Attachment 1. Minimum lot width is 60 feet and relief requested is minimum lot width of 50 feet. Minimum combined side yard required is 15 feet and relief requested is 14.82 feet per Section 136 Attachment 1.

4. Application PBA-17-00004 CONTINUED ON JUNE 6, 2018: Hartz Mountain Industries, Applicant, 750 Walnut Avenue, Block: 541, Lot: 2, C-3 Zone, Applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property to eliminate the office and warehouse uses in favor of multi-family residential use (§136-13).

Donna Pedde  
Board Secretary  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$42.84

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2017 AUDIT REPORT OF BOROUGH OF GARWOOD AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS		
	DECEMBER 31, 2017	DECEMBER 31, 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Investments	\$2,819,638.84	\$2,265,457.07
Taxes, Assessments and Liens Receivable	235,553.11	444,188.11
Prospective Assessments Funded		
Property Acquired for Taxes-Assessed Value	17,974.00	17,974.00
Accounts Receivable	679,495.38	667,779.04
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - General Capital	3,885,661.42	3,715,047.65
General Fixed Assets	8,378,232.44	8,179,490.05
Deferred Charges to Revenue of Succeeding Years	17,648.00	35,299.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$16,034,203.19</b>	<b>\$15,325,234.92</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$3,198,000.00	\$3,097,200.00
Improvement Authorizations	778,607.96	774,558.00
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	2,402,804.49	2,236,643.88
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	265,255.50	474,166.51
Fund Balance	1,011,302.80	563,176.48
Investments in General Fixed Assets	8,378,232.44	8,179,490.05
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$16,034,203.19</b>	<b>\$15,325,234.92</b>
<b>COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND</b>		
	YEAR 2017	YEAR 2016
<b>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</b>		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$358,000.00	\$500,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local Property Tax Levies	1,579,581.42	1,370,057.69
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	416,358.53	238,725.99
Collection of Current Tax Levy	17,797,676.41	17,206,090.69
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$20,151,616.36</b>	<b>\$19,314,874.37</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Budget Expenditures: Municipal Purposes	\$7,603,238.37	\$7,562,281.20
County Taxes	3,645,528.01	3,442,871.50
Local School Taxes	8,103,554.00	7,978,023.00
Other Expenditures	200.00	1,182.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$19,352,520.38</b>	<b>\$18,984,357.70</b>
Excess in Revenue to Fund Balance	799,095.98	\$330,516.67
Fund Balance, January 1	537,638.52	707,121.85
	\$1,336,734.50	\$1,037,638.52
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	358,000.00	500,000.00
Fund Balance, December 31	\$978,734.50	\$537,638.52

## RECOMMENDATION

That the encumbrance accounting system be completely maintained. A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the Borough of Garwood will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with federal and state requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk in the Borough of Garwood.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Borough of Garwood, County of Union, for the calendar year 2017. This report of audit, submitted by Suplee, Clooney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, is on file at the Borough Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Christina M. Ariemma, RMC  
Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$130.56

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE BE ADVISED, that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a public hearing on **June 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm.** Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, First Floor Council Chambers to hear the application of Sarah H. Murphy, 2160 Seward Drive, Block 10601, Lot 7, R-2 Zone who proposes to install a 6 foot fence along the aforementioned property to the front area, contrary to the following Zoning Ordinance:

**Section 23-2.3(o)-Fences:** Maximum Allowed: Four (4) feet in the front yard. Proposed: Six (6) feet in the front yard.

The Applicant is also requesting any and all variances deemed to be necessary at the time of the hearing, including any other waivers, exceptions, interpretations and other relief necessary to allow Applicant's proposed use of the property.

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Shannon Rapant  
Secretary to the Zoning Board  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Times Fee: \$26.01

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted resolutions at its meeting on May 14, 2018, for the following applications decided upon at the meeting held on April 9, 2018.

**David & Sylvia Chandler, 78 Tamaques Way.** Applicants sought approval to construct a deck contrary to Sections 12.04F1, 12.04F2, and 12.04F3 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a building coverage of 23.4% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%; to allow a building coverage with a deck of 24.3% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage with a deck of 22%; to allow a building coverage with a deck & porch of 26.5% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage with deck & porch of 24%. Application approved with conditions.

**Sabrina & Simon Kelner, 315 Kimball Avenue.** Applicants sought approval to construct a one-story addition contrary to Sections 11.08E6, 12.04F1, 12.04F2, 12.04E1, 12.04F3 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a side yard setback of 7.3 feet where the Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet; to allow a building coverage of 23.5% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%; to allow a building coverage with a deck of 24.23% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage with a deck of 22%; to allow a floor area ratio of 39.75% where the Ordinance allows a maximum floor area ratio of 37%; to allow a building coverage with a deck and porch of 24.7% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage with a deck and porch of 24%. Application approved with conditions.

**Thomas & Emily Reichart, 420 Colonial Avenue.** Applicants sought approval to construct a 1st floor addition & 2nd floor addition contrary to Sections 12.04F1, 12.04F2, and 11.08E13 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a building coverage of 21.1% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%; to allow a building coverage with a deck of 22.9% where the Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage with a deck of 22%; to allow a continuous wall length of 32 feet 8 inches where the Ordinance allows a maximum continuous wall length of 25 feet. Application approved with conditions.

Linda Jacus  
Secretary, Board of Adjustment  
1 T - 5/24/18, the Leader Fee: \$52.53

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Westfield in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, for the "2018 VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY". The work under this Proposal includes the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract Drawings and described in the Contract Specifications, and Proposals shall be in accordance with such Drawings and Specifications and the terms proposed in the Contract. The major items of work under this contract include, but are not limited to, the following in estimated quantities:

- 17,000 tons of 2 inch thick Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course
- 125,000 square yards of Milling, Variable thickness
- 17,000 square feet of Concrete Walk, 4 inches Thick

Due to their proximity and impact to Westfield schools, work on the following streets must be completed no later than August 24, 2018:

- Tuttle Parkway
- Elm Street
- St. Marks Avenue
- Folkstone Drive
- Lynwood Place
- Edgar Road
- Nottingham Place

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

Proposals shall be in writing on the forms furnished and must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned, and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Town of Westfield in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the base amount of the bid, but not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$20,000.00. (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-21) Each bid must also be accompanied by a Surety Company Certificate stating that said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required Performance bond in the full amount of the Contract (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22), by a Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor's Qualification Statement, Statement of Ownership, on the forms included in and explained in the contract documents.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq. and must pay workmen the prevailing wage rates promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry for this project, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer.

Plans and specifications may be seen or obtained (\$50.00) at the office of the Town Engineer, Public Works Center, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any bid, and to waive any informality in any bid, if in the interest of the Town, it is deemed advisable to do so.

Kris J. McAloon  
Town Engineer  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$68.34

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

**CONTRACTOR: Hertrich Fleet Services, 1427 Bay Road, Milford, Delaware 19963**

**NATURE OF SERVICES:** Purchase of one (1) 2018 Dodge Journey SE and two (2) 2018 Dodge Durango

**DURATION:** 2018  
**AMOUNT:** One (1) Dodge Journey SE at \$18,349.00 (total \$18,349.00) and two (2) Dodge Durango at \$28,640.00 (total \$57,280.00), under N.J. State Contract #A86922, and Cranford Cooperative Pricing System, #47-CPCPS, with this expenditure charged to 2018 Building Department Operating 165-251.

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

Tara Rowley, RMC  
Town Clerk  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$20.91

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOROUGH OF GARWOOD ORDINANCE NO. 18-16

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND § 27-25 (ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ARTICLE II (JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM) IN CHAPTER 27 (FIRE DEPARTMENT) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood **Section 1.** § 27-25 (Eligibility for Membership) in Article II (Junior Fire Fighter Program) in Chapter 27 (Fire Department) of the Code of the Borough of Garwood is hereby enacted as follows:

**§27-25. Eligibility for membership**  
1. No person shall be eligible for membership in the Junior Fire Fighters Program in the Borough of Garwood unless he/she is between the ages of 14 (or have started the 8th grade) – 18 years and must reside in the Borough of Garwood, Borough of Kenilworth, Town of Westfield or Township of Clark.  
2. (No change)  
**Section 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 3.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective 90 days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 18-16, was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the **22nd DAY OF MAY 2018**, and that Ordinance No. 18-16, will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held at its meeting room in the Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, on the **12th DAY OF JUNE 2018**, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be heard, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

ATTEST:  
Christina Ariemma  
Municipal Clerk  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$56.61

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Township of Scotch Plains, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, at the office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, 07076 (ATTN: Bozena Lacina, Township Clerk) on or before **Thursday June 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM** prevailing time for "2018 Roadwork Assistance Program." The contractor awarded the 2018 Roadwork Assistance Program contract, if any, will provide certain materials and equipment rentals (with operators) to assist the Township's Department of Public Works in resurfacing public streets and municipal parking lots, including profile milling as required; and will resurface asphalt sidewalks and construct concrete sidewalks as directed, all in accordance with the Specifications and Information to Bidders prepared by the Township. NOTE: The successful bidder must be available 1-2 days per week for the duration of the program until all streets are completed. The program is estimated to run from **July 1st to August 30th, 2018.**

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

Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained during regular business hours beginning **Thursday May 24, 2018** in the Township Engineer's office upon payment of \$25 for each complete set of documents, which sum is non-refundable. Written questions regarding the bid specifications may be submitted to the Township Engineer at 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 on or before **June 5, 2018.**

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

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

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

Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Township Clerk, bearing the name and address of the bidder, upon which shall be designated: "2018 Roadwork Assistance Program"

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2.  
BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY.  
Alexander Mirabella  
Municipal Manager  
Bozena Lacina  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Times Fee: \$68.34

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOROUGH OF GARWOOD

#### NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on May 22, 2018. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held at its meeting room in the Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, on June 12, 2018 at 7:15 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available, at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

#### BOND ORDINANCE NO. 18-14

**TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$416,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE COUNTY GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

The purposes, appropriations, bonds/notes authorized and grants appropriated in this multipurpose bond ordinance are as follows:

#### SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. (i) Undertaking of the following improvements to public buildings: (a) replacement of the Firehouse roof; and (b) upgrading of the Municipal Building HVAC system, and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a compressor for filling air bottles for the use of the Fire Department. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$226,000
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 25,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 9,575
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$191,425
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of (i) a mason dump truck for the use of the Department of Public Works and (ii) an SUV for the use of the Police Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$110,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$104,750
Period of Usefulness	5 years

C. Undertaking of the Borough Records Management Project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 80,000
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 40,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,175
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 37,825
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$416,000
Aggregate County Grants Appropriated	\$ 65,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 17,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$334,000

Section 20 Costs: \$26,000  
Average Useful Life: 10.73 years

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

Christina M. Ariemma, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Garwood  
County of Union  
State of New Jersey  
Fee: \$123.42  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

#### SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

#### SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 20

**WESTFIELD**

Tuesday, May 8, Inez Martinez, 58, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding traffic warrant from the Westfield Municipal Court in the amount of \$625. Martinez was picked up from the Middlesex County jail, transported to police headquarters and then turned over to the Union County jail.

Tuesday, May 8, two businesses reported receiving payment for services with a counterfeit \$100 bill. One of the businesses, located on the 200 block of East Broad Street, reported that the suspect made a small purchase with the bill and received change, depriving the business of the \$94.24 in change and the \$5.76 purchase. The second incident occurred at a business on the 100 block of Central Avenue, in which the suspect also made a small purchase with a counterfeit bill and received change, depriving the business of the \$95.73 in change and the \$4.27 purchase. In both cases, the suspect was described as a black male, 25 to 40 years of age, with facial hair and wearing a black Nike windbreaker jacket.

