

Disciplinary Action Filed Against Officer; Police Chief to Retire

By KATE BROWNE
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MOUNTAINSIDE — Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli and the borough council updated residents Monday night on the status of the Stinner versus the Borough of Mountain-side lawsuit. The mayor and the borough's attorney, John Post, answered dozens of residents' questions regarding the case. The lawsuit, which was filed in May 2018 by five members of the Mountain-side Police Department as well as a part-time employee, alleges sexist, racist and homophobic conduct by Officers Andrew Huber and Thomas Murphy and Police Chief Alan Attanasio.

The mayor advised that the coun-

cil had recently received a confidential report prepared by an independent attorney, William Maderer, a former Assistant United States Attorney, presently with the law firm Saiber LLC. Based on Mr. Maderer's report, the borough has filed disciplinary proceedings against Officer Murphy, who has been suspended without pay. In addition, Chief Attanasio and Officer Huber have submitted their retirement papers to the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits. Both men were removed from the borough's payroll as of June 20, 2018.

According to the mayor, the decision regarding their pension request is outside of the control of the bor-

ough council. Officer Murphy has asked for a hearing, therefore the council passed a resolution authorizing the retention of the law firm of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, which has handled police misconduct allegations for many years, to provide professional legal services related to employment and labor matters at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.

Prior to taking questions from the public, Mayor Mirabelli directly addressed rumors in the community. In response to concerns regarding the impact of the media's coverage of the lawsuit on property values, the mayor said he spoke to every realtor in the area and they all advised that the real estate market in Mountain-side is extremely strong, with several homes recently selling less than two weeks after listing. In addition, according to the mayor, the July 18, 2018 edition of *The New York Times* real estate section included a lengthy profile of Mountain-side, which the paper described as a "hidden gem" with a median asking price of \$699,900. *The New York Times* article did not mention the lawsuit.

Mayor Mirabelli also stated that data confirmed the lawsuit had not impacted public safety and that Joseph Santiago, a former State Police superintendent who has been retained to conduct a review of the police department, would soon complete his report and recommendations.

Liz Truman asked for clarification regarding the estimated legal fees and the scope of the borough's insurance coverage. Mr. Post explained that the borough is not paying any of the legal fees for the officers named as defendants in the lawsuits and Mr.

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GROOVING TO JAZZ...Crowds gathered July 18 to hear the sounds of B-Ro and the Groove Merchants as part of the Westfield Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz Festival.

Hartz Says Construction of Apts. Could Occur Over Seven Years

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO
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CRANFORD — The planning board held its second hearing last Wednesday on Hartz Mountain Industries' proposed development at 750 Walnut Avenue that calls for 905 rental units.

At last week's hearing, Hartz Mountain Industries' land use and development director and assistant general counsel, James Rhatican, introduced testimony from commercial real estate expert James McDonough and professional architecture testimony from Bruce E. Englebaugh, a profes-

sional architect with Minno & Wasko Architects and Planners.

Mr. Englebaugh stated that the proposed development would total 905 units spread amongst five separate buildings. The development's proposed construction would occur in two separate phases. The total parking spaces proposed after both construction phases are completed is 1,723, stated Mr. Englebaugh.

Construction is proposed to occur over seven years, stated Mr. Rhatican. He said the construction decision was made based on what is most "palatable" for the township.

"If (your) intention would be to make it palatable to the town, there would not be two phases. Is that something Hartz would consider?" questioned Mayor Thomas Hannen, Jr.

Mayor Hannen, speaking as to what is "palatable" for the township, said perhaps a density less than 30 units per acre would be "palatable," with Hartz choosing just one construction phase versus both phases in their entirety.

Mr. Rhatican said he did not understand the question, and perceived the questions as being whether both phases of construction could happen simultaneously versus over seven years.

The five buildings' architectural layouts were presented under the titles Building A, Building B, Building C, Building D and Building E. Amongst

the five buildings, the bedroom mix would include 380 one-bedroom market-rate units and 386 two-bedroom market-rate units, stated Mr. Englebaugh.

Amongst the five buildings, the proposed affordable bedroom mix includes 28 one-bedroom units, 82 two-bedroom units and 29 three-bedroom units, he said.

Hartz Mountain will not develop any three-bedroom market-rate units, stated Mr. Englebaugh. He said, currently, three-bedroom market-rate units are not desired or sought after by possible tenants as much as one-bedroom and two-bedroom units.

As per court-ordered affordable housing rules, a specific percentage of units must have three bedrooms, stated Mr. Englebaugh.

He said "Phase One" would include the construction of Buildings A and B. There would be 247 total units (both market-rate and affordable units) in Building A and 186 total units in Building B.

Buildings A and B are proposed to have 210 one-bedroom market-rate units and 155 two-bedroom market-rate units, stated Mr. Englebaugh. Both buildings are proposed to have 14 one-bedroom affordable units, 40 two-bedroom affordable units and 14 three-bedroom affordable units.

Phase Two would include Buildings C, D and E, totaling 472 units

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School Safety Awareness Discussed by Cranford

By ROBYN ORR-GIOFFRE
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CRANFORD — Student safety and wellness issues were discussed at the Cranford Board of Education (BOE) meeting Monday night.

Superintendent of Schools Scott Rubin, Ed.D., told the board "we are in the process of always refining and enhancing safety protocols and upgrades, certainly for the upcoming school year."

This past school year the Office of Emergency Planning and Preparedness was brought into the district to conduct a security audit.

According to Superintendent Rubin, several meetings with all of the safety representatives were held to create "upgrades and enhancements" based on the feedback from the audit for the upcoming school year. He said many of the enhancements and upgrades will be discussed and finalized at a meeting tonight, July 26, on the implementation of those items.

Furthermore, the safety and wellness meeting will have a focus on which security upgrades will be

made public and what items will be implemented "behind the scenes" to "keep our district safe," according to the superintendent.

Superintendent Rubin also spoke about the new position in the district for coordinator of culture and climate. This position has been created in order to provide leadership, programming and professional development to support a safe school environment and a positive school culture.

The person in this role will focus on supporting students' social and emotional learning and promote student safety and wellness.

"We are in the process of interviewing for this position and we'd like to have someone in place obviously for the beginning of the school year," Mr. Rubin told the board.

Board member William Hulse, who heads the Climate Safety Committee, told the board the committee met July 13.

In going to the Parent-Teacher Association meetings during the last school year, Mr. Hulse commented,

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Garwood Council Discusses Hartman Park Project

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GARWOOD — Borough council members on Tuesday discussed two possible capital projects and one existing financial agreement, including a Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant further benefiting Hartman Park, Garwood's financial agreement with the Fanwood Department of Public Works regarding street sweeping, and repainting the Center Street railroad underpass.

Councilman Marc Lazarow stated that the recreation trust fund grant will assist the borough in purchasing equipment for two picnic areas with umbrella-shaded tables. Additionally, the grant money will be used to acquire equipment to install a new "functioning water fountain," he said.

The existing water fountain at Hartman Park is unusable or no longer servicing residents, Mr. Lazarow said. He said the project's estimated cost would be somewhere in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range depending on a final cost quote.

The grant is structured to be "matching," meaning the borough is responsible for matching whatever amount is granted by the county, stated Mr. Lazarow. He said the borough would have to allot between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to "match" half the payment of the total project cost. "This grant application does not commit us to spending the money, but gives us the financial freedom to make informed choices that would have less financial impact on our taxpayers," said Mr. Lazarow.

Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro said she was concerned with the Hartman Park revitalization project's total cost. Ms. Cuccaro said more money was being spent after the park was "now brand new."

"Now you want to spend more

money," said Councilwoman Cuccaro, suggesting she was blindsided by the additional work materializing in regards to the Hartman Park revitalization.

Councilman Richard McCormack said he was unsure why "shade" was now being discussed for "the first time." Mr. McCormack said he had to question the project's timeline, how certain aspects were prioritized and its impact on total project cost. The annual matching grant process allows the borough's recreational expenditures to be subsidized incrementally over several years, stated Mr. Lazarow.

Councilman Lazarow said Union County granted the borough \$80,000 within the past year to revitalize Hartman Park. That grant money is being utilized to fund new equipment purchases, landscaping improvements and the basketball court's restoration, stated Mr. Lazarow. The borough received \$25,000 in grant money with no matching clause and \$55,000 in "matching grants," he said.

Thus far, the borough has paid or budgeted \$55,000 (separate from grant money received) for the Hartman Park revitalization project. Mr. Lazarow said the grant to assist in picnic table purchases and water fountains would be considered a separate project.

Councilwoman Sara Todisco said in previous years the borough has not applied for matching grants pertaining to recreation expenditures. She said the borough did not have a vision for how the money would be purposed.

Ms. Todisco said she agrees with seeking additional grants because the money now has a purpose with the "matching" grant function re-

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SHOPPING FOR TOMATOES...This couple looks looks over the selections of tomatoes at Saturday's Westfield Farmers Market at the North Avenue Train Station parking lot. The market runs every Saturday until October.