Tuesday, May 8, Kristen Hoyte, 31, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested and charged with shoplifting from a business located on the 200 block of West South Avenue. Hoyte was transported to police headquarters, processed and released on summonses.

Wednesday, May 9, multiple motor vehicle burglaries were reported. Two of the incidents took place on the 200 block of Sunset Avenue; three more occurred on Wychview Drive, and another happened on Carol Road. In each case, the suspects gained entry to the victim's vehicle and removed numerous items.

Wednesday, May 9, Tony Speranza, 33, of Garwood was arrested on the 1400 block of East Broad Street on charges of obstructing administration of law, burglary to a motor vehicle and theft. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released on summonses.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

Thursday, May 10, Keith Reeder, 52, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) pursuant to a motor vehicle accident on the 600 block of West North Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released on summonses.

Friday, May 11, Brian M. Dunn, 44, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with DWI pursuant to a crash investigation at West North Avenue and East Broad Street. He was unable to be processed at the time due to his injuries.

Monday, May 14, Abraham Arce, 22, of Newark was arrested on two outstanding traffic warrants, one from Westfield and the other from Union Township, each in the amount of \$500, for a total of \$1,000. He was arrested pursuant to a prisoner pickup at the Wayne Police Department. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and held in lieu of posted bail.

Monday, May 14, Carly M. Peterson, 26, of South Plainfield was arrested and charged with DWI pursuant to a motor vehicle crash investigation on the 200 block of East Dudley Avenue. Peterson was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to a sober adult.

Tuesday, May 14, Troy White, 47, of Newark was placed under arrest by Westfield police officers while at the Essex County jail. White was arrested on an outstanding Westfield Municipal Court traffic warrant that had bail in the amount of \$1,000. White was transported to police headquarters without incident and was processed, then held while awaiting an appearance in court.

Tuesday, May 14, Tyana Lewis, 21, of Plainfield was arrested in the area of the 800 block of Forest Avenue on charges of possession of less

than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The arrest occurred subsequent to a police investigation. Lewis was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed. She was released on summonses with a court date in June.

Tuesday, May 15, a resident of the 100 block of Vernon Terrace reported the theft of a package from the front porch between 11:40 a.m. and 5 p.m. on May 12.

**CRANFORD**

Thursday, May 17, Charles McKoy, 19, of North Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after police stopped a 2002 Mercury on North Avenue East near the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for a seatbelt violation. McKoy was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. Additionally, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for a seatbelt violation, no driver's license in possession, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Monday, May 21, Jivin Kissoon, 26, of Rahway was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and use of a controlled dangerous substance after police stopped a 2000 Honda at the intersection of Raritan Road near Centennial Avenue for a brake lamp that was out. Following an investigation at the scene, Kissoon was arrested for DWI and use of a controlled dangerous substance without a prescription. He was processed and released pending a municipal court appearance date. Additionally, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for maintenance of lamps and not having a valid insurance card in his possession.

**SCOTCH PLAINS**

Monday, May 14, Khaleef R. Chiles, 36, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Plainfield during a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to headquarters and processed.

Monday, May 14, Kyra A. Price, 19, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Plainfield during a motor vehicle stop. Price was transported to headquarters and processed.

Monday, May 14, a resident in the 1500 block of East Second Street reported a car burglary. The vehicle was entered during the overnight hours.

Tuesday, May 15, Corey Robinson, 27, of Newark was arrested on outstanding warrants out of Newark. Also arrested was Rajorl Waters, 26, of East Orange on outstanding warrants out of Livingston. The arrests were a result of a motor vehicle stop.

Friday, May 18, police were dispatched to 427 Park Avenue on a reported structure fire. Officers located a heavy smoke condition coming from the roof. The apartments in the area were evacuated and the Scotch

Plains Fire Department responded. The businesses affected were the WinterHill Antiques and the Osaka and Main Star restaurants. The fire department deemed the incident accidental. No injuries were reported.

Friday, May 18, A resident in the 2400 block of Allwood Road reported a fraud. Someone gained access to their credit card information and made a fraudulent purchase. The incident is under investigation.

Saturday, May 19, Isiah B. Cruz, 27, of Rahway was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Linden during a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to headquarters and processed.

Sunday, May 20, Jeremy Dowell, 50, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with lewdness after police responded to the municipal parking lot on Bartle Avenue on a report of a man sleeping in his vehicle without clothes on. He was transported to headquarters and processed.

**FANWOOD**

Wednesday, May 2, a report of criminal mischief was made for a parked vehicle in the 200 block of North Avenue by an unknown person.

Friday, May 4, sometime overnight a resident in the 40 block of Shady Lane reported criminal mischief to his parked vehicle by an unknown person.

Friday, May 4, Bryant Sueromata, 20, of New York, N.Y. was arrested after a patrol officer witnessed a male take a delivered package from the stairs of a house in the 10 block of Tillotson Road. Sueromata was arrested, processed and charged with theft and possession of a fraudulent government document and released pending his court appearance.

Monday, May 7, a resident witnessed an unknown person enter his wife's parked and unlocked vehicle in the 50 block of Montrose Avenue. The unknown person fled the area and patrol Officers checked the area with negative results. The only item missing from the vehicle is loose change.

Thursday, May 10, Todd Ramsey, 40, of Piscataway was arrested for an outstanding warrant following a motor vehicle stop at South Avenue and Princeton Avenue for a motor vehicle violation. A check of the driver showed an active warrant out of Plainfield. He was arrested, processed, posted bail and released.

Thursday, May 10, Pablo Viera, 34, of Edison was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue and Morse Avenue for a motor vehicle violation. A check of the driver showed an active warrant out of Spotswood. Viera was arrested, processed, posted bail and released.

Friday, May 11, Eric Magazine, 44, of South Plainfield was arrested for an active warrant following a motor vehicle stop at Terrill Road and East 2nd Street for a motor vehicle violation. A check of the driver showed an active warrant out of Union County Sheriff's Office. Magazine was arrested, processed and turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Wednesday, May 16, a business in the 60 block of South Avenue reported a shoplifting by an unknown person. The value of merchandise was \$50.

Monday, May 21, Thomas Sarter, 64, of Newark was arrested for an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop at Terrill Road and East Front Street for a motor vehicle violation. A check of the driver showed an active warrant out of Essex County Sheriff's Office. Sarter was arrested, processed and turned over to Essex County Sheriff's Office.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**MOUNTAINSIDE FOR RENT**

House - 3 Beds, 2 Baths, Living Rm with Fireplace, Dining Rm, Sun Rm, Den, Central Air, 2 Car Garage, Finished Basement, Washer/Dryer, Ample Parking for Family & Business Vehicles. Call Gene Lord at (908) 233-6868

**TOWN WIDE YARD SALE**

The Borough of Garwood will hold its 22nd Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on **Saturday & Sunday, June 9th & June 10th**, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. To participate, you must register at Borough Hall by June 7th, in person or by calling (908) 789-0710 or email [kathleen@garwood.org](mailto:kathleen@garwood.org). For the shoppers, a list of participating households will be available at Borough Hall on the morning of the yard sale.

**WESTFIELD MOVING SALE**

**407 Everson Place Sunday 5/27, 10am to 3pm**  
Downsizing! One Day Sale! King Size Bed, Armoires, Dressers, Queen Sleep Sofa, Double Recliner Loveseat, Dining Room Table, 6 Chairs, Breakfront, Artwork, Daybed, Linens, Printers, China, Glass, Grill, Patio Set, Generator, Bikes, Baby/Pet Gates, Garden Tools, Ladders & More! For pics [DovetailsUSA.com](http://DovetailsUSA.com)

**HOUSEKEEPER FOR HIRE**

Fastidious male housekeeper seeks 5 large clients in Westfield: \$40.00 per hour - 2 hour minimum: looking for once a week gigs. (908) 405-0271 evenings

**FREELANCERS WANTED**

Strong, detail-oriented writers with professional demeanor needed to cover local government meetings. Must be able to meet deadlines, know how to write a lead, and take an active interest in their beats in order to develop news stories. Please email resume and clips to: [editor@goleader.com](mailto:editor@goleader.com)

**CRANFORD MOVING SALE**

**345 Centennial Avenue Fri 5/25 & Sat 5/26, 10am-3pm**  
Living Room, Dining Room, Bedroom Furniture, Art, Books, China, Glass, Linens, Clothes, Costume Jewelry, Holiday Decorations, Garden Tools & More! For pics [DovetailsUSA.com](http://DovetailsUSA.com)

**FARMWORKERS NEEDED**

6 temp farmworkers needed 6/1/18 - 12/5/18. Workers will perform various duties associated with growing cabbage according to their supervisor's instructions. Workers will have extensive periods of sitting, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, repetitive movement, frequent stopping and lifting 60lbs. Must have 3 months verifiable experience hand harvesting cabbage on a commercial farm & affirmative verifiable job reference. May random drug test at employer's expense. Guaranteed at least 3/4 of contract hours but hours will vary according to weather and crop conditions. Hours may exceed or be less than 40 hours. Work tools, supplies, equipment provided at no cost. Housing provided for non-commuting workers at no cost. Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract or earlier if appropriate. \$12.83/hr or current applicable AEW. Raise/bonus at employer discretion. EOE. Worksites in Genesee, Monroe & Orleans Co., NY. Report or send a resume to the nearest NJ Career Center office or call 908-412-7980 & ref job #NY1255259. SJ Starowitz Farms LLC - Byron, NJ

**PART TIME ADMIN WANTED**

Part-time Administrative Assistant for church office (Mountainside). 5 days/20 hours per week. Must have excellent computer, organizational and people skills. Call (908) 232-9490 between 9 AM and 1 PM, Monday through Thursday or e-mail at [cpofficeadmin@comcast.net](mailto:cpofficeadmin@comcast.net) for more information and/or application.

**Lance Seeks to Rid NJ Of Nuclear Fuel**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Leonard Lance (R-7th) has helped secure passage of the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act, legislation drafted by Mr. Lance's Energy and Commerce Committee to move the nation's more than 80,000 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel — including 3,000 metric tons stored on-site in New Jersey — to secure temporary sites in New Mexico and Texas. The legislation would also create a permanent national repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. "I want the 3,000 metric tons of nuclear waste out of New Jersey and consolidated at a national, permanent facility. For far too long the federal government has failed to meet its obligation to dispose of used fuel that resides at nuclear plants across 39 states. It is time we resolve the nuclear waste storage problem that has been unresolved for 30 years," said Mr. Lance, a co-sponsor of the measure.

New Jersey is home to four nuclear reactors at three generating stations: Oyster Creek, Hope Creek and Salem. Oyster Creek is closing this upcoming October. The state gets about 50 percent of its electricity from nuclear sources and is one of the nation's top contributors to a fund to securely dispose of the nation's nuclear waste. Yet a permanent national facility has yet to materialize. "New Jersey ratepayers have contributed nearly \$2 billion to the U.S. Department of Energy's Nuclear Waste Fund to dispose of nuclear waste at the permanent repository at Yucca Mountain. Garden State taxpayers deserve their return on that investment. It is time for the government to hold up its end of the bargain and remove this waste from New Jersey and other parts of the country permanently," concluded Mr. Lance.