Courtesy of Sue Lucas

FIRST AID CADETS...Fourteen Cranford First Aid Squad cadets recently entered the New Jersey State Cadet competition and Cranford teams came home with first and third places. The event was hosted by Keyport First Aid Squad, with teams coming from New York and Pennsylvania in addition to New Jersey. Please see a story and more pictures on page 3.

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COOLING OFF...The Westfield Memorial Pool was the place to be on Saturday to cool off from the summer humidity.

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Larry Lane of the Mountainside-based Musial Group said his firm had met with all municipal departments and assessed their current and future needs related to space, desks, public access, filing space, security, restrooms, copier rooms and the like. While no formal floor plans or indications of future locations were provided, Mr. Lane said it was likely that the square footage of any new buildings will be slightly higher than is found in the existing municipal building, north-side firehouse, public works facility and rescue squad. Parking requirements also will be a significant factor in planning the new facilities.

At the start of the council’s meeting, Police Chief Ted Conley announced the promotion of Jeff Briel to the rank of captain and welcomed Joseph Kostecki, Jr. to the department as an officer.

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developed amongst the three buildings, stated Mr. Englebaugh. Buildings A, B and C are each designed at four stories in height, he said.

Buildings C, D and E are proposed to have 170 one-bedroom market-rate units and 231 two-bedroom market-rate units, with an affordable bedroom mix of 14 one-bedroom units, 42 two-bedroom units and 15 three-bedroom units, stated Mr. Englebaugh.

He said there would be a total of 1,278 spaces in an enclosed parking deck and 445 surface spaces.

Mr. Englebaugh said the Building A garage is proposed to have 468 spaces. The Building B garage is proposed for 170 spaces.

Planning board member Christopher Chapman said the architect was charged with the task to design something that “complements the town.”

“Which ways does this (the development) complement the town?” Mr. Chapman questioned Mr. Englebaugh.

Mr. Englebaugh said the development would generate tax revenue,

which would be beneficial to the township, and stated that the development would be “nice looking.”

Mayor Hannen wondered why the ingress and egress for the development would be residential streets and neighborhoods perpendicular to the development.

Mr. Englebaugh said he was unaware of traffic intentions and that the question should be directed towards the traffic engineer at the next hearing on Wednesday, August 1.

“It’s part of the design you presented. The assumption would be if those roads were not there you would have to redesign (the development),” said Mayor Hannen, after stating the residential neighborhoods are being utilized to support the proposed increased traffic flow from “such a housing density.”

Mr. Rhatican said at May’s hearing that Hartz Mountain commercial real estate sales and leasing director Charlie Reese summarized Hartz Mountain’s difficulty with finding tenants for the existing office space at the 750 Walnut location.



DAY IN BERLIN...Westfield residents Josh Rinschler and Olivia Gonzalez hold a copy of *The Westfield Leader* at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

Board of Adjustment OKs Sheffield St. Renovation

By ZOE RADER
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MOUNTAINSIDE — Downey General Contracting was granted full permission to renovate the office building at Tuesday’s board of adjustment meeting.

The applicant came before the board for a change of tenancy from office and warehouse use by changing from overhead door construction to a commercial building. The office building on Sheffield Street currently houses six different small office tenants. However, both the contracting company and the landlords want to reduce the activity to one tenant.

Nancy Feigel of Summit has owned the building with her husband for roughly 27 years, and she testified in front of the board for this application. She stated that as she and her husband get older, they want to manage less tenants and change the dynamic of the office space.

With the application, the six offices will be demolished and transformed into one office with a warehouse for Downey General Contracting. Among the changes will be two handicap-accessible bathrooms, a new exit door and an overhead door with a loading area that would

eliminate three parking spaces. James Weill, the applicant’s architect, stated that losing the three parking spaces will result in 108 spaces on site, but this will not be an issue, as only 105 spaces are required.

The contracting company, which has been there since 2012, will primarily use the space as a storage unit for their supplies and equipment. The overhead door is needed to load equipment on to box trucks, all of which is done by three or four in the afternoon, Ms. Feigel testified.

The board did not express too many concerns regarding the application, as the changes were mostly modest and did not increase the footprint of the building.

The renovations were unanimously approved, under the conditions that the catch basin be repaired, no equipment can be stored outdoors and no vehicles can be kept in the parking lot overnight.

Additionally during the meeting, an application submitted by the Maxwell Family Court LLC was postponed without a further date.

The board, which is a combined planning and zoning board, will meet again on Tuesday, August 28, at 7:30 p.m.

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ducing the overall project cost for taxpayers.

Resident Albert Del Conte said he supports the council’s decision to complete the Hartman Park project through several steps or granting processes to assist the taxpayers in getting more for their tax dollars. Mr. Del Conte said the recreation grant process was similar to the borough’s spending procedure with repaving roads. He said the borough repaves every road eventually, but does not repave them all at once.

The borough has elected to apply for Union County infrastructure matching grants, then determining how many roads would be paved in a given budget year.

Councilman McCormack said he was implored as a councilman “to have the conversation” about the borough’s agreement with Fanwood’s Department of Public Works and its street sweeper or street services.

“I repeatedly hear things like ‘Rich, when is the street sweeper coming?’ ‘Why don’t we have regular street cleanings?’ and ‘It seems the quality of street cleanings is not as good as it once was,’” said Mr. McCormack, describing residents’ concerns regarding provided street services.

Mr. McCormack said hearing resident concerns and comments such as

those aforementioned “upsets me not only as a councilman, but also a resident of this town.”

The buildings and grounds committee has discussed repainting the Center Street railroad underpass, stated Mr. Lazarow. He said a quote has not been sought on final project costs to scrape and paint the Center Street underpass.

Preliminary discussions within the committee have included using Russo II development fees allotted to the borough, stated Mr. Lazarow. The borough will collect \$100,000 in development fees from the Russo II project as one aspect of the financial agreement benefiting the borough, he said.

Mr. McCormack said he does not support spending money before a “check is even cashed.”

Mr. Lazarow said the suggestion was made forward looking, not binding, and no money was being spent or bonded until the council votes on desired capital projects.

“The Center Street bridge is a wreck and an embarrassment,” said Ms. Todisco, describing the bridge’s current condition. She said the bridge’s current paint job dates back to 1976.

Mayor Charles Lombardo said the bridge is structurally sound, although graffiti has been a problem.

Mountainside BOE Receives Additional Aid

By KATE BROWNE
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MOUNTAINSIDE — The members of the board of education agreed to allocate additional state aid to special education students at the board’s meeting on Tuesday night.

The amount of state aid increased by \$150,160. The New Jersey Department of Education notified the board of the additional funding earlier this month. As a result of the increase, the district will receive a total of \$763,171 for the 2018-2019 school year. The district received \$569,584 in state aid for the 2017-2018 school year. The members approved a resolution to use the funds to defray the costs of out-of-district special education placements.

Chief School Administrator (CSA) Nancy Lubarsky advised that the district will implement the PowerSchool Parent Portal this fall. The portal will provide access to real-time information on a student’s grades, schedules and attendance. She urged parents to review the letter they will receive later this month regarding the new system.

In addition, in response to parent’s concerns and perceptions regarding what they feel is a large number of half days scheduled, the board has decided to change the previously scheduled half days for the first two days of school to full days. The calendar will be mailed to all students next week. Due to a fire at the playground equipment supplier’s warehouse, the new playground equipment for Beechwood Elementary School will not be installed until the end of September.

CSA Lubarsky made a detailed presentation regarding the status of the goals she had set for the 2017-2018 school year. The board determined that she had met or exceeded all of the goals, and as a result will receive a 2 percent salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2017.

The first goal was to conduct a critical analysis of the curriculum using the new state learning standards. The gaps that were identified in language arts included grammar, vocabulary and spelling. In math, the gaps were word problems, statistics

and probability, and scientific notation. In social studies, gaps in civics, geography and economics were all identified and will be resolved as part of the review of the entire social studies curriculum, which will be conducted during the upcoming school year.

The second goal was to improve the services offered by the guidance department. A survey was conducted, and based on input from various stakeholders a decision was made to include a formal mental health and wellness program to address issues such as stress, anxiety and depression, including an improvement in drug and alcohol awareness outreach. The program, which the district will implement, is Social Decision Making and Problem Solving.

In order to better monitor teacher effectiveness, CSA Lubarsky’s third goal was to increase the administrators team’s visibility through formal and informal walk throughs and drop-in visits. She shared sample reports on the results of these “management by walking around” events, which occurred each semester.

The final goal was to improve student math performance and maintain language arts performance on the statewide PARCC standardized tests. The score for the middle-school students increased significantly. For example, the percentage of seventh graders’ who achieved a 4 or 5, the highest scores increased from 69 percent to 85 percent and the percentage of eighth graders increased 79.3 percent to 82.7 percent. CSA Lubarsky credited the teachers and the testing team and the district’s focus on using data driver learning, which helps teachers personalize each student’s learning plan.