Christina Hinke for The Westfield Leader

EMS WEEK WEEK IN MOUNTAINSIDE... The Mountainside Rescue Squad is celebrating its 80th anniversary, and the borough has proclaimed the week of May 20 to the 26 Emergency Medical Services week in Mountainside. Norma Huber and Steven Husman received the proclamation by Mayor Paul Mirabelli, right, the borough council's May 15 meeting. Mr. Husman has served the rescue squad for 35 years.

*Probitas Verus Honos*

**PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE**

**2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BOROUGH OF FANWOOD COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries**

SUMMARY OF REVENUES - CURRENT FUND		ANTICIPATED	
	2018	2017	
1. Surplus	1,093,000.00	750,000.00	
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,157,675.50	2,939,364.85	
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	130,000.00	114,000.00	
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	6,143,481.31	6,143,966.02	
5. Minimum Library Tax	408,536.88	392,563.78	
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>9,932,693.69</b>	<b>10,339,894.65</b>	
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - CURRENT FUND		FINAL	
	2018 BUDGET	2017 BUDGET	
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	3,274,376.00	3,377,409.13	
Other Expenses	4,158,433.85	4,469,901.07	
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	888,883.84	911,844.35	
3. Capital Improvements	5,000.00	2,000.00	
4. Debt Service	1,206,000.00	1,178,740.10	
5. Judgments	0.00	0.00	
6. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	400,000.00	400,000.00	
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>9,932,693.69</b>	<b>10,339,894.65</b>	
<b>Total Number of Employees - Full &amp; Part Time</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>74</b>	
2018 DEDICATED SEWER UTILITY BUDGET			
SUMMARY OF REVENUES		ANTICIPATED	
	2018	2017	
1. Surplus	0.00	0.00	
2. Sewer Rents	222,270.00	0.00	
2. Sewer Connection Fees	11,480.00	0.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>233,750.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
FINAL		FINAL	
	2018 BUDGET	2017 BUDGET	
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	65,000.00	0.00	
Other Expenses	143,750.00	0.00	
2. Capital Improvements	25,000.00	0.00	
3. Debt Service	0.00	0.00	
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>233,750.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total Number of Employees - Full &amp; Part Time</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	
BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT			
	BONDS & LOANS	NOTES	
Interest	3,458,544.04	20,000.00	
Principal	13,140,733.25	1,000,000.00	
<b>Outstanding Balance</b>	<b>16,599,277.29</b>	<b>1,020,000.00</b>	

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union on May 21, 2018. A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on June 25, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons. Copies of the budget are available in the office of Eleanor McGovern, Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023, (908) 322-8236, during the hours of 8:00(A.M.) to 4:00(P.M.).

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REMEMBERING OUR VETS... Gabriel Pastore was one of the Boy Scouts who turned out in the rain to put the flags up in time for the Westfield Memorial Day Parade.

# Troop 72 Continue Tradition Of Putting Up Flags

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

WESTFIELD — The flags have gone up in time for the Memorial Day parade thanks to the work of a dedicated team of Boy Scouts who turned out in the rain at the weekend.

Boys from Troop 72 turn out no matter the weather to put nearly 80 flags up around Westfield in May and then take them down again in October.

"We always get a good turnout even on rainy days like Saturday," said Assistant Scout Master Jorge Suris.

"The boys of Troop 72 are proud to put up the flags and we were happy this year to see that over half of them were new."

The Boy Scouts get an early start, usually meeting at 7 a.m., to get the job done while there are less cars on the roads.

Supervisor Craig Gibson, in the Department of Public Works, says the townspeople of Westfield love to see the flags.

"Every year I get a great many comments from people who love to see the flags up," he said.

"We greatly appreciate the work that the Boy Scouts put into this every year and we have a lot of veterans in the town who particularly appreciate it."

Troop 72 is grateful to Westfield Presbyterian Church who allow them to use their meeting hall every week.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 18-05-S AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on May 21, 2018. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. This Ordinance amends Chapter 86 of the Fanwood Borough Code relating to Salaries and Compensation.

This Ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on June 4, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Eleanor McGovern  
Borough Clerk  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Times Fee: \$19.89

### PUBLIC NOTICE

dogs from a pet shop or other business establishment, help prevent inhumane breeding conditions, promote community awareness of animal welfare and foster a more humane environment in the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood:

Section 1. Article V (Pet Sales) in Chapter 58 (Animals) of the Code of the Borough of Garwood is hereby enacted as follows:

§ 58-36. Definitions: Animal care facility means an animal control center or animal shelter, maintained by or under contract with any state, county or municipality, whose mission and practice is, in whole, or significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes.

Animal rescue organization means any not-for-profit organization which has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes.

Cat means a member of a species of domestic cat, Felis catus.

Dog means a member of a species of domestic dog, Canis familiaris.

Offer for Sale means to sell offer for sale or adoption, advertise for the sale of, barter, auction, give away or otherwise dispose of a dog or cat.

Pet shop means a retail establishment where dogs and cats are sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail. Such definition shall not include an animal care facility or animal rescue organization, as defined.

§ 58-37. Restrictions on the Sale of Animals. No pet store shall sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, give away or otherwise transfer or dispose of cats or dogs. Nothing in this section shall prohibit stores from collaborating with animal care facilities or animal rescue organizations to offer space for such entities to showcase adoptable dogs and cats.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective 90 days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 18-15, was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Garwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 22nd DAY OF MAY 2018, and that Ordinance No. 18-15, will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held at its meeting room in the Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, on the 12th DAY OF JUNE 2018, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be heard, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

ATTEST: Christina Ariemma  
Municipal Clerk

1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$148.92

# DWC Reports on Girls' Day and Night Out

By DOMINIC A. LAGANO  
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — During its board of directors' meeting held May 21, the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), the management entity of the Special Improvement District (SID), reported on the Girls' Day and Night Out event that was held on May 10.

"We had a successful Girls' Night Out," stated Erin Ben-Hayon, chairwoman of the DWC's Promotions Committee. "There were a lot of people. I think the stores are very happy and they did a lot. We're happy with the turnout and there was a bump in business, especially during the day."

DWC Executive Director Sherry Cronin provided statistics on the event. More than 100 businesses participated in Girls' Day and Night Out with in-store promotions and giveaways.

"Of the 1,528 women who registered for the event, 29 percent were from Westfield and 29 percent were from the surrounding towns of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside and Scotch Plains," Ms. Cronin stated. "Attendees came from 121 towns in New Jersey and a few from several other states, including New York and Pennsylvania."

"Overall, this event was very successful," Ms. Cronin said. "For future Girls' Day and Night Out events, we would continue to offer diverse entertainment and encourage business to participate fully."

The board next promoted the newly created Second Sunday events, which will be smaller in scale than Girls' Day and Night Out, but also are designed to bring foot traffic to downtown Westfield.

The first Second Sunday, Yoga on Quimby, will be held on June 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Quimby Street. The street will be closed to vehicular traffic.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey, on the 15th of MAY 2018.

#### ORDINANCE 2018-12

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$325,000 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "WESTFIELD ROAD (SECTION 3) MILLING & TOP COURSE PAVING".

#### ORDINANCE 2018-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 23-2.3 T (ZONING PERMIT) IN CHAPTER XXIII (ZONING) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS.

BOZENA LACINA, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Times Fee: \$26.52

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOROUGH OF FANWOOD UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

#### ORDINANCE 18-04-S

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on May 21, 2018. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, 175 North Martine Avenue, in said Borough on June 25, 2018 at 7 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATION OF \$700,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PATERSON ROAD AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$427,500 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Purpose(s): For improvements to Paterson Road.

Appropriation: \$700,000  
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$427,500  
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$195,000 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and \$55,000 expected to be received as a grant from Union County.

Section 20 Costs: \$14,750  
Useful Life: 20 Years

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

Eleanor McGovern  
Borough Clerk  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Times Fee: \$46.41

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE OF AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Cranford Board of Education met on May 21, 2018 and awarded the following contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unclassified service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A.5a(1). The resolution of award and the contract listed below are available for public inspection in the Office of the Board Secretary located at 132 Thomas Street, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

NAME	NATURE OF AWARD	CONTRACT PERIOD	CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED
Anthony P. Sciarillo, Esq., Sciarillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC	Board Attorney	7/1/18 - 6/30/19	\$130,000.00

Robert J. Carfagno  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$29.58

"We're working diligently on Yoga on Quimby," Ms. Ben-Hayon said. "So far we have over 30 registrants. There'll be a free yoga class; five different yoga teachers will be running the show. After the yoga is done, the street will remain closed (to vehicular traffic) until 2 and people can go have lunch on the street."

"It's going to be nice; I think it's going to be a huge event eventually because I think people are excited about it. It's just a matter of getting the word out," Ms. Ben-Hayon stated.

The board released a tentative schedule of Second Sunday events. Christmas in July, set for July 8, will have a shopping and sales focus. Dog Days of Summer, on August 12, will feature a pet parade and pet focus. The event for September 9 is tentatively called Mommy and Me, which may possibly include a mother and children fashion show. The October 14 program will tentatively feature Art Walk Sunday, which will have a creative arts focus.

Dawn Mackey, Westfield's Town Council designee to the board, announced that the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Westfield's Farmers Market at a new location. "The Farmers Market will be moving to the north side at the urging of the managers who have been working the market for the last seven years...in the past, we've had max 13 farmers. This year we already have 20. We're excited about the move and we're hoping that everyone comes out June 2, which will be the grand opening."

The Farmers Market is held every Saturday from June to October from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The DWC's next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. The DWC office is located at 105 Elm Street.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-001418-18 FILE NO. 24570-17

#### NOTICE TO REDEEM

MELISSA R. WHITEHEAD; PLAINTIFF VS. ARLENE BEDNAR, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; JOHN BEDNAR, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; DEFENDANT(S)

TO: ARLENE BEDNAR, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; JOHN BEDNAR, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on May 16, 2018, the Superior Court Fixed July 16, 2018 between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, prevailing time, at the office of the Tax Collector of ROSELLE, located at 210 CHESTNUT STREET, ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY 07203 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 6C2 BLOCK 1603 on the tax duplicate of ROSELLE. Total amount required to redeem tax sale certificate no. 11-013 is \$1,068.72, together with interest from April 30, 2018 and costs of \$1,077.01.

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

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

Michael G. Pellegrino, Esq.  
Attorney for Plaintiff

PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, L.L.C.  
290 Route 46 West  
Denville, New Jersey 07834  
(973) 586-2300  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$62.73

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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Michael G. Pellegrino, Esq., Pellegrino & Feldstein, L.L.C.	Attorney for Plaintiff	7/1/18 - 6/30/19	\$130,000.00

Robert J. Carfagno  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$29.58



BUDDING ARTIST... Garwood Lincoln School student Raina Ridente was recognized for her outstanding artwork at last week's board of education meeting. Her art work was drawn for the school art's show directed by teacher Rebecca Planer, right. Both are shown holding Certificates of Achievement from the board.

# Lance: Jerusalem is Eternal Capital of the Jewish State

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Leonard Lance (R-7th, Westfield), co-chair of the Republican Israel Caucus, issued the following statement on Monday's dedication of U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem: "Today is a historic day in our enduring friendship with the State of Israel and I hope a step toward peace in the Middle East. The United States has now affirmed Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the Jewish State and the new home to the U.S.'s diplomatic efforts, sending a message to the world that we stand with our great ally, Israel is the only country in the Middle East where those of the Jewish faith, Muslims, Christians and people of all faiths worship freely. Our embassy belongs in Jerusalem and today the U.S followed through on its promise."