In other business, the board of education approved an operation systems license for 160 Chromebook laptops in the amount of \$34,502, agreed to a student transportation contract with Durham School Services for the 2018-2019 school year, and to retain the YMCA of Westfield to provide Before/After Care program services for the Mountainside School District.



LADY LIBERTY...*The Westfield Leader* visits the Statue of Liberty, while cousins make a visit from Ohio to see family from Cranford.

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Santiago’s consulting fees are \$17,500. He also explained that the borough and its insurance carrier had jointly agreed to retain Christine A. Amalfe, an attorney with the law firm of Gibbons LLC, to defend the borough in the Stinner action. Ms. Amalfe’s fees are being shared between the insurance carrier and the borough on a 55-percent-to-45-percent basis. Mr. Post advised that, consistent with insurance industry practice, the borough does not have coverage for punitive damages.

Ileana Montes, a resident who won as a write-in candidate for borough council in the June Democratic Primary, questioned the governing body on the impact a punitive damage award in the Stinner case would have on residents’ taxes. Mr. Post explained that punitive damage awards, particularly in employment cases, are extremely unusual. He also assured residents that the borough would consider all appropriate alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

In contrast to last month’s public meeting, where voices were raised, all of the exchanges between residents and the council were cordial, with the exception of one woman who characterized the council members as “absentee officials” who were “reactive rather than proactive.” She loudly accused them of abandoning residents during this year’s severe winter storms by failing to take action to restore power and remove storm debris.

In response, Gary Whyte, who resides across the street from Borough Administrator James Debbie, stated that he had personally repeatedly shoveled the Debbie family driveway because Mr. Debbie

was busy assisting residents and supporting the borough’s storm recovery and snow-removal efforts.

In other business, council members voted to enter into an agreement to sell the property known as the Barnes Tract to the Garnico Group LLC of Green Brook, N.J., for a purchase price of \$3.1 million. The resolution authorizing the sale was read in its entirety into the record by the mayor. The resolution detailed the results of multiple hearings over the last three years by the Land Use Board, the testimony and expert opinions offered by planning expert John Chadwick, and the requirements of the borough’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. The Barnes Tract is to be developed for 32 housing units for sale, of which six will be listed as affordable.

In response to an inquiry from Genevieve Copper of Knightsbridge Road regarding a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection survey of the site, which identified a wetland area, the mayor stated that development of the site will not affect the wetlands and the site plans will likely be available for public review prior to the September 2018 meetings.



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“We listened to a lot of people, we took their information, and now we’re implementing a lot of things.”

In other board business, the BOE accepted the resignation of board member Catherine Sheridan. Mrs. Sheridan served on the board for the past year and a half.

The board thanked Mrs. Sheridan for her countless hours of preparation in regards to her multiple duties, her vision and leadership, her attendance and participation at meetings, her diligence and determination and her dedication and service to the students of the Cranford School District.

Board member Maria Loikith commented, “I liked bouncing ideas off her; she has a big heart, she has an open mind at all times. We’re going to miss her.”

Additionally, the board approved the appointment of Brian Heineman as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction effective Monday, August 6.

Mr. Heineman was previously the director of curriculum and instruction for the Bernards Township School District.

Kaitlyn Johnston, Christine

Tattoli-Rising, Cecilia Churms, Danielle Weinstein, Cynthia Worrell, Kimberly Bennett and Justin Latham were recommended and approved as new hires in the district.

Several appointments were approved by the board, including Barbara Carroll as director of the University Academy, Lisa Hayeck as coordinator of the Science Academy and Kathleen Savage as student advisor to the Science Academy.

Additionally, Ron Hoglund, Jennifer Hilborn and Daphne Morrissey were approved as University Program Advisors, Anthony Rafaniello was approved as coordinator of the Academy of the Performing Arts, and Emily Donahue and David Marconi were approved as student advisors to the Academy of the Performing Arts.

The board accepted the resignations of Katherine Romanchik, Robert Dusak, Alison Bielinski and Justin Bonitatis.

The next board of education meeting will take place on Monday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m.



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COMMUNITY SALE...The Westfield Community Center held a rummage sale on Saturday on the sidewalk in front of the Community Center on West Broad Street.

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Fanwood Rec. Eyes Grant For Playground Equipment

By LAUREN A. SILVA
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FANWOOD — There was much discussion at Tuesday night's recreation commission meeting about the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant. The deadline for this grant is next month.

Recreation Commission Director Bob Budiansky said that, "there is \$132,000 in the recreation trust. The grant is for \$100,000 and the commission would pay half."

Some of the options for use of the grant money include new playground equipment, horseshoe pits, dugouts, a picnic area and landscaping. The commission voted to apply for new playground equipment for Forest Road Park.

Mr. Budiansky also mentioned the improvements to the skate park in Forest Road Park. Within a few weeks, the chain link fence will be replaced with a heavier chain link that surrounds the skate park. New poles will be added to the fence as well.

Mr. Budiansky mentioned to Acting Chairperson Eryn Sinclair and



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FRESH VEGGIES...Fresh vegetables were in abundance last Saturday at the crowded Farmers Market held in Scotch Plains at 430 Park Avenue in the municipal parking lot.

Disciplinary Action Filed Against Officer; Police Chief to Retire

By KATE BROWNE
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

MOUNTAINSIDE — Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli and the borough council updated residents Monday night on the status of the Stinner versus the Borough of Mountainside lawsuit. The mayor and the borough's attorney, John Post, answered dozens of residents' questions regarding the case. The lawsuit, which was filed in May 2018 by five members of the Mountainside Police Department as well as a part-time employee, alleges sexist, racist and homophobic conduct by Officers Andrew Huber and Thomas Murphy and Police Chief Alan Attanasio.

The mayor advised that the council had recently received a confidential report prepared by an independent attorney, William Maderer, a former Assistant United States Attorney, presently with the law firm Saiber LLC. Based on Mr. Maderer's report, the borough has filed disciplinary proceedings against Officer Murphy, who has been suspended without pay. In addition, Chief Attanasio and Officer Huber have submitted their retirement papers to the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits. Both men were removed from the borough's payroll as of June 20, 2018.

According to the mayor, the decision regarding their pension request is outside of the control of the borough council. Officer Murphy has asked for a hearing, therefore the council passed a resolution authorizing the retention of the law firm of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, which has handled police misconduct allegations for many years, to provide professional legal services related to employment and labor matters at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.

Prior to taking questions from the public, Mayor Mirabelli directly addressed rumors in the community. In response to concerns regarding the impact of the media's coverage of the lawsuit on property values, the mayor said he spoke to every realtor in the area and they all advised that the real

estate market in Mountainside is extremely strong, with several homes recently selling less than two weeks after listing. In addition, according to the mayor, the July 18, 2018 edition of *The New York Times* real estate section included a lengthy profile of Mountainside, which the paper described as a "hidden gem" with a median asking price of \$699,900. *The New York Times* article did not mention the lawsuit.

Mayor Mirabelli also stated that data confirmed the lawsuit had not impacted public safety and that Joseph Santiago, a former State Police superintendent who has been retained to conduct a review of the police department, would soon complete his report and recommendations.

Liz Truman asked for clarification regarding the estimated legal fees and the scope of the borough's insurance coverage. Mr. Post explained that the borough is not paying any of the legal fees for the officers named as defendants in the lawsuits and Mr. Santiago's consulting fees are \$17,500. He also explained that the borough and its insurance carrier had jointly agreed to retain Christine A. Amalfe, an attorney with the law firm of Gibbons LLC, to defend the borough in the Stinner action. Ms. Amalfe's fees are being shared between the insurance carrier and the borough on a 55-percent-to-45-percent

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FRED T. ROSSI FOR THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD TIMES
SUMMER ROAD WORK...Crews were busy last week in Scotch Plains resurfacing several major streets badly in need of repair, including East Second Street.

Land-Use Boards Finish Work Until September

By FRED T. ROSSI
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SCOTCH PLAINS — At the planning board's final meeting of the summer on Monday, members granted a request for an extension of time to formally record a deed for a three-lot development.

Last year, the board approved an application from Victor Beqaj to divide a large lot located at 660 Emil Place into three lots, two of which will be nonconforming with regard to lot size, and then build three new single-family homes. A two-family house, described last year by Mr. Beqaj's attorney as in very poor condition, was located at the end of Emil Place, a street the attorney also described as being in bad condition.

There were several conditions included in the board's approval, and at Monday's brief meeting, planning board attorney Robert Pansulla informed the board that those conditions had been fulfilled. But the time period for recording the

property's deeds with county authorities had expired in the meantime, necessitating Monday's vote to extend the time.

Neither the planning board nor the zoning board of adjustment have regular meetings set for August. The planning board's next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12, and the zoning board meets next on Thursday, September 6, although it is meeting in early August solely to finalize its approval of an application it voted on last week.

Looking ahead to the final months of the year, it is likely both the planning and zoning boards will continue to be involved in the downtown redevelopment process.

The township council is expected to consider changes and updates to local zoning ordinances, including ones pertaining specifically to the downtown business district. The two boards are likely to review redevelopment proposals later in the year and recommend any changes to those plans.