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 18-06-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on May 21, 2018. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

This Ordinance amends Chapter 242 Sanitary Sewers, Section 242-2 Costs, relating to sewer connection fees.

This Ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on June 4, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Eleanor McGovern  
Borough Clerk  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Times Fee: \$19.89

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOROUGH OF GARWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Garwood Board of Education will hold a public meeting on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6 pm in the all-purpose room of the Lincoln School for the purpose of setting bond goals for 18-19 school year. No action will be taken.

Eric Larson SBA/BS  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$11.22

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-021356-17 FILE NO. 24085-17

#### NOTICE TO REDEEM

JOHN VENUTOLO; PLAINTIFF VS. RONALD MAJOR, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, ET AL'S. DEFENDANT(S)

TO: RONALD MAJOR, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; JOSEPH P. MAJOR, JR., HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; BETTY A. MAJOR, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; JOANN MAJOR; JOHN DOE, HUSBAND OF JOANN MAJOR, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; JOSEPH P. MAJOR IV; MRS. JOSEPH P. MAJOR IV, WIFE OF JOSEPH P. MAJOR IV;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on May 16, 2018, the Superior Court Fixed July 16, 2018 between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, prevailing time, at the office of the Tax Collector of UNION TOWNSHIP, located at 1976 MORRIS AVENUE, UNION, NEW JERSEY 07083 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 BLOCK 4708 on the tax duplicate of UNION TOWNSHIP. Total amount required to redeem tax sale certificate no. 14-00094 is \$8,772.11, together with interest from April 30, 2018 and costs of \$1,134.61.

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

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

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(973) 586-2300  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$64.26

ally, Israel is the only country in the Middle East where those of the Jewish faith, Muslims, Christians and people of all faiths worship freely. Our embassy belongs in Jerusalem and today the U.S followed through on its promise."

"The United States should use this time to reaffirm our strong support for a two-state solution and an end to violence in the region. I commend the Trump Administration for moving the embassy to Jerusalem, a promise that had been made by the Clinton, Bush and Obama Administrations. I will work in Congress in support of peace and security."

In January, Mr. Lance introduced the Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act that would facilitate the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. The U.S. House and U.S. Senate have voted on three separate occasions to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel: The Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, House Concurrent Resolution 152 in 1997, which passed unanimously out of the House, and most recently, Senate Resolution 176, where Republicans and Democrats in the Senate voted unanimously just this past June in favor of the decision President Trump announced Monday.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-007197-18 FILE NO. 25034-18

#### NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

CLARISSA GONZALEZ;  
MARIA E ESPINOZA CASTRO  
A/K/A MARIA E ESPINOZA CASTRO;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO AND FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 290 Route 46 West, Denville, New Jersey, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which TTLBL, LLC is the plaintiff and DELANO S. MULLINGS, ET AL'S; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County and bearing Docket No. F-007197-18 within thirty-five (35) days after May 24, 2018 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

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

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

1. A certain tax certificate 15-0978, sold on 10/8/2015, dated 10/16/2015, and was recorded on 11/12/2015 in Book 14011 at Page 41, made by DAVID MARSHALL, Collector of Taxes of PLAINFIELD, and State of New Jersey to TTLBL, LLC and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, TTLBL, LLC. This covers real estate located in PLAINFIELD, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 12, BLOCK 748 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of PLAINFIELD and concerns premises commonly known as 1312-16 FIELD AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, New Jersey.

YOU, CLARISSA GONZALEZ, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on June 3, 2014, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, by Clarissa Gonzalez against Delano Mullings. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-093509-2014, CS13666815B. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien. YOU, MARIA E ESPINOZA CASTRO A/K/A MARIA E ESPINOZA CASTRO, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on October 2, 2015, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, by Maria E Espinoza Castro against Delano Mullings. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-176522-2015, CS90466938A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien. Maria E Espinoza Castro is a/k/a Maria E Espinoza Castro. DATED: May 18, 2018.

Michelle M. Smith, Clerk  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, L.L.C.  
Denville Law Center  
290 Route 46 West  
Denville, New Jersey 07834  
(973) 586-2300  
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$76.50

## WHS Vocalists Accepted into 2018-19 All-State Choruses

WESTFIELD – Performing with the 2018 All-State Mixed Chorus in November will be Charlotte Geary, Zachary Lemberg, Joseph Maldonado, Vincent Mora, Nicole Player, and Matthew Sirot. The Mixed Chorus will perform at the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) Convention in November and at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC). Alison Brown and Samantha Horvath will join the 2019 All-State Treble Chorus at NJPAC in February.

“The audition consisted of scales, a solo, a quintet, and tonal memory testing,” says music/vocal instructor and director John Brzozowski. “We are very proud of these students who were chosen from more than 1,000 other student vocalists from across New Jersey.”

Additionally, on April 28, the

Westfield High School Chorale performed at Carnegie Hall in New York alongside other high school and adult choirs from around the country in one massed choir. The choir performed Randall Thompson’s beloved 25-minute work, *Frostiana*, a collection of Robert Frost’s poems set to music. The performance was accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble, a professional orchestra.

“It was thrilling to see our students perform in this great hall and have the opportunity to collaborate with different groups from around the country,” says Mr. Brzozowski with fellow music/vocal instructor and director Maureen Francis. “It was a fantastic learning opportunity for the students in so many ways and an experience the students will remember for a lifetime.”

## WHS Names Award-Winning Teachers and Support Staff

WESTFIELD – Three teachers and one custodian have been honored by the Westfield High School community with awards of excellence. Principal Derrick Nelson announced the award winners on May 10, who were nominated by students, staff and parents at the school.

“As many of you know, Westfield High School is an impressive school community with a rich tradition of excellence. Much of this success is due to the talents and dedicated efforts of our teachers and staff,” said Mr. Nelson, adding that students should “take time now and then to recognize and truly appreciate the gifts that these adults give you as they help you grow intellectually and personally.”

English/Journalism teacher Warren Hynes is the recipient of the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, established to annually recognize a teacher who, through both excellence in teaching and a demonstrated commitment to intellectual pursuits beyond the classroom, serves as a model and inspiration to the high school community. Those who nominated Mr. Hynes point to his willingness to “go above and beyond to care for and provide assistance to all students who meet him” and for helping to expand the minds of his students as writers “to help us write about topics we believe in.”

The Above and Beyond Award recognizes a teacher or counselor who

has made a difference in the life of a struggling child either socially, emotionally or academically. This year’s recipient is mathematics teacher Anthony Meyers who is lauded not only for his energy and effective teaching strategies in the classroom, but for his empathy and kindness. “I feel comfortable, cared for, and accepted around him and I can’t thank him enough,” says one nominating letter.

Social studies teacher Brett Curtis received the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Teacher of the Year Award, which annually recognizes a teacher who is encouraging and motivating, is a good role model, and shows respects for co-workers, students and parents. Mr. Curtis is described by those who nominated him as passionate about history and teaching, an inspired and inspiring educator who “motivates you to be the best student you can possibly be.”

For her “hard work” and “loving presence,” custodian Marina Rogel was honored with the Robert and Linda Foose Memorial Award, named for a former principal and teacher. Ms. Rogel “always goes out of her way in the cafeteria to talk to us and get to know us,” says a group of students. “She goes above and beyond all of her responsibilities.”

The awardees will be honored by the Westfield Board of Education at a public meeting on Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in Room 105 at 302 Elm Street.



**FUTURE AUTHORS...**Award-winning author and illustrator David Wiesner shared his writing and illustrating process during his visit to Franklin Elementary School in Westfield. Pictured are Mr. Wiesner with students with whom he spent his lunch hour along with school library media specialist Rachel Kennedy.

## Author, Illustrator Wiesner Visits Franklin School

WESTFIELD – Award-winning children’s author and illustrator, David Wiesner, recently spent time with students at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield for the annual Visiting Author Day sponsored by the PTO. Mr. Wiesner is known for such books as *Flotsam*, *Tuesday* and *The Three Pigs*, for which he has won three Caldecott Medals for illustration.

Mr. Wiesner shared his process from story concept to final illustration during several assemblies. He explained how he often creates cardboard models that he can physically examine and manipulate for drawing reference at multiple angles. He said his style was influenced by Renaissance painters as well as surrealists.

In addition to displaying his book illustrations at various stages, he also showed photos of drawings and paintings he did as a child. He said he believed them to be nothing extraordinary, but rather very typical drawings any kids at that age might do. He emphasized that it was through years of dedicated practice that he became the artist he is today and encouraged students to stick with whatever it is they like to do and get better at it.

At the end of each presentation, Mr. Wiesner held question and answer sessions, and he spent his lunch hour holding discussions with a small group of students while enjoying pizza together. He additionally signed copies of his books purchased prior to the event.

## The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time at CHS

CRANFORD – Cranford High School’s (CHS) Academy of Performing Arts will present *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, on Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating can be purchased online at <https://chs.booktix.com/>. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. This full-length production is the culmination of the CHS Acting and Technical Theater students’ work.

The play was the winner of the 2015 Tony Award for Best Play.

This showcase stars the talents of Andrew Gordon as Christopher, Sophie Zacharda as Siobhan, Noah Wohlens as Ed, and Nora Sullivan as Judy. Featuring the talents of (in alphabetical order) Amanda Andujar, Haley Baranowski, Alexa Bobko, Makayla Cartnick, Samuel Clark, Melanie Gabel, Kyra Goga, Sullivan Grace, Anna Kalafatis, Marisa Lijoi, Matthew Mallick, Kathryn Manhardt, Kelly McMahon, Pria McNeil, Brian Nigro, Laura Salway, Katrina Wischusen, and Max Wisniewski.

## POPCORN

### Life of the Party Celebrates the Joys of Mediocrity 2 popcorns

One Popcorn, Poor — Two Popcorns, Fair — Three Popcorns, Good — Four Popcorns, Excellent

By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER  
film critic

If you redo in black and white director Ben Falcone’s *Life of the Party*, wherein suddenly divorced Deanna (Melissa McCarthy) returns to college after dropping out 20 years ago, you’ve epitomized any number of escapist comedies that populated theaters during the Great Depression. Light, frothy confections that specialized in proving that one can indeed turn lemons into lemonade, they featured silly but likeable characters who, through some unseen benevolent power or just sheer luck, were able to navigate a series of farcical and convoluted perplexions.

Even the villains in such fare are rather lighthearted foils as opposed to full-bodied miscreants, destined not for harsh retribution, but ironic, embarrassing comeuppance at most. Their objectionable behavior ultimately pales and withers in the face of our protagonist’s exemplary good character. It’s all feel-good, and tacitly promised that no curveball will be thrown.

Thus, the tolerant viewer intent on nothing more than a bit of frivolity to complement the imbibing of popcorn, perhaps some Goobers, a Diet Coke and a raft of cheese nachos, is likely to forgive *Life of the Party* its commercial obviousness. Why spoil the feast? The cinema likes of O’Neill’s *Long Day’s Journey into Night* (1962) will be along soon enough, and it might do well to bolster one’s self with a bit of nonsense before viewing something more likely to be accompanied by bread and water.

As in the case of Rodney Dangerfield and other famous comedy draws who began their careers via stand-up, *Life of the Party* is essentially a medium in which Melissa McCarthy is provided almost full rein to showcase her politely brash shtick. Dialogue is really feature-length monologue in disguise as Deanna, kicked to the curb by her drip of an unappreciative husband, Dan, played by Matt Walsh, waxes witty from opening scene to closing credits. Making up for lost time in re-enrolling at Decatur University to finish that elusive fourth year, it’s all about her.

Of course it just so happens to be where her only offspring, Maddie (Molly Gordon), is in her senior year. But while the script dabbles in some mommy-daughter issues, it’s all pie-in-the-sky, idealistic stuff carefully scripted not to upset the optimistic lilt of things. Featuring a group of Maddie’s sorority

sisters who ostensibly play the adulating chorus to Deanna’s odd mixture of wisdom and surprisingly bawdy exploits, they unfold no more dimension than Snow White’s dwarves.

Needless to note, our newly minted co-ed, who just after enrolling ebulliently declares that she is already experiencing senioritis. And, paying a little lip service to middle-aged vanity while earning some compensation for her hubby’s dastardly kick in the teeth, Deanna soon finds herself romantically pursued by young and handsome fellow senior, Jack (Luke Benward). He begs her to quit school and go back-packing. Nope. Been there, done that.

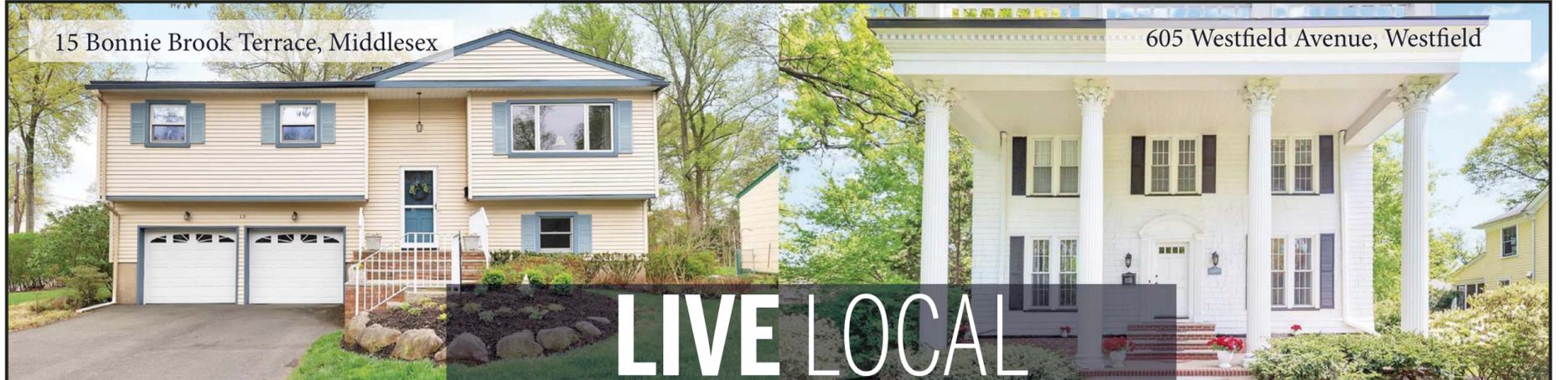
Other funny lines, innuendoes and trumped up cataclysms are sporadically sprinkled along the path where a less trivial film would manifest a plot. There is no gravity here, just a random jumble of stitched together situations. Its instruction comes from the oracle of Pollyanna films which, if asked to comment on the state of things, could be counted on to issue the profoundly chimerical, “It’s all good.” The chief aim is an ennoblement of the overlooked and the negligently cast off, featuring redemption and/or self-realization for all the characters we like.

Minor subplots and interspersed running gags are nonetheless included not only for their comical potential, but as a thickening agent, to stretch the screenplay between Miss McCarthy’s comic outpourings. And, in a portrayal that has us wondering whether it’s suddenly OK again to find humor in drunkenness, Maya Rudolph as the best friend is the tippler in question.

While giving this movie two popcorns, I hasten to note that, unlike most other reels of mediocrity to which I issue a miserly two, I don’t want my money back. Borrowing from the same meaningless vernacular that coined the aforementioned “It’s all good,” quite plainly, this “Is what it is.” The lack of pretension goes a long way to forgiving the film for pandering to our least common denominator tastes. After all, who is above a little fluff? Besides, if I were to be too harsh on *Life of the Party*, that would sort of make me a party pooper, so to speak.

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*Life of the Party*, rated PG-13, is a Warner Bros. release directed by Ben Falcone and stars Melissa McCarthy, Maya Rudolph and Luke Benward. Running time: 105 minutes.



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# Arts & Entertainment

# After Decades of Disrepair Asbury Park's Revival Marches On



SHINING STARS...Westfield High School (WHS) senior Julian Mazzola received the Foxy Award for Outstanding Performance by a Lead Actor in a Comedy at this year's Montclair State University's Theatre Night Awards on May 14. The MSU awards night recognizes excellence in the production of high school and middle school non-musical plays throughout New Jersey. Julian was chosen by judges for his portrayal of Sheridan Whiteside in Westfield High School's fall production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. WHS drama teacher Daniel Devlin was awarded the Joanne Fox Award for Excellence in Commitment to Theatre Education. Pictured at the Foxy Awards, from left to right, are: Julian Mazzola, Kimmie Zimmerman, Mr. Devlin and Charlotte Fountain Jardim. Elsewhere at the Bucks County Playhouse Student Theater Festival in April, WHS senior Jack Cerria was named Best Comedic Actor at the festival for his performance in a one act play.

Photo courtesy of Tom Jardim

By FRED T. ROSSI  
Specially Written for the Summer Travel Series

The 2018 summer season kicks off with the three-day Memorial Day weekend so why not join thousands of other motorists and head down the shore to a town that, barely a decade ago, was one of the last places where you'd want to spend a day but now is consistently ranked as a top summer destination spot in the U.S.

Asbury Park's renaissance, confirmed by a number of travel magazine and website surveys, began in the mid-2000s when a few pioneering restaurateurs opened eateries in a downtown business district that was nothing but boarded-up storefronts. A few art galleries and other interesting shops soon followed and then the city's fabled boardwalk area began to spring to life, with new restaurants, lounges and shops. Visitors began to repopulate beaches that had been pretty much empty since the 1980s and the city's nightlife blossomed.

Today, it's evident that political, civic and business leaders have bought into Asbury Park's revival as they partner not only to improve more and more city blocks but also to expand into those neighborhoods that have felt left behind since before the 1970 riots that began the city's decline.

One important thing city planners and developers have not done over the past decade is to bulldoze everything and start from scratch. Someone who hasn't been to Asbury Park in decades would still be able to pick out many of its landmark buildings such as Convention Hall at the north end of the boardwalk and the shell of the old Casino building at the other end, with the Empress Hotel, the Stone Pony, the Wonder Bar, Madam Marie's fortune-telling booth and the old Howard Johnson restaurant in between. The massive Berkeley-Carteret Hotel, now the Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel, still stands opposite Convention Hall. Downtown, the former *Asbury Park Press* building, the Steinbach department store building and a number of others from the city's heyday—except, sadly, most of its fine old theaters—still stand but have been converted into retail stores, condominiums and restaurants.

It's this practice of keeping as much of the old—cleaned up and repurposed—that gives the city a good deal of its charm and appeal. A former Salvation Army building two blocks from the ocean is now the hip Asbury Hotel, with a rooftop bar with spectacular views and an outdoor movie theater. A block away is Asbury Lanes, which has been around for decades but was recently remodeled and features a vintage bowling alley and bar with live musical performances. Along Ocean Avenue, on a site once occupied for years by a steel skeleton structure that served as a hated symbol of the city's abortive revival efforts in the late 1980s, is the new Asbury Ocean Club, a 16-story luxury high rise that will include condos, a hotel, retail shops and a parking garage when it's completed next year.

A new boardwalk pavilion, complete with a band shell and a rooftop bar and restaurant, was recently built at Fifth Avenue and a new pavilion is planned for Fourth Avenue as well. Meanwhile, returning visitors will find some of their long-time favorites still thriving, such as the water spray park, the pinball arcade and the rooftop lounge across from the Empress. Convention Hall has outdoor bars facing the beach and plenty of shops inside while the beach itself is wide, clean and accessible to changing facilities and rest rooms.

Downtown, it seems that every time I visit, another formerly-blighted block is being redeveloped. Take a stroll along Wesley Lake and take in the grand homes and well-kept yards across the water in Ocean Grove. On the Asbury Park side, there's a huge beer garden with rooftop seating fronting the lake along with the Moonstruck restaurant, which was one of the first to open its doors back when few people thought of Asbury Park as a place to venture to, day or night. You'll also find numerous eateries along Cookman Avenue and elsewhere in the downtown.

Browsing through the Antique Emporium downtown will feel like rummaging through your grandmother's massive attic while feline lovers should check out Catsbury Park, a café and animal shelter where the cats have the run of the place. Our long-time favorite

breakfast spot, among several downtown places that are very popular, is DJ's on Mattison Avenue.

For too long, Asbury Park was unofficially split by the railroad tracks into east and west sides, with the latter area suffering from decay and neglect. But that looks to be changing as it's not hard to notice more and more homes and businesses on the west side being spruced up every time we drive down for a visit. The city's Springwood Avenue corridor will be revitalized with mixed-use development thanks to federal grants, and young entrepreneurs are placing their bets on new, hip businesses on the long-neglected west side of the tracks.

I grew up one town away from Asbury Park and spent most of my teenage years—and dollars—on the boardwalk some 40 years ago, feeding quarters into the arcade games and spending countless nights watching live music at the bars. The city's decline was already underway when I was hanging around and looking for trouble, but it was still the center of the universe to me. I hated seeing it during its worst times in the 1990s and early 2000s when you would be lucky to see a person on the desolate beach on a beautiful summer day while downtown would have been a perfect spot for tumbleweed and not much else.

I continue to marvel at the city's rebirth, happy at the hustle and bustle and grateful that favorite spots like the Stone Pony and Convention Hall weren't plowed under and replaced with shiny new buildings lacking personality and history and great memories. I just hope Asbury Park doesn't get too popular and too crowded and overrun by too many people with no real connection to a place I've always called my second home.

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**SZCZECH 4 RBI, 3 HITS; VAN DAM STRIKES OUT SEVEN; SHRINER 3B, 2 RUNS; MURPHY 2 RBI**

# Cougars Settle Mendham, 7-1, in North 2, Group 3 1st Round

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

Pitcher Jake Van Dam got stronger as the innings progressed and Tyler Szczech provided the majority of the offense as the eighth-seeded Cranford High School baseball team defeated ninth-seeded Mendham, 7-1, in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2 Group 3 Tournament at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 21. The 12-7-1 Cougars advanced to the quarterfinal round to face the top-seeded West Morris Central

Wolfpack, who peeled 16th-seeded Orange, 13-0, in their opening round.

Van Dam ran into trouble in the second and third innings but managed to dodge the Mendham bullets both times. From that point, however, he struck out two batters in the fourth inning, three in the fifth, although allowing Mendham to score its only run on a throwing error, and another in the sixth. Van Dam finished with seven strikeouts, walked three and hit one batter, while allowing only four singles.

Kevin Donovan relieved for one out in the sixth and all three outs in the seventh.

"In the beginning of the game, I was pitching a little scared. Big game! I was a little bit nervous then me and [catcher Mike] McGee talked. He said what are you doing? Just throw the ball. I went out there and settled down. We started getting runs and that really helped. The confidence went through the roof," Van Dam explained. "With all these hits coming in, it just comes easier throwing all these strikes."