FRED T. ROSSI FOR THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD TIMES
SUMMER FLOWERS...Fresh flowers were in bloom last Saturday at the Farmers Market in Scotch Plains, held every Saturday through November from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For details, see scotchplainsfarmersmarket.com.



LAUREN SILVA FOR THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD TIMES
PARK UPGRADES...Fanwood Recreation Commission Director Bob Budiansky, pictured right, announces the commission is to apply for a \$100,000 grant for Forest Road Park improvements, at the commission meeting held Tuesday. Acting Chairperson Eryn Sinclair is pictured at left.

improvements, recently sent Mr. Budiansky an updated map of the improvements. The map is a more simplified version of phase one. The commission discussed the changes, which include moving the handball court and removing the privacy barrier.

Mr. Budiansky noted the success of the Party in the Park, which took in \$3,750, held on June 26.

More upcoming events will be discussed at the Tuesday, August 28, recreation commission meeting to begin at 7:45 p.m. at La Grande Park.



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SPFD FUNDRAISER...Scotch Plains and neighboring towns' fire departments hold a fundraiser for the fire department's 150th anniversary at Stage House restaurant in Mountainside on July 17.

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SMOOTHING OUT THE EDGES...*...A worker smooths out new pavement on East Second Street in Scotch Plains. A number of roads, determined to be in the worst condition, were resurfaced this summer.*

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cent basis. Mr. Post advised that, consistent with insurance industry practice, the borough does not have coverage for punitive damages.

Ileana Montes, a resident who won as a write-in candidate for borough council in the June Democratic Primary, questioned the governing body on the impact a punitive damage award in the Stinner case would have on residents' taxes. Mr. Post explained that punitive damage awards, particularly in employment cases, are extremely unusual. He also assured residents that the borough would consider all appropriate alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

In contrast to last month's public meeting, where voices were raised, all of the exchanges between residents and the council were cordial, with the exception of one woman who characterized the council members as "absentee officials" who were "reactive rather than proactive." She loudly accused them of abandoning residents during this year's severe winter storms by failing to take action to restore power and remove storm debris.

In response, Gary Whyte, who resides across the street from Borough Administrator James Debbie, stated that he had personally repeatedly

shoveled the Debbie family driveway because Mr. Debbie was busy assisting residents and supporting the borough's storm recovery and snow-removal efforts.

In other business, council members voted to enter into an agreement to sell the property known as the Barnes Tract to the Garnico Group LLC of Green Brook, N.J., for a purchase price of \$3.1 million. The resolution authorizing the sale was read in its entirety into the record by the mayor. The resolution detailed the results of multiple hearings over the last three years by the Land Use Board, the testimony and expert opinions offered by planning expert John Chadwick, and the requirements of the borough's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. The Barnes Tract is to be developed for 32 housing units for sale, of which six will be listed as affordable.

In response to an inquiry from Genevieve Copper of Knightsbridge Road regarding a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection survey of the site, which identified a wetland area, the mayor stated that development of the site will not affect the wetlands and the site plans will likely be available for public review prior to the September 2018 meetings.

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and assessed their current and future needs related to space, desks, public access, filing space, security, restrooms, copier rooms and the like. While no formal floor plans or indications of future locations were provided, Mr. Lane said it was likely that the square footage of any new buildings will be slightly higher than is found in the existing municipal build-

ing, north-side firehouse, public works facility and rescue squad. Parking requirements also will be a significant factor in planning the new facilities.

At the start of the council's meeting, Police Chief Ted Conley announced the promotion of Jeff Briel to the rank of captain and welcomed Joseph Kostecki, Jr. to the department as an officer.

Board of Adjustment OKs Sheffield Street Renovation

By ZOE RADER

Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

MOUNTAINSIDE — Downey General Contracting was granted full permission to renovate the office building at Tuesday's board of adjustment meeting.

The applicant came before the board for a change of tenancy from office and warehouse use by changing from overhead door construction to a commercial building. The office building on Sheffield Street currently houses six different small office tenants. However, both the contracting company and the landlords want to reduce the activity to one tenant.

Nancy Feigel of Summit has owned the building with her husband for roughly 27 years, and she testified in front of the board for this application. She stated that as she and her husband get older, they want to manage less tenants and change the dynamic of the office space.

With the application, the six offices will be demolished and transformed into one office with a warehouse for Downey General Contracting. Among the changes will be two handicap-accessible bathrooms, a new exit door and an overhead door with a loading area that would

eliminate three parking spaces.

James Weill, the applicant's architect, stated that losing the three parking spaces will result in 108 spaces on site, but this will not be an issue, as only 105 spaces are required.

The contracting company, which has been there since 2012, will primarily use the space as a storage unit for their supplies and equipment. The overhead door is needed to load equipment on to box trucks, all of which is done by three or four in the afternoon, Ms. Feigel testified.

The board did not express too many concerns regarding the application, as the changes were mostly modest and did not increase the footprint of the building.

The renovations were unanimously approved, under the conditions that the catch basin be repaired, no equipment can be stored outdoors and no vehicles can be kept in the parking lot overnight.

Additionally during the meeting, an application submitted by the Maxwell Family Court LLC was postponed without a further date.

The board, which is a combined planning and zoning board, will meet again on Tuesday, August 28, at 7:30 p.m.



LOOKING FOR BARGAINS...*...The Westfield Community Center holds a rummage sale on Saturday on the sidewalk in front of the Community Center on West Broad Street.*

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School Safety Awareness Discussed by Cranford

By ROBYN ORR-GIOFFRE

Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

CRANFORD — Student safety and wellness issues were discussed at the Cranford Board of Education (BOE) meeting Monday night.

Superintendent of Schools Scott Rubin, Ed.D., told the board "we are in the process of always refining and enhancing safety protocols and upgrades, certainly for the upcoming school year."

This past school year the Office of Emergency Planning and Preparedness was brought into the district to conduct a security audit.

According to Superintendent Rubin, several meetings with all of the safety representatives were held to create "upgrades and enhancements" based on the feedback from the audit for the upcoming school year. He said many of the enhancements and upgrades will be discussed and finalized at a meeting tonight, July 26, on the implementation of those items.

Furthermore, the safety and wellness meeting will have a focus on which security upgrades will be made public and what items will be implemented "behind the scenes" to "keep our district safe," according to the superintendent.

Superintendent Rubin also spoke about the new position in the district for coordinator of culture and climate. This position has been created in order to provide leadership, programming and professional development to support a safe school environment and a positive school culture.

The person in this role will focus on supporting students' social and emotional learning and promote student safety and wellness.

"We are in the process of interviewing for this position and we'd like to have someone in place obviously for the beginning of the school year," Mr. Rubin told the board.

Board member William Hulse, who heads the Climate Safety Committee, told the board the committee met July 13.

In going to the Parent-Teacher Association meetings during the last school year, Mr. Hulse commented, "We listened to a lot of people, we took their

information, and now we're implementing a lot of things."

In other board business, the BOE accepted the resignation of board member Catherine Sheridan. Mrs. Sheridan served on the board for the past year and a half.

The board thanked Mrs. Sheridan for her countless hours of preparation in regards to her multiple duties, her vision and leadership, her attendance and participation at meetings, her diligence and determination and her dedication and service to the students of the Cranford School District.

Board member Maria Loikith commented, "I liked bouncing ideas off her; she has a big heart, she has an open mind at all times. We're going to miss her."

Additionally, the board approved the appointment of Brian Heineman as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction effective Monday, August 6.

Mr. Heineman was previously the director of curriculum and instruction for the Bernards Township School District.

Kaitlyn Johnston, Christine Tattoli-Rising, Cecilia Churms, Danielle Weinstein, Cynthia Worrell, Kimberly Bennett and Justin Latham were recommended and approved as new hires in the district.

Several appointments were approved by the board, including Barbara Carroll as director of the University Academy, Lisa Hayeck as coordinator of the Science Academy and Kathleen Savage as student advisor to the Science Academy.

Additionally, Ron Hoglund, Jennifer Hilborn and Daphne Morrissey were approved as University Program Advisors, Anthony Rafaniello was approved as coordinator of the Academy of the Performing Arts, and Emily Donahue and David Marconi were approved as student advisors to the Academy of the Performing Arts.

The board accepted the resignations of Katherine Romanchik, Robert Dusak, Alison Bielski and Justin Bonitatis.

The next board of education meeting will take place on Monday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m.



TEAM CRANFORD...*Fourteen Cranford First Aid Squad cadets recently entered the New Jersey State Cadet competition and Cranford teams came home with first and third places. The event was hosted by Keyport First Aid Squad, with teams coming from New York and Pennsylvania in addition to New Jersey.*

Mountainside BOE Receives Additional Aid

By KATE BROWNE

Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

MOUNTAINSIDE — The members of the board of education agreed to allocate additional state aid to special education students at the board's meeting on Tuesday night.