The Cougars tapped starting pitcher Logan Shortall for seven hits and reliever Drake Lam for another three hits. Szczech fin-

ished 3-for-4 with four RBI and scored twice.

"Especially with a good pitcher on the mound like Jake and Kevin. They always throw strikes and do really well. Then the batters just have to put the ball in play and hitting is just a mind set," Szczech expressed.

Szczech had an RBI groundout in the first inning, a two-run single to center in the third, a single to right in the fifth and an RBI single down the right field line in the sixth.

On his first hit, Szczech explained, "I knew eventually I was going to get a curveball, so I was thinking first hit just hop on it and hit it hard in play somewhere. That's what I did, just dropped through the middle."

On his third hit, he said, "The pitcher's delivery was a little weird, so I was able to hang on, get the ball, power through it and put the ball in play, get another run in."

Leadoff hitter Jamie Shriner (2-for-4) tripled, singled and scored both times. Mike Murphy had an

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## \* Cougars Settle Mendham, 7-1, in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Baseball \*

RBI sacrifice fly and an RBI single, Pat Connolly rapped an RBI single, Jake DeClerico singled twice and scored once and Jack Jarosz singled, was hit-by-a-pitch and scored once.

After Van Dam retired the side 1-2-3 in the top of the first inning, Shriner hammered a lead-off triple to deep center then scored on Szczech's ground out to second. In the second, Van Dam was in a situation where he had a runner on first (courtesy runner Brian Anderson) with one out. Vin Czarecki tapped a single to left putting runners on first and second. Cougar catcher Mike McGee attempted to back pick the runner on first but the ball sailed into foul territory along right field. Anderson headed for home but he was gunned down

at the plate by Shriner. Van Dam then got the next batter to ground out.

In the Cranford second, Mendham centerfielder Alex Schlegel made a diving grab to prevent any scoring. Van Dam then ran into his most difficult trouble in the third. Garrison Higgins beat out an infield single and Tristan Navarino took a fastball to the back. With no one out, both runners advanced on a wild pitch. Mike Cilio hit a chopper to third, Higgins attempted to score but Cougar third baseman Jarosz threw him out at the plate. The next batter grounded out then after walking the next batter, Van Dam got the final batter to line out to right.

The Cougars added three runs in the third. With Jarosz and

Shriner aboard, Szczech delivered his two-run single to center then scored on Murphy's sac fly to right.

Mendham attempted to rattle Van Dam again in the fourth with a leadoff single by Shortall followed by a walk to Czarecki. Schlegel advanced both runners

with a sac bunt but Van Dam tightened up and fanned the next two batters. In the fifth Van Dam ceded a leadoff single to Mike Cilio, who stole second. Cilio then scored when he attempted to steal third and the throw from McGee behind the plate sailed into left field. From that point, Van Dam struck out the next three batters.

"Towards the end we were working a lot of breaking stuff trying to get them off-balance, just try to get through inning by inning," Van Dam said.

Cranford jumped its lead to 6-0 in the fifth. Szczech singled, stole second then scored on Murphy's RBI single to left. Connolly brought Murphy home with a slashing single to left. The seventh Cougar run came in the

sixth. DeClerico singled to right and was awarded second on a balk call. Jarosz punched a single then Szczech sliced his RBI single to the opposite field.

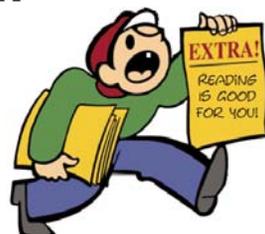
Cougar reliever Kevin Donovan retired all three Mendham batters in the seventh.

The trip to Chester to play the top-seeded Wolfpack is next.

"We are a very capable team. We can obviously put the ball hard in play, get runs across. If the pitcher is throwing well, we can win," Szczech said.

"I think it's great to have the eighth seed. Now we are coming up from behind. All these teams are not expecting us. We are just hitting our stride right now," Van Dam said.

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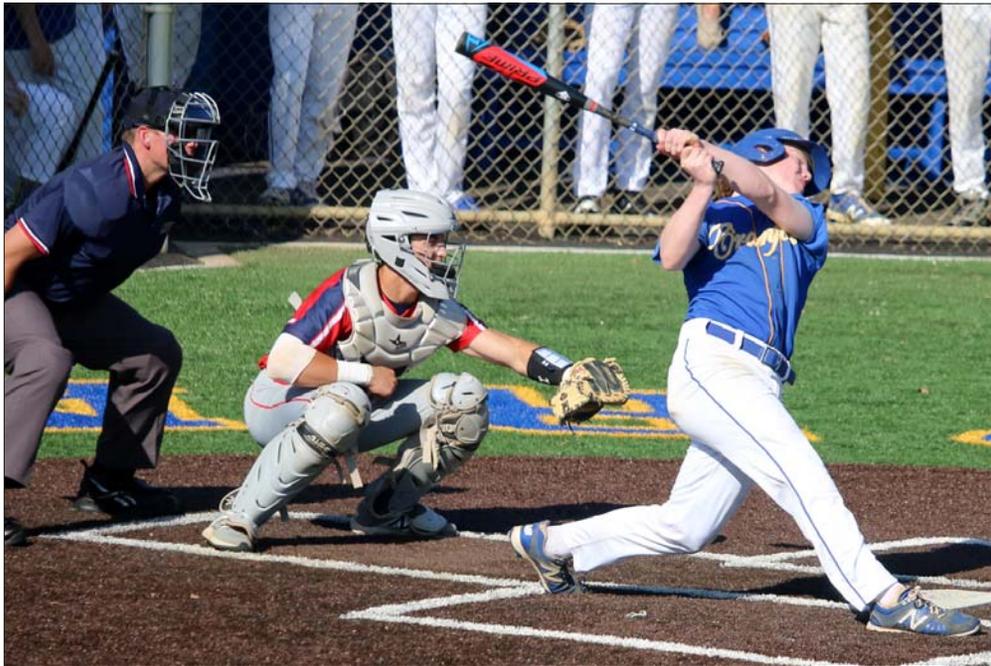


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**\* Blue Devils Clip Clifton Mustangs, 20-2, in North 2, Group 4 Boys Lacrosse \***





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**\* Blue Devils Second, Raiders Sixth at UCT Girls Track & Field Championships \***





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**\* Cougars Muzzle W. Morris Central Wolfpack, 3-2, in North 2, Group 3 Softball \***





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**Raider Boys Win 2, Cougars 1 at Union County Track & Field Championships**





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## GW Council Okays \$416,000 Bond Ord.

By **MICHAEL BONACCORSO**  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

**GARWOOD** — Mayor Charles Lombardo and the borough council approved a bond ordinance Tuesday night appropriating \$416,000 to allow for “various public improvements.” The various public improvements include the acquisition of “new additional” or “replacement” equipment including new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment.

The \$416,000 sum will assist in equipment down payments while necessary to receive county grants which will subsidize the capital purchases. Councilwoman and Finance Committee Chairwoman Sara Todisco said the total sums after county grants are subtracted from the \$416,000. She said the sum the borough will be responsible for is \$334,000.

The bond ordinance will facilitate a HVAC system purchase priced at \$15,000 less than estimates, Ms. Todisco said. Records retention and management costs were estimated at \$50,000, stated Ms. Todisco. The finance committee chose to allocate \$40,000 instead, which was the amount awarded by grant money to offset records retention costs, Ms. Todisco said.

She said the overall total capital costs were \$9,000 less than original estimates allowing for additional capital allocations to the fire department.

“The finance committee unanimously approved adding an air compressor to assist the fire department. The existing air compressor is 20 years old and will make filling air bottles easier and faster,” Ms. Todisco said.

The finance committee unanimously agreed on allocating \$75,000 of the \$416,000 to purchasing a “new and smaller” multi-seasonal mason dump

truck, Ms. Todisco said. The committee had considered two trucks, but one was \$165,000 and provided less overall utility to the public works department, said Councilman and Streets and Roads Committee member Richard McCormack.

Mr. McCormack said he agreed with many aspects of the ordinance, but could not support the ordinance in its entirety. Mr. McCormack said the \$416,000 spending plan did not outline or guarantee a salt spreader from a public works truck being “decommissioned” would be “retrofitted” or placed onto an existing public works vehicle.

Mr. McCormack said the retrofitting would cost \$6,000 to \$7,000. The retrofit allows for an existing vehicle to be used if the “new multi-seasonal truck” were

to “break down” during snow removal, Mr. McCormack said.

He said the retrofitting “makes sense,” is financially prudent and practical, as he relied on his professional experience with trucks and the need for flexibility during “hectic times” for the department.

Mr. McCormack said he requested the retrofitting be outlined in the ordinance to Councilwoman Jennifer Blumenstock during the committee’s discussion.

Ms. Blumenstock said Mr. McCormack had not previously voiced his concerns specific to the matter to the committee or herself. Ms. Blumenstock said she would hold her comments on the retrofitting because she was unaware until Mr. McCormack

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**COURTHOUSE BADGE...**Garwood Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro, standing, welcomed Daisy troop no. 41290 to Garwood’s Borough Hall last week. The girls were given a tour of the courtroom and police department, highlighted by a look inside a jail cell. The Daisies were also introduced to Mayor Charles Lombardo, in back, who explained the role of public administrators and donated “borough goodie bags.” The girls earned their courthouse badges that were donated by Councilwoman Cuccaro.

## Twp. Committee OKs Cap. Bond Ord., Police Contract

By **FRED T. ROSSI**  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

**CRANFORD** — The township committee on Tuesday unanimously passed a capital bond ordinance of nearly \$4.6 million.

The bond will provide funding “for all our capital needs,” said Commissioner Mary O’Connor at the committee’s regular meeting. Among the items and services that will be funded are the township’s road resurfacing program for 2018, the desilting of the Rahway River, expansion of the children’s room at the library and new equipment for the public works department, including a loader and trailer, a pickup truck and a utility truck.

The fire department will receive new turnout gear for its members as well as a new pumper truck. The police department will upgrade its communications equipment. The bond also will finance improvements to the basketball courts at Adams Park and renovations of the playgrounds at Adams and Buchanan Parks. Additionally, Cranford Television will purchase new equipment using proceeds from the bond.

In other business, the committee approved a resolution ratifying a contract between the municipality and the Patrolmen and Detective Patrolmen bargaining unit, PBA Local 52, and the Cranford Police Superior Officers bargaining unit, PBA Local 52.

Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley was the lone committee member to vote against ratification, saying it was a vote that “made me most uncomfortable and reluctant to cast.” She recalled taking part in the recent search for a new police chief, which involved interviews of several candidates. She said she came away from that process “wowed and proud,” but

also aware that all of the candidates were close in age and years of service. The structure of the new contract, Mrs. Dooley said, induces too many police officers and those in leadership positions to retire after 25 years of service, resulting in the departure of too many individuals in the prime of their lives.

Mrs. Dooley said that while a number of other Union County towns have moved away from contracts that provide such early-retirement inducements, the Cranford contract “perpetuates” them — something she said will lead to the “evisceration of our police department” in several years’ time. “We should be inducing the best and the brightest to stay,” she said.

At the start of the brief meeting, Mayor Thomas Hannen, Jr. read a proclamation declaring the week of May 20 to 26 as Emergency Medical Services Week, and 10 members of the Cranford First Aid Squad, including several high-school students, were honored for their service.