The amount of state aid increased by \$150,160. The New Jersey Department of Education notified the board of the additional funding earlier this month. As a result of the increase, the district will receive a total of \$763,171 for the 2018-2019 school year. The district received \$569,584 in state aid for the 2017-2018 school year. The members approved a resolution to use the funds to defray the costs of out-of-district special education placements.

Chief School Administrator (CSA) Nancy Lubarsky advised that the district will implement the Power School Parent Portal this fall. The portal will provide access to real-time information on a student's grades, schedules and attendance. She urged parents to review the letter they will receive later this month regarding the new system.

In addition, in response to parent's concerns and perceptions regarding what they feel is a large number of half days scheduled, the board has decided to change the previously scheduled half days for the first two days of school to full days. The calendar will be mailed to all students next week. Due to a fire at the playground equipment supplier's warehouse, the new playground equipment for Beechwood Elementary School will not be installed until the end of September.

CSA Lubarsky made a detailed presentation regarding the status of the goals she had set for the 2017-2018 school year. The board determined that she had met or exceeded all of the goals, and as a result will receive a 2 percent salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2017.

The first goal was to conduct a critical analysis of the curriculum using the new state learning standards. The gaps that were identified in language arts included grammar, vocabulary and spelling. In math, the gaps were word problems, statistics

and probability, and scientific notation. In social studies, gaps in civics, geography and economics were all identified and will be resolved as part of the review of the entire social studies curriculum, which will be conducted during the upcoming school year.

The second goal was to improve the services offered by the guidance department. A survey was conducted, and based on input from various stakeholders a decision was made to include a formal mental health and wellness program to address issues such as stress, anxiety and depression, including an improvement in drug and alcohol awareness outreach. The program, which the district will implement, is Social Decision Making and Problem Solving.

In order to better monitor teacher effectiveness, CSA Lubarsky's third goal was to increase the administrators team's visibility through formal and informal walk throughs and drop-in visits. She shared sample reports on the results of these "management by walking around" events, which occurred each semester.

The final goal was to improve student math performance and maintain language arts performance on the statewide PARCC standardized tests. The score for the middle-school students increased significantly. For example, the percentage of seventh graders who achieved a 4 or 5, the highest scores increased from 69 percent to 85 percent and the percentage of eighth graders increased 79.3 percent to 82.7 percent. CSA Lubarsky credited the teachers and the testing team and the district's focus on using data driver learning, which helps teachers personalize each student's learning plan.

In other business, the board of education approved an operation systems license for 160 Chromebook laptops in the amount of \$34,502, agreed to a student transportation contract with Durham School Services for the 2018-2019 school year, and to retain the YMCA of Westfield to provide Before/After Care program services for the Mountainside School District.



LADY LIBERTY...*The Westfield Leader visits the Statue of Liberty, while cousins make a visit from Ohio to see family from Cranford.*

Garwood Council Discusses Hartman Park Project

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO

Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

GARWOOD — Borough council members on Tuesday discussed two possible capital projects and one existing financial agreement, including a Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant further benefiting Hartman Park, Garwood's financial agreement with the Fanwood Department of Public Works regarding street sweeping, and repainting the Center Street railroad underpass.

Councilman Marc Lazarow stated that the recreation trust fund grant will assist the borough in purchasing equipment for two picnic areas with umbrella-shaded tables. Additionally, the grant money will be used to acquire equipment to install a new "functioning water fountain," he said.

The existing water fountain at Hartman Park is unusable or no longer servicing residents, Mr. Lazarow said. He said the project's estimated cost would be somewhere in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range depending on a final cost quote.

The grant is structured to be "matching," meaning the borough is responsible for matching whatever amount is granted by the county, stated Mr. Lazarow. He said the borough would have to allot between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to "match" half the payment of the total project cost.

"This grant application does not commit us to spending the money, but gives us the financial freedom to make informed choices that would have less financial impact on our taxpayers," said Mr. Lazarow.

Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro said she was concerned with the Hartman Park revitalization project's total cost. Ms. Cuccaro said more money was being spent after the park was "now brand new."

"Now you want to spend more money," said Councilwoman Cuccaro, suggesting she was blindsided by the additional work materializing in regards to the Hartman Park revitalization.

Councilman Richard McCormack said he was unsure why "shade" was now being discussed for "the first time." Mr. McCormack said he had to question the project's timeline, how certain aspects were prioritized and its impact on total project cost. The annual matching grant process allows the borough's recreational expenditures to be subsidized incrementally over several years, stated Mr. Lazarow.

Councilman Lazarow said Union County granted the borough \$80,000 within the past year to revitalize Hartman Park. That grant money is being utilized to fund new equipment purchases, landscaping improvements and the basketball court's restoration, stated Mr. Lazarow. The borough received \$25,000 in grant money with no matching clause and \$55,000 in "matching grants," he said.

Thus far, the borough has paid or budgeted \$55,000 (separate from grant money received) for the Hartman Park revitalization project. Mr. Lazarow said the grant to assist in picnic table purchases and water

fountains would be considered a separate project.

Councilwoman Sara Todisco said in previous years the borough has not applied for matching grants pertaining to recreation expenditures. She said the borough did not have a vision for how the money would be purposed.

Ms. Todisco said she agrees with seeking additional grants because the money now has a purpose with the "matching" grant function reducing the overall project cost for taxpayers.

Resident Albert Del Conte said he supports the council's decision to complete the Hartman Park project through several steps or granting processes to assist the taxpayers in getting more for their tax dollars. Mr. Del Conte said the recreation grant process was similar to the borough's spending procedure with repaving roads. He said the borough repaves every road eventually, but does not repave them all at once.

The borough has elected to apply for Union County infrastructure matching grants, then determining how many roads would be paved in a given budget year.

Councilman McCormack said he was implored as a councilman "to have the conversation" about the borough's agreement with Fanwood's Department of Public Works and its street sweeper or street services.

"I repeatedly hear things like 'Rich, when is the street sweeper coming?', 'Why don't we have regular street cleanings?' and 'It seems the quality of street cleanings is not as good as it once was,'" said Mr. McCormack, describing residents' concerns regarding provided street services.

Mr. McCormack said hearing resident concerns and comments such as those aforementioned "upsets me not only as a councilman, but also a resident of this town."

The buildings and grounds committee has discussed repainting the Center Street railroad underpass, stated Mr. Lazarow. He said a quote has not been sought on final project costs to scrape and paint the Center Street underpass.

Preliminary discussions within the committee have included using Russo II development fees allotted to the borough, stated Mr. Lazarow. The borough will collect \$100,000 in development fees from the Russo II project as one aspect of the financial agreement benefiting the borough, he said.

Mr. McCormack said he does not support spending money before a "check is even cashed."

Mr. Lazarow said the suggestion was made forward looking, not binding, and no money was being spent or bonded until the council votes on desired capital projects.

"The Center Street bridge is a wreck and an embarrassment," said Ms. Todisco, describing the bridge's current condition. She said the bridge's current paint job dates back to 1976.

Mayor Charles Lombardo said the bridge is structurally sound, although graffiti has been a problem.



DAY IN BERLIN...*Westfield residents Josh Rinschler and Olivia Gonzalez hold a copy of The Westfield Leader at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.*

Westfield Nurse Elected To ANA Directors Board

TRENTON — The New Jersey State Nurses Association (NJSNA) has announced the election of its member, Varsha Singh MSN, APN, of Westfield to the American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors as a member-at-large for a two-year term.

“Congratulations to Varsha on her election to the ANA Board of Directors,” said Dr. Benjamin Evans, president of NJSNA. “We wish her well in her service to nurses and patients nationwide.”

Ms. Singh, whose term will begin in January, is a complex care advanced practice nurse at Optum Care, an independent nurse practitioner and teaches neurology didactic courses at Trinitas School of Nursing. She is president of Forum of Nurse in Advanced Practice at NJSNA and immediate past president of New Jersey Stroke Coordi-



Varsha Singh

nators Consortium.

She earned her associate’s degree from Trinitas School of Nursing, completed the RN to MSN program at Seton Hall University where she also earned a master’s degree as a nurse practitioner in adult health and is enrolled in a doctoral program at Seton Hall.

RVSA Hosts Fellows From Mandela Fellowship Inst.

RAHWAY — Earlier this month The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) hosted 25 Fellows from the Mandela Washington Fellowship Institute in Business and Entrepreneurship at its Rahway facility to highlight the importance of organic waste management. As an industry leader, RVSA was selected by Rutgers to provide this educational experience as part of a multi-week networking program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and designed to inspire the Fellows

Mentors Sought for Big Brothers Big Sisters

COUNTY – Union County residents who are seeking community members to can sign up as a mentors with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties.

The organization is currently seeking volunteer mentors for its best-known program, Community-Based Mentoring. The program involves individual mentoring with a local child or teen, age 6 to 18, with a commitment of just four hours per month for one year. Any resident age 20 or older can apply to become a mentor.

The Freeholder Board recently entered into a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters to build the program in Union County. As part of the partnership, Union County recently launched the Bigs in Blue program, aimed at enlisting mentors from the law enforcement field.

Volunteer mentors have the flexibility to schedule their own time. No previous experience is necessary. All mentors receive training and professional support from Big Brothers Big Sisters. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders supports Big Brothers Big Sisters through the Office of Community Engagement and Diversity.

For more information, contact office coordinator Nathalie Hernandez at (908) 527-4880 or nahernandez@ucnj.org.

through unique industry innovation and business advancements.

The Fellows first visited Waste Management’s patented CORE food waste slurry system in Elizabeth, which serves as RVSA’s feedstock supply partner following a recently-awarded 10-year co-digestion contract. The group was given a first-hand look at the co-digestion process currently in operation at the RVSA treatment plant and the opportunity to speak with professionals regarding this changing paradigm of resource recovery emerging in the water resource sector.

“RVSA had the available anaerobic digestion capacity to create a food waste recycling infrastructure and moved forward with co-digestion earlier this year,” explains RVSA Executive Director James Meehan. “With so many facilities throughout the U.S. ramping up to co-digest high-strength organics like commercial food waste and fats, oils and grease, co-digestion is a developing trend in the market. It was an honor to showcase this process to such a talented group of Fellows, who will return to their home countries with an increased knowledge regarding this innovation,” said Mr. Meehan.

Several of the Fellows expressed interest in a future RVSA follow-up tour and requested RVSA input on projects they’re currently managing in Africa. “Each of these Fellows carries an impressive and experienced background. It is our pleasure to continue collaboration and explore new opportunities,” said Mr. Meehan. In addition, with biosolids significantly enhanced through food waste digestion, RVSA intends to explore a partnership with Waste Management and Rutgers to further refine biosolid residuals with the goal of producing fertilizer for direct-land application.



NEWLY SWORN IN...Senator Nicholas P. Scutari (D-22nd, Linden), left, congratulates former Linden Police Chief Jonathan Parham, center, on his swearing in as Union County Undersheriff on July 13. At right is Sheriff Peter Corvelli.

Scutari Applauds Parham’s Swearing In As Undersheriff

LINDEN—Senator Nicholas P. Scutari (D-22nd, Linden) congratulated former Linden Police Chief Jonathan Parham on his swearing in as Undersheriff of Union County on July 13.

“Being able to witness the beginning of a new chapter in Jon’s life is all the more rewarding because I have watched him evolve from someone on my high school wrestling team to someone who now has the whole community’s back and who is truly a hero to so many,” said Sen. Scutari. “Over the years, he has demonstrated an ever higher level of integrity and character, and a deeper level of commitment to the service of others. No one deserves this appointment more than Jon Parham, and I could not be prouder.”

Undersheriff Parham served Linden for nearly 25 years, elevated from officer to captain before his promotion to chief of the 200-employee department on September 1, 2016. He rose to national recognition during his first few weeks as chief when members of his force apprehended the now convicted “Chelsea Bomber” Ahmad Rahimi after an extended shootout that injured the terrorist and two of Chief Parham’s officers.

During his six months as chief, Mr.

Parham’s leadership polished the department’s reputation and helped to heal its sadness at the death of fellow Linden Officer Daniel Kuczynski.

“Jon’s talents and skills have made all the difference throughout his career and I congratulate my friend as he brings his vision and passion to the sheriff’s office,” said Senator Scutari. “He, his wife Ebony, and their two young sons have a lot to be proud of as he continues to transform our community and increase the safety and wellbeing of Union County.”

Union County Provides Recycling Bins to Schools

COUNTY – Fifty-six schools spread across nine Union County towns will receive new recycling bins this fall, thanks to a free distribution program administered by Union County and funded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

The nine municipalities receiving bins for their school districts are Berkeley Heights, Elizabeth, Hillside, Mountainside, New Providence, Rahway, Roselle Park, Springfield, and Summit.



MEET AND GREET...Garwood Republicans recently held a meet-and-greet fundraiser. Pictured, from left to right, are: Union County GOP Freeholder candidate Peter Kane of Summit; Ileen Cuccaro, Garwood mayoral candidate and current borough councilwoman, and Union County Freeholder candidate and former Garwood mayor, Patricia Quattrocchi of Clark.

Ron Paul Endorsed Sabrin for U.S. Senate

STATE -- Former Texas U.S. congressman and three-time presidential candidate Run Paul last week endorsed Murray Sabrin’s U.S. Senate candidacy in New Jersey.

“...Murray’s dedication to, and knowledge of, the principles of liberty will make him an effective advocate for freeing the people of New Jersey — and the nation — from excessive taxes, debt, and inflation, as well as ending the ongoing violations of our right to free speech, property, and privacy. Murray will also be an outspoken Senator for peaceful relations with other nations, and work to ensure that our immigration policies adhere to common-sense solutions like his proposal to have immigrants obtain sponsors so they can assimilate and become financially independent,” Ron Paul said.

Mr. Sabrin was Ron Paul’s 2008 New Jersey spokesman during the 2008 Republican presidential primary campaign.

Work on Kehler Stadium Will Begin Next Spring

WESTFIELD — After careful review following a two-month delay caused by a bid protest in the Kehler Stadium renovation project, the Westfield Public School District announced on July 19 that construction on the stadium will begin next spring.

“While there was no easy solution to address the delay caused by this unnecessary and frustrating bid complaint, we feel this decision to hold off construction on Kehler Stadium until spring of 2019 is the least disruptive option to our sports programs and other activities,” said Business Administrator Dana Sullivan.

Ms. Sullivan said consultations were held with the vendor, Your Way Construction, Inc., and Westfield High School administrators at which a number of considerations were discussed, including the various events and activities held during the school year at the stadium, the fall and spring sports seasons, and whether viable options exist for moving a sport or activity/ event to a different venue during construction. Your Way was the low bidder at \$3,031,100.

In a prior press release, Ms. Sullivan said if construction on the stadium had not been completed by the fall it would have impacted the freshman, junior varsity and varsity football program as well as girls’ and boys’ soccer and field hockey programs.

“We will continue to work with our coaches to try to minimize disruption and address concerns,” Superintendent Margaret Dolan said. “We appreciate the community’s ongoing patience throughout the Kehler renovation project.”

Work on Kehler Stadium to replace the turf field, track, blackout, bleachers and to renovate the bathrooms

had been scheduled to begin in early May after the contract was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Your Way Construction, Inc. of Irvington. The Board approved the Kehler contract on March 19.

H & S Construction and Mechanical, Inc. of Elizabeth, the third lowest bidder in the process, filed a bid protest that was denied on April 13 by Judge Karen M. Cassidy, who presided over the complaint proceedings in the Superior Court of the County of Union.

On April 16, H & S Construction and Mechanical filed an appeal, which was heard on June 7 by the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey. The appellate division denied the complaint on July 5.

Westfield Receives Additional School Aid

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Public School District will receive an additional \$223,710 in state funding to be used on district-wide security enhancements, bringing the total in state aid for the 2018-2019 school year to \$3,828,581. The district was notified by the New Jersey Department of Education of the additional funding on July 13.

“We intend to use this additional state aid for door replacement, cameras, and other security enhancements district-wide,” said Business Administrator Dana Sullivan.

Westfield’s aid is up \$578,924 or 17.81 percent over last year’s amount.

Ms. Sullivan noted that because the school tax rate was previously certified by the county for the 2018-2019 school year, as per state requirements, there is no provision to change the tax rate.

Mehrotra, Montes Demand Independent Investigation

MOUNTAINSIDE — Democratic candidates for Borough Council Anjali Mehrotra and Ileana Montes are calling for a thorough independent investigation into allegations leveled against members of the Mountainside Police Department in a recent lawsuit.

“This investigation must look into the role Mayor Paul Mirabelli’s administration and the rest of Mountainside’s Borough Council may have played in creating what seems to have become a culture of corruption in Borough Hall, allowing this behavior to take place and then covering it up until a costly lawsuit brought the activity out into the open,” according to a press release issued Monday.

In a letter to the Mayor and Council, Mr. Mehrotra and Ms. Montes outline what they believe is a “culture of corruption that has come to permeate all branches of Borough Hall,” according to the release.

“Allegedly, for nearly two decades police officers and other borough officials with connections to Mayor Mirabelli, Council President Keith Turner, Business Administrator and former Police Chief James Debbie, and the rest of the Council have been promoted ahead of more qualified candidates, been permitted to work side jobs while on duty, and continued to work despite engaging in dangerous behavior that would have been grounds for termination anywhere else,” the release states.

The candidates have called for: a “thorough independent investigation” of the administration and coun-

cil into “what they knew and when they knew about the alleged corruption” in Mountainside’s police department and Borough Hall, criminal charges against all who are found to have broken any laws, the “immediate firing” of officers who are found to have committed offenses, and denial of retirement benefits to anyone who is found to have broken any laws.

Pallone Announces Over \$800,000 In 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 \$851,485.

“I know that these grants will support Rutgers’ world-renowned research and continue to build on New Jersey’s status as a leader in science and innovation,” said Mr. Pallone. “I will continue to work to ensure that the federal government is supporting the sciences and higher education.”