### Knights Blood Drive Set For Saturday

**AREA** — Knights of Columbus No. 3240 of Roselle Park will sponsor a Community Blood Drive this Saturday, May 26. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption, located at 113 Chiego Place, Roselle Park.

Complimentary cholesterol screenings will be available. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served to all donors. To make an appointment, call (201) 251-3703 or access donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/47541.

## GW Council Okays \$416,000 Bond Ord.

mentioned it during the council's workshop meeting discussion.

Ms. Todisco said any future "retrofitting," if included, would be an "operating budget expense" line item used for existing equipment costs. She said the bond ordinance addresses "capital items" or new purchases.

Mr. McCormack and Councilman Joseph Sarno voted no on the bond ordinance approval.

"Please vote down this bond ordinance. It is a huge amount of debt for 4,000 [residents]. Stop charging things we need to the credit card," said resident and former Councilman Jim Mathieu.

Mr. Sarno said he cannot support a zero budget tax increase at the expense of the borough's long-term financial health. He said he "hopes" Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro would support him by voting no on the ordinance as well.

Mr. Sarno said Ms. Todisco, Ms. Blumenstock and Councilman Marc Lazarow always vote in unison on ordinances and would appreciate if Ms. Cuccaro supported his views on long-term spending in relation to borough debt.

Ms. Cuccaro said she supports the current budget because it provides taxpayers with "one year of relief" or no tax increases. "After tax increases for 17 straight years," one year of relief is needed, she stated.

Mayor Lombardo said he believes "the committee system works," suggesting all committee members discuss specific decisions privately and vocally before they are presented to the public.

In other business, Mayor Lombardo said the Casale building demolition on South Avenue will not begin until after Wednesday, June 20, "when Lincoln School is scheduled to be closed for the summer." Russo Development will hold a "town hall"-style meeting on Wednesday,

May 30, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Lincoln School, the mayor stated.

"As Mr. Russo has endeavored throughout this process, they remain willing to cooperate with the borough and to accommodate the needs of the community," Mayor Lombardo said.

At that meeting, Russo Development representatives "will provide accurate information and answers to discuss the process of demolition and soil remediation," Mayor Lombardo said.

Ms. Todisco said, however, that Russo is confident the demolition will not hamper air quality for residents, noting that the demolition will follow specific state-mandated and federally-mandated environmental guidelines.

Councilman Sarno said he would like the parking committee to consider residential parking permits for both Myrtle Avenue and Spruce Avenue.

Mr. Sarno said he wanted to raise the conversation in an "agenda-setting format" during open workshop meeting discussion, "hoping" the council could render "a unanimous parking decision." Mr. Sarno stated that his intention was to avoid the permit discussion being delegated to the parking committee.

After a brief discussion, the council agreed the parking committee will look further into private parking permits for Myrtle and Spruce Avenues.

The council unanimously passed an ordinance to prohibit the retail of certain animals. The ordinance is aimed at eliminating "puppy mills," banning future establishments that purchase their dogs from "puppy mill-styled breeders." Currently, Garwood does not have any establishments selling dogs.

The volunteer county legislative leader for the Humane Society of the United States, Larry Cohen, said recent government

funding measures have made checking where pet shops purchase their dogs from impossible or hard for consumers and animal-rights watch organizations.

Mr. Cohen said pet shops knowingly or unknowingly will purchase dogs from breeders who will protect profit margins. Profit-margin protection includes shooting un-purchased puppies in the head with guns, raising newborn puppies in highly-crowded and contaminated environments, and with many dogs dying from the disease-ridden squalor.

Friends of Animals United New Jersey representative Janice Fisher said the ordinance is neither anti-pet nor anti-dog breeders who maintain humane environments. Ms. Fisher said the measure is against puppy mills that are operating under less and less government oversight.

"If animal cruelty is illegal in all 50 states, then why do we allow for puppy mills to continue existing?" asked animal advocate Ellen Coyote.



ON YOUR MARK... Youngsters get a jump start at Sunday's Cranford Brookside School PTA one-mile race. A 5K race followed the one-miler race.

Paul Lachenauer for *The Westfield Leader*

## Garwood Mayor Lombardo Re: Russo Redevelopment

South Avenue Urban Renewal LLC, will be conducting a "Town Hall" public information meeting on Wednesday, May/30, 2018, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Lincoln School, 400 Second Avenue, Garwood. Russo Redevelopment will be mailing out a flyer to all households in Garwood that is expected to be in mailboxes/between May 25-29./ The public information session, conducted by Russo Development, will provide accurate information and answers to questions concerning abatement of asbestos,/ pre-demolition and demolition/ activities, as well as to discuss/ the /process of demolition and soil remediation and their efforts to safeguard the Garwood community and its residents./ Although Mayor Lombardo will introduce these professionals at the start of the meeting, this is in no way a meeting conducted by the Mayor and/ or Council Members.

In attendance will be Mr. Russo

of Russo Redevelopment, /and Chris Minks, Senior Vice President and General Counsel. Also in attendance will be the project LSRP; representative of EAI; Project Manager; a representative of/Northstar/ (abatement / and demolition contractor); Russo's Project Engineer and professionals associated with the demolition of the project./

Mr. Minks recently told Mayor Lombardo that "there is no basis to require a delay as the demolition will not create public health concerns or hazards." However, Mr. Russo will continue to work with the Borough, and has/ agreed to delay the actual physical demolition of the structures until after June 20, when Lincoln school is scheduled to be closed for/ the summer. As Mr. Russo has endeavored throughout this process, they remain willing to cooperate with the Borough and to accommodate the needs of the community. In Mayor Lombardo's communication with Russo Development, Mr. Minks goes on to say that "It will be made clear at the Town Meeting that this is done merely as a courtesy to the community and not because of any legitimate health concerns posed by demolition"./

As per the Mayor's request, Russo Redevelopment will provide reasonably detailed monthly LSRP status updates that will be suitable/ for publication on the Borough website. Mr. Minks also states "that this will be a good means of keeping the public informed as to the progress of the project and hopefully prevent the spread of the type of misinformation and rumors that we have recently seen".

*Probitas Verus Honos*

## Cranford Recreation Reveals Marchers For Memorial Day Parade on May 28

CRANFORD — The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department has announced that its annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 28. The lineup will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Marching will commence at 9 a.m., ending with a traditional memorial ceremony at Memorial Park on Springfield Avenue between Riverside Drive and Central Avenue, at 10 a.m.

Joining the line of march will be the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Color Guard, Grand Marshal James Silkensen, United States Army; VFW Post No. 335, the Cranford High School Band, flag bearers carried by Boy Scout Troops No. 75 and 80, the mayor and township committee, Cranford Police, Cranford Fire De-

partment, Cranford First Aid Squad, Cranford Council Knights of Columbus, Union County Pipes and Drums Band, Cranford Historical Society, Crane's Ford D.A.R., Hillside Avenue Band, Cranford Democratic Club, Azure-Masada Lodge No. 22, Cranford Republican Club, the mayor and council of the Borough of Garwood, Garwood Fire Department, Garwood First Aid Squad, American Lab Rescue, Sunny Acres Civic Group, Shining Stars, Cranford Elks No. 2006 Motorcycle Club, Car Group and other vehicles, Orange Avenue Band, Cranford Community of Girl Scouts, Boy Scout Troops No. 75 and 80, Cub Scout Packs No. 75 and 103, Cranford Lacrosse Club, Cranford Baseball and Softball League, Cranford Soccer, and the Cranford Hockey Club. The Cranford High School Madrigal Ensemble and the Cranford High

School Band will provide musical selections at the ceremony.

In the event of inclement weather, services only will be held at the Cranford Community Center at 10 a.m. A limited number of American stick flags will be distributed to those along the parade route. For further information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at (908) 709-7283.

## Brookside Place School Promotes Pedal Power

CRANFORD -- In an effort to promote healthy choices and active lifestyles, Brookside Place School (BPS) Nurse Paula O'Hara recently began a "Pedal to School" campaign. Through a grant from Atlantic Health System's Atlantic

Healthy Schools A+ Challenge, the generosity of the Brookside PTA and a partnership with the Cranford Police Department, Mrs. O'Hara was able to offer school-wide bike registration, a raffle for gift cards to a local bike shop, a bike safety assembly and the addition of two bike racks for the younger students. Parents and teachers were thrilled to see the bike racks being put to use immediately.

Ms O'Hara said, "We encourage our students to be active every day and biking to school is one way to do this. It was so exciting to see the new racks filled with so many bicycles today!"

The school also worked closely with Atlantic Health System's Overlook Medical Center Health Educator Erica Ohrn for coaching throughout the program.

Brookside Place School is a grade K-5 elementary school in Cranford.

Atlantic Healthy Schools' A+ Challenge is a school initiative offered by Atlantic Health System. This program funded 36 schools to assist in the implementation of healthy eating and/or active lifestyle in the school environment.

## Summer Concerts to Offer Diverse Musical Styles

Community Center.

"Rewind — Back to Classic Rock" will take place on Wednesday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. New Jersey-based, three-piece band Rewind will play the songs of great American artists, the British Invasion and the Summer of Love. Rewind members include John Delgiodice (guitar), Ken Cohen (drums) and Rich Loughlin (bass).

The Odessa Klezmer Band will be featured on Wednesday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of bandleader, accordionist and vocalist Ed Goldberg, the Odessa Klezmer Band has played the joyous dance music of the Klezmerim (Jewish folk musicians) throughout the tri-state area for more than 30 years. With an eclectic mix of Eastern European and Middle Eastern tunes, including polka and czardas, the band is known for inspiring audiences to dance in the aisles.

The Amir Vahab Trio will perform on Wednesday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. Honored as a peacemaker and virtuoso, Amir Vahab is a composer/vocalist and lecturer specializing in a wide variety of traditional Persian instruments: the tanbour, ney, daf, tar and oud. Mr. Vahab is noted for his expertise in Persian culture and history, and for the spirituality present in his music and teachings. His songs weave fiery instrumentals and melodies of the ancient lands of the Middle East that include Persian, Turkish, Azeri and beyond.

No registration is required for these free concerts. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue and is accessible to all. For more information about the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, go to [cranfordlibrary.org](http://cranfordlibrary.org) and click on Friends of the Library.

## Library Acquires 'Father Bob' Book

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library, located at 224 Walnut Avenue, recently obtained a copy of "Better Than We Believed 2" by the Reverend Robert J. Cormier.

Born and raised in Cranford, "Father Bob," as he was called by his many friends and parishioners, served as a minister in Newark and Jersey City, a prison chaplain, a rehabilitation counselor, and as president of the board of Project Live, Inc., an Essex County nonprofit that provides mental health services in Essex County.

After his death in 2014 on Mount Hood, Ore., he was honored by the City of Newark with a street named after him. "Better Than We Believed 2," a 2018 followup to an earlier volume by Reverend Cormier, is a reflection on faith and religion through the eyes of multiple characters. The book will be added to the library's circulating collection.



**PEDAL POWER...** Brookside Place School (BPS) installs two new bike racks on school grounds in a Pedal to School Campaign to promote healthy lifestyles made possible in part by a grant from Atlantic Health System's Atlantic Healthy Schools A+ Challenge, the Brookside PTA and the Cranford Police Department. Pictured, left to right, are: BPS PTA 2nd Vice President Tracy McSweeney; local bike shop gift card raffle winners Cameron Towery, Quinn Wright, Georgia Paine and Sophia Santomauro; back row, Atlantic Health System's Health Educator Erica Ohrn.