The grants include: \$499,999 for a project entitled “NeTS: Medium: Collaborative: Reliable Underwater Acoustic Video Transmission Towards Human-Robot Dynamic Interaction.” \$264,278 for a project entitled “FRG: Collaborative Research: Geometric and Topological Methods for Analyzing Shapes,” and \$87,208 for a project entitled “The Development of A High Resolution Rainfall Record.”

Rep. Watson Coleman Introduces Jobs Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-12th) has introduced The Federal

Jobs Guarantee Development Act of 2018, H.R. 6467, which would create a pilot program within the Department of Labor to test the impact of a federal job guarantee in 15 high-unemployment communities across the country.

Within these test sites, any adult resident seeking employment would be matched with a job in an understaffed field, including senior- and childcare, infrastructure, and community revitalization, infusing resources that will improve American communities while increasing access to jobs.

Despite the low official unemployment rate, eight million Americans who want work cannot find jobs, while nearly 4.7 million Americans who want full-time work can only find part-time jobs.

The Federal Jobs Guarantee Development Act of 2018 is a House companion to legislation introduced by Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ). Jobs created through the program would include a minimum wage phased to \$15 per hour, paid family and sick leave, and health coverage like that enjoyed by members of Congress. The bill also expands the Work Opportunity Tax Credit to incentivize private employers to recruit and hire participants out of the pilot program.

Congresswoman Watson Coleman is a co-sponsor of the Job Opportunities for All Act, which would provide federal funding to put people to work immediately in both the public and the private sector.

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RVSA Prepares to File Suit Against State

By WAYNE BAKER
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

RAHWAY — The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) is expected to file a lawsuit against the state regarding a new law that requires certain state oversight of budgets of regional sewerage authorities. The RVSA Board of Commissioners voted in May to file the lawsuit following former Governor Chris Christie’s signing of Bill S-848 in January.

Dennis Estis, the authority’s counsel, said at Thursday’s meeting that the suit is to be joined by the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA), and is expected to eventually be joined to a suit filed by Two Rivers Reclamation Authority, which has already been filed and which the state has made a motion to dismiss.

According to S-848, the bill “limits the percentage of growth in the fee funded appropriations in the annual budget of a regional sewerage authority to not more than 2 percent per year, and stipulates that the amount billed to customers of the authority, or the amount billed to a local unit for its proportional share of the authority’s expenses, is not permitted to exceed that amount billed in the previous budget year to each customer or local unit by more than 2 percent for comparable usage of the sewerage system.”

The RVSA’s basic argument is that the law impairs the agreement between RVSA and its member municipalities and is unconstitutional.

In other business, it was revealed that Springfield was likely to avoid penalties for excessive flows in past years after having provided evidence of ordinances and bonding in lieu of penalties from the RVSA. Later in the meeting there was some discussion of discovery of a significant inflow and infiltration (I&I) site. Inflow and infiltration is the term for stormwater or groundwater entry into the sanitary sewer system.

An update on the digester cover replacement project by John Buonocore, RVSA’s staff engineer, and given as part of Executive Director Jim Meehan’s monthly update to the board, revealed that while 136 days remain until the scheduled completion of the project, about 250 days remain until it will actually be completed. Mr. Meehan indicated that he “sees a sense of urgency” in the contractor’s actions. Because of the lateness, they currently are billing the contractor \$400 per day for liqui-

dated damages and the penalty will rise to \$500 per day soon. A prior meeting had revealed that some portion of the damages are likely to be returned to the contractor because they will be difficult to justify.

Louis Lambe, Cranford’s commissioner, introduced a motion to remove flow exceedances that resulted from a storm on April 16 and 17 from exceedance calculations. Marty Rothfelder, Westfield’s commissioner, said he “didn’t see why we (RVSA) should throw out data.” Mr. Lambe circulated a map showing his belief that exceedances relate, in part, to locations relative to the authority’s trunk lines. Discussion also touched on the time lag that can occur as stormwater works through the system, possibly resulting in exceedances over an additional day for those “further down” the system. Mr. Meehan mentioned the possibility of changing from flow measurements every quarter hour to hourly.

Eventually, Mr. Buonocore said, as he has to make the data adjustments, he “feels adjustments should be made in exceedance hearings.” Mr. Estis said he backed Mr. Buonocore’s suggestion. Garwood’s commissioner, Stephen Greet, said Springfield’s recent discovery of a major I&I source was only made under the pressure of exceedance hearings and the associated penalties. The motion was eventually tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Meehan also told the board he recommends that the bar screen project that is part of the 2019 five-year capital plan should be worked on sooner, rather than later. The bar screen, which removes large items from the sewage, uses a design that is complex and costly to maintain. The simpler design will reduce maintenance costs, in part because it will not suffer damage if it goes underwater.

Cranford Lib. Trustees To Meet August 9

CRANFORD — The summer meeting of the board of trustees of the Cranford Public Library will be held on Thursday, August 9, at 7 p.m. It will take place at the library, located at 224 Walnut Avenue.

ADS PLACED IN THE LEADER/TIMES BRING RESULTS



EMS CADETS WINNERS...Cranford First Aid Squad cadets team took part in the New Jersey State Cadet competition hosted by the Keyport First Aid Squad. The team of Caitlin Cook, Grace DiGiovanni, Emily Marinucci and Layla Serna won first place, while the team of Zack Kornberger, Joseph Lopes and Parth Shah took third place.

THIRD PLACE FINISH...The team of Zack Kornberger, Joseph Lopes and Parth Shah from the Cranford First Aid Squad won third place in the New Jersey State Cadet competition for first aid squads hosted by the Keyport First Aid Squad.

Lance Supports Bill Countering Russian Aggression In Elections

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Leonard Lance (R-7th, Westfield) became the first member of the New Jersey congressional delegation to co-sponsor H.R. 6437, the bipartisan Secure America from Russian Interference Act of 2018. The package of legislation includes a bill co-authored by Mr. Lance, H.R. 5216, the Directing Implementation of Sanctions and Accountability for Russian Mischief (DISARM) Act.

“I support the unanimous conclusion of America’s intelligence community that Russia hacked the 2016 U.S. presidential election. This is not a partisan issue and that’s why I have co-sponsored this bipartisan package

to bolster American Security and strengthen our NATO alliance,” said Mr. Lance. “In addition to this legislation, I have voted for \$380 million in added funds to enhance election security. I will continue to work across the aisle to thwart any foreign government’s attempt to influence our elections and our democratic institutions.”

On Monday, Mr. Lance Twitted that he introduced bipartisan resolution, which “1. commends USDOJ’s (U.S. Department of Justice) work against Russia meddling, 2. agrees with intel. findings, 3. affirms Russia must be held accountable, 4. urges oversight re: Helsinki summit, 5. calls to implement sanctions.”

Cranford First Aid Cadets Excel at EMS Competition

CRANFORD - Fourteen Cranford First Aid Squad cadets entered the New Jersey State Cadet competition and Cranford teams came home with first and third places. The event was hosted by Keyport First Aid Squad, with teams coming New York and Pennsylvania in addition to New Jersey.

The Cranford team of Caitlin Cook, Grace DiGiovanni, Emily Marinucci and Layla Serna won first place with the team of Zack Kornberger, Joseph Lopes and Parth Shah taking third place. Others competing were Emma DeBole, Kristina Kortbaoui, Enya Manning, Jayna Mallon, Dan Gomez, Amanda Hogan and Winona Whelan. Advisors for the teams were Abraham Pritzker, Justin Goncalves, Sue Lucas and Kent Lucas.

Cranford competed in the advanced division, where the three-to four-person teams were required to have at least one certified EMT. They were judged in three scenarios, including a trauma victim, a cardiac victim and a motor-vehicle collision with entrapped victims.

Advanced teams were judged on patient assessment and proper equipment use – backboard, traction splint, cervical collar, oxygen and nitroglycerin administration, obtaining vital signs, CPR and airway management. The teams worked with fire department crews

during in the car crash scenarios with actual vehicles.

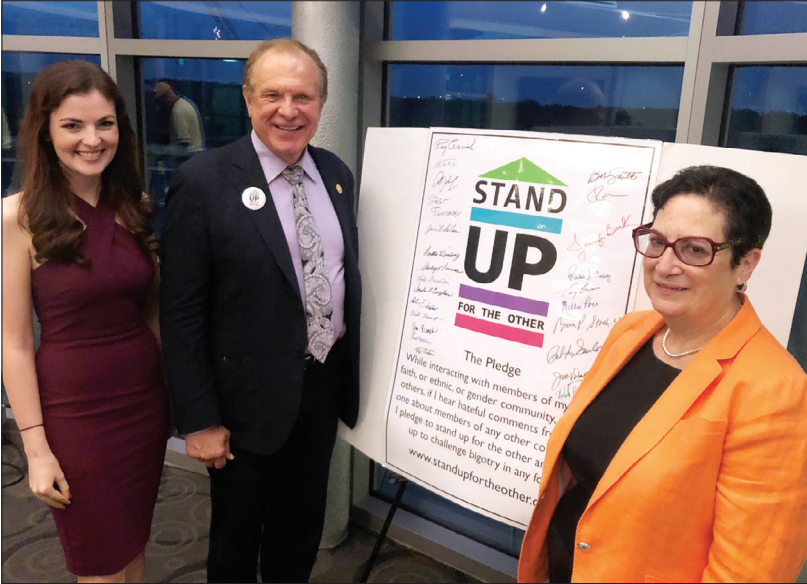
The Cranford First Aid Squad cadet program consists of high school members from age 16 to 18, with the intent of them becoming New Jersey certified EMTs. Cranford has the largest cadet program in Union County with over 20 members.