## Local Letters to the Editor

### Don't Wait For A Closed Group Of Union County Decision Makers

It is intriguing to me that the incumbent mayor and his team attempt to lay claim to being "real" Democrats. If they are "real" Democrats, then why are well-known Garwood Republican politicians rushing to their defense on Facebook and openly supporting them with lawn signs? It is clear that they prefer the Lombardo-Guerrero-Kearney team, not because they will be supporting them in the November election, but because they prefer them as their opposition in November.

When a fellow Garwood Democratic Club member raised concern over Mayor Lombardo voting for Trump in 2016, Mayor Lombardo's surrogates attacked him with letters to the paper. Mayor Lombardo's campaign went silent on that issue, instead deciding to double down on efforts to claim the title of "real" Democrats. It seems to me these are just empty buzzwords with little meaning.

This local election is not really about who the "real" Democrat is, but it is about which candidates are true to Garwood. Sara Todisco, Michael Ince and Sean Benoit are true to Garwood.

Sara Todisco is a fourth-generation Garwood resident, Lions Club President, Education Foundation President and former softball coach. She always puts Garwood first. Instead of waiting four more years for a closed group of Union County decision makers to select her as their candidate, Sara Todisco is taking a risk and running under the "Democrats for Garwood" ticket; she realizes that Garwood needs strong leadership now and cannot afford four more years of

ineffective leadership. Sara Todisco is true to Garwood.

Michael Ince is a retired FBI Special Agent and wants to serve his fellow citizens by bringing his 30-plus years of professionalism and teamwork to the council. Michael Ince is true to Garwood.

Sean Benoit wants to represent the interests of the people of Garwood with the same determination and dignity that he provides his at-risk clients in the courtroom; he wants to make sure that Garwood is the best it can be for his wife and young son. Sean Benoit is true to Garwood.

In my research for this article, I discovered that Mayor Lombardo was the paid Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority representative for 14 years. In 2007, he voted against the previous mayor and council's wishes on an important matter about whether or not to start the process of privatizing the authority. Why would he go against their directive? It turns out that Mayor Lombardo's county connections were more influential to him than the previous Garwood mayor and council. That is not being true to Garwood.

When Sara, Michael and Sean run as "Democrats for Garwood," that is who they are. They are true to Garwood. While I am a proud Democrat nationally, locally, I want council members who are for the town above all else.

If you agree, please join me in voting \*Column D\*, Todisco for Mayor as well as Ince and Benoit for Council, on June 5!

Joe Burkard  
Garwood

### Why I'm Voting for Sara Todisco...

The purpose of this letter is to explain why I'm voting for Sara Todisco for Mayor of Garwood during the Democratic Primary election on June 5, 2018.

I have known Sara for several years. In my opinion, Sara is a positive, hard-working professional who has integrity. She is transparent and a great communicator. She is always volunteering. For example, she coached several of our kids' softball teams and she has served as the president of our Education Foundation of Garwood for the last six years. Sara's passion and love for our Garwood community is admirable.

I'm voting for Sara to be our next mayor because of the results she has achieved over the last seven years, serving as a member of our town council. Here are a few examples of Sara's accomplishments:

There is no 2018 municipal tax increase. It is important to note that this has not happened in 17 years. Sara led this effort by serving as the Finance Committee chair.

She created the first five-year capital plan, which provides a timeline for replacing equipment in our town. It is important to be proactive in order to prevent "surprises" (e.g., unexpected spending).

She was instrumental in ensuring new LED stop signs and radar speed signs were installed at areas of major traffic safety concern.

As our town continues to go through challenging and exciting times, I think we all agree that we need an effective, accountable leader. Sara Todisco is my choice for Mayor of Garwood.

Tracey Roland  
Garwood

### Bringing Proactive Leadership Garwood Needs In Changing Times

I am excited about voting Column D in the June 5 Garwood Democratic Primary for Sara Todisco for mayor as well as Sean Benoit and Michael Ince for council. They are the team with the energy, new ideas and competency to lead Garwood as we experience changing times and inevitable challenges.

I'm relatively new to town, 10 years or so; when I first met Sara she was coaching my youngest daughter in softball on the Garwood recreational team and always talking about Garwood. She impressed me then with her boundless energy as she is a full-time teacher, councilwoman and volunteer for multiple organizations in town. Sara has a drive for giving back and making a difference, which are qualities very admirable in someone seeking public office. Most importantly, she is competent. Sara knows what is going on in town and has great ideas for how to make the

on boards and committees or proper oversight of redevelopment projects. I know she will give it her all, like she has done for many years.

In meeting Michael and Sean, I see enthusiasm and a true commitment to Garwood, above all else, as they seek the Democratic nomination to run for council. Their professional backgrounds show me that they know how to listen to others and keep an open mind, which is what our town needs in its elected officials. They believe in restoring professionalism and teamwork to the council, which is also desperately needed.

I'm confident that with Sara as the mayor, civility will be restored to our local government. I am also certain that she will not let a day go by when she is not on top of the issues. She will bring proactive leadership that Garwood needs in these changing times.

### I Endorse Jennyfer Guerrero for Garwood

My name is Deborah Acosta, and I am writing to endorse Jennyfer Guerrero of the Regular Democratic Party "Garwood Forward" for the position of council member in the Borough of Garwood, N.J. With full confidence I state Jennyfer has the character and experience required to be an excellent representative and leader in our community.

Jennyfer, along with her husband, Juan, have established and maintained a home within the community of Garwood for ten years. As a successful businesswoman and loving mother of three children, she embraces the responsibilities of balancing her career, raising a family, and being a model neighbor. Jennyfer has consistently demonstrated that she has the thoughtfulness, energy and passion required to bring new perspectives to Garwood. Through her professional experience and commitment to volunteering, Jennyfer has acquired and displayed the skills necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of a councilwoman. Her dedication to being an advocate of service leadership and being a positive role model are key assets that Garwood needs to move forward into the future and beyond.

I am honored to support Jennyfer Guerrero and ask that you do the same in the June 5 Primary Election. I truly believe that she has the principles and proficiency required to exceed the expectations of our community and excel as our representative.

Deborah A. Acosta  
Garwood

*Probitas Verus Honos*

## Local Letters to the Editor

### The Future for Garwood Under a Todisco Leadership Burns Bright

When I first considered running for council back in early 2016, I of course had to weigh the pros and cons of the decision before me. Yes, it would take up a good amount of time, but I had so many ideas for our town and thought perhaps the reward of serving our residents would more than outweigh any cost. But it was Councilwoman Sara Todisco who tipped the scales for me. The vision Sara had for Garwood was clear and it really piqued my interest. The more we spoke, the more we realized that we shared many of the same goals for our borough, and I was eager to work with her to make those ideas become a reality.

Together, we've been able to bring the revitalization of Hartman Park to fruition; we've begun a Green Team to make our town not only more beautiful but more environmentally sustainable; and we've made our shared goal of encouraging and honoring our volunteers a top priority with the creation of the volunteer rewards card. We were also able to work together on the Finance Committee to produce a budget with a zero dollar tax increase this year, something that I know Councilwoman Todisco has been working hard towards during her tenure as Finance chair. She's been appointed to the Finance Committee each year of her seven on the council and five times as its chair by both Democrat and Republican mayors, which speaks volumes about her competence.

The future for Garwood under a Todisco leadership burns bright. I will be thrilled to work side by side with her to support initia-

tives to ensure the future for Garwood is even stronger with a Citizens Advisory Panel, where residents, not elected officials or former politicians, give their input on major capital projects. A clear channel of communications between the Planning Board and Board of Education will be critical in the coming years, and I intend to help her to ensure that her idea of quarterly meetings between the boards and the council becomes a reality.

I commend Mayor Lombardo for his 25 years as an elected official. His volunteerism to this town is admirable. However, the assertion made by his camp that Sara should "wait her turn" is frankly all too reminiscent of an "old boys club" mentality. Councilwoman Todisco's energy and enthusiasm for all things Garwood is a part of what's made her an excellent mentor and colleague. Her opponents would have you believe that all of that energy and tireless activity is something to be ashamed of. But shouldn't we encourage the involvement of citizens in our town? Why shouldn't we recognize one's many accomplishments?

Her opponents want you to believe that you should want a "behind-the-scenes" mayor. But I ask you: wouldn't we rather a mayor who makes sure to be a part of all of the major decisions and changes coming to Garwood? Don't we want to have a mayor who has a proven track record of rolling up her sleeves and fighting, negotiating and most of all making things happen?

I am voting for Sara Todisco for mayor not because it's her turn or out of any perceived loyalty. I

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### I Ask Garwood Democrats to Please Support Me and My Running Mates

My name is Jennyfer Guerrero, and I am running with the Regular Democratic Party "Garwood Forward" team for the borough council with my running mates Mayor Charles Lombardo and Vincent Kearney. This is my first time running for any elected office.

I am an Energy Contracts Manager for PSE&G, and I am the mother of three young children. I have volunteered for over ten years and been part of the board for the March of Dimes and Adelante. Adelante is PSE&G's Employee Business Resource Group for Hispanic/Latino employees which provides opportunities for networking, mentoring, cultural understanding and career building.

Why I am running for office and why I would like to be a councilwoman is a question many people have asked me in the past few weeks. It's an important question, because I feel not all candidates are running for the same reason or view this role the same way I do.

Along with my husband, Juan, we moved to Garwood ten years ago to raise our family. Since moving here, I've been wishing our town had more activities and programs for both children and all our residents. My children were the reason why I first got involved in the Celebrations

Committee. I saw the opportunity to volunteer for the Celebrations Committee to help support community activities, though I soon realized I wanted to do even more for Garwood.

Soon after I had this thought, I was made aware that the Democratic Party was searching for candidates for the borough council. I was very excited to hear this and thrilled to be selected to run!

To me, running for office is not about a title or promoting myself; it is about what I see as taking the next step in community building; leveraging my professional and life experience to bring a new perspective to the council. I would rather let my actions speak for me than talking about myself more.

My intention is not to use this as a starting point for future political ambition; instead, I see this role as an opportunity to help our community to continue the growth and change which has happened since I moved here ten years ago. Community involvement is very important for me, and I would like to play a positive role in strengthening our town to continue to move it forward. It's clear to me that Garwood is a town that is moving in the right direction thanks to the hard work and efforts of my running mate Mayor Charles Lombardo, who has done a tremendous job behind the scenes.

I would like to ask our Garwood Democrats to please support me and my running mates, Mayor Lombardo and Vincent Kearney, in the June 5 Primary Election. Look for us on Column B!

Jennyfer Guerrero  
Regular Democratic Candidate for  
Garwood Council

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Council President Jen Blumenstock  
Garwood

## POLICE BLOTTER

### CRANFORD

Thursday, May 17, Charles McKoy, 19, of North Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after police stopped a 2002 Mercury on North Avenue East near the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for a seatbelt violation. McKoy was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. Additionally, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for a seatbelt violation, no driver's license in possession, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Monday, May 21, Jivin Kisson, 26, of Rahway was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and use of a controlled dangerous substance after police stopped a 2000 Honda at the intersection of Raritan Road near Centennial Avenue for a brake lamp that was out. Following an investigation at the scene, Kisson was arrested for DWI and use of a controlled dangerous substance without a prescription. He was processed and released pending a municipal court appearance date. Additionally, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for maintenance of lamps and not having a valid insurance card in his possession.

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