Fanwood to Host Nat. Night Out Aug. 7

FANWOOD — the Borough of Fanwood and the Fanwood Police Department will be hosting National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, at LaGrande Park beginning at 7 p.m. This free event will include a variety of games, food, raffles, and a giant slide.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes positive police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. It provides an opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Immediately following National Night Out, Fanwood will hold its Movies Under the Stars presented by the Fanwood Recreation Department.



Courtesy of Susan Dougherty

STARTING A DIALOGUE ABOUT BIAS... At the conclusion of last week’s Stand Up for the Other Forum at Kean University, retired state Senator Ray Lesniak chatted with Miss America contestant Jessica Milne of LGBTeen Advocacy and Gloria Brown, right, a congregant of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership sponsored the July 12 forum where dozens of attendees and speakers took the pledge to “stand up for the other and speak up to challenge bigotry in any form.” The two-hour event was streamed live on Facebook.

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Nearly 50 Years Ago, ‘The Eagle Has Landed’

The entire world was watching TV with wonderment as the first men landed on the moon. It was the biggest televised event ever back then, connecting all of mankind on July 20, of 1969.

“Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed!”

A few hours later, as he stepped from the ladder of the lunar landing module to the surface of the moon, Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, said, “That’s one small step for man – one giant leap for mankind.” Buzz Aldrin was right behind him. Michael Collins circled overhead in the Command Module.

The world glowed with self-esteem. Those who witnessed that momentous occasion remember exactly where they were at that moment.

The astronauts left a plaque, which is still there on the moon today. It reads: “Here Men From Planet Earth First Set Foot Upon the Moon. July 1969 A.D. We Came In Peace For All Mankind.” The moment was a marvel, filled with such promise for the future. People then grew up as the U.S. and the USSR (United Soviet Socialist Republic, for those who don’t know this today) continued to compete in the “Space Race.” Brave and daring men from both sides of the iron curtain risked everything and challenged the unknown – what heart, skill and bravado! – Yesteryear’s “right stuff.”

It strikes me that many people alive today have no idea what I’m talking about – they weren’t even born then. They’ve never experienced a man landing on the moon. The last time it occurred was with Apollo 17 on December 11, 1972 - Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmidt. Ronald Evans was there, too, but circling the moon as pilot of the Command Module.

I wonder who actually was the last man to leave the moon, Cernan or Schmidt? About Apollo 8, Paul Babik made this comment in a letter to the editor in 2002. “May I point out, however, that the first men to leave Earth’s gravity were aboard Apollo 8 during 1968 at Christmas time. Those men included Jim Lovell, who went on to command Apollo 13, and Frank Borman. Their picture of ‘Earth-Rise,’ which should have had much more of an influence on mankind than it has had, is a classic 20th century

Buzz Aldrin

image, and their reading from Genesis on Christmas Eve as they orbited the Moon is still chilling to those of us who remember it.” William Anders also made the trip.

Launched on December 21, 1968, Apollo 8 took three days to travel to the Moon. The crew orbited 10 times, taking 20 hours. Their Christmas Eve television broadcast, in which they read the first 10 verses from the Book of Genesis, was the most watched TV program ever back then. Apollo 8 paved the way for Apollo 11 to fulfill President John F. Kennedy’s goal of landing a man on the Moon before the end of the decade.

The Apollo Manned Moon missions were not without heartache and angst. At the start with Apollo 1 in January 1967, Gus Grissom, Edward White and Roger Chaffee lost their lives during preflight tests on the launch pad when fire burst out in their pure oxygen-filled module.

There was grieving. Then, extensive investigation and overhaul was done. No one gave up.

Manned flights resumed with Apollo 7 in October 1968.

Apollo 13 was filled with drama, as the entire world observed with dread for days as the astronauts almost became lost in space. With a crippled craft, no power, little oxygen and computers lost, the astronauts used a slide rule to navigate home from the heavens. They also improvised with what is now known as “duct tape” to make a canister to remove CO2 from their cabin to prevent suffocation. Most youngsters today don’t know what a slide rule is – stop by and I’ll show you one.

Apollo 14’s trip to the moon turned out to be a little more light-hearted; Alan Shepard took out a six-iron and hit a few golf balls “miles and miles and miles.” It troubles me today. I’m curious... could we still land a man on the moon? Yes, but only if we return to the spirit of yesteryear – with the “right stuff.”

The “American Spirit” -- Here’s Pluto and Charon!

School Boards Should Return State Aid Hikes to Taxpayers

Many school districts around the state, including Westfield, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Mountainside, found out last week that they will be getting another boost in state aid over what was promised in Governor Phil Murphy’s budget message in March. But the question now is, what impact this will have, if any, on the school portion of local property-tax bills this year.

The Westfield Board of Education is to receive an additional \$223,710 to increase its total 2018-2019 aid to \$3,828,581, up \$578,924 or 18 percent over last year. Scotch Plains-Fanwood will receive another \$69,722, for a new total of \$3,596,939, an increase of \$396,000 or 12.37 percent over 2017-2018. Cranford’s aid remained at \$2,624,844, which is \$187,301 or 7.68 percent over last year. Garwood also did not get an increase from March numbers, remaining at \$504,445, which is up \$35,081 or 7.48 percent from a year ago. Mountainside received a boost of \$150,160 from the Governor’s budget message for a new total of \$763,171, representing an increase of \$193,587 or 34 percent over 2017-2018.

Westfield, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Mountainside are among 391 districts statewide that will see more aid, while Cranford and Garwood are among 14 districts seeing no change in aid, with another 172 districts receiving cuts in aid. We are hopeful that aid will continue to rise at this year’s levels locally. With this said, school boards need to

make every effort to control costs rather than just using the extra aid by spending money elsewhere with taxpayers seeing no relief.

Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and the borough council have asked the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education to apply the additional aid the district is receiving to reduce the local school tax. Westfield school officials say the county has already certified the 2018-2019 budget and thus school tax amounts cannot be changed.

We ask both school districts to look into the additional aid to see if it can change the tax numbers. Taxpayers are paying a lot in taxes already, with school and county taxes being the largest amounts on tax bills. As we have said before, state aid should be increased both for school districts, as is occurring, as well as towns, which unfortunately are seeing mostly flat aid numbers again this year. Local governments are faced with higher salaries and employee health-insurance hikes for police and firefighters, and so any increase in aid would be warmly welcomed, as would tighter school and county budgets.

Letters to the Editor

Protect Drinking Water From
Garwood Contamination Run-Off

Concerned citizens in the region, myself included, are asking public officials to please halt the demolition of the contaminated the Petro/ Casale site in Garwood. I urge our citizens to join us and take action to write directly to Senator Thomas Kean Jr., Assemblymembers Jon Brannick and Nancy Munoz, Governor Phil Murphy, and NJDEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe, to intervene. As I write this there is an uncovered heap of demolition work going on: an uncovered heap that has already publicly been identified as being loaded with decades of toxic materials, from the building construction itself as well as the production, manufacturing and processing that occurred in those buildings since the sites were used for industrial purposes circa 1889.

I am grateful that *The Westfield Leader* published information in the July 19, 2018 edition documenting that the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) was used to cast uranium slugs at the site during WWII. There was certainly waste from the operations, even if only from the machinery that came into contact with the slugs. We don’t have documentation of that machinery. In 1989, the Department of Energy (DOE) decided against cleaning up the site, that the “potential for contamination was remote.” Is there radioactivity at the site? We still do not know! Radioactivity goes away at a very, very slow rate and is poisonous at very small quantities.

Also as I write this, it is raining hard, and forecasts call for rain for the next week. Storm drains that surround Petro/Casale on South Ave. and Center St. flow into Garwood Brook, which in turn spills its contents into the Rahway River. According to the Rahway River Watershed Association’s website, the Rahway River is the source of drinking water to the people of the city of Rahway. The untreated waters of the Rahway River are also a primary contact recreation area for canoeing, fishing, and water play for children. Aside from the known toxins that we can assume are going into the Rahway River as run-off from the toxic site in Garwood, what about the possible radioactivity that could go into our neighbors’ drinking water?

Cleaning up toxins once they are already in householders’ water is costly—including drinking, bathing, laundry, lawns, swimming pools, gardens, etc.. The effects of under-treated water on human health is incalculable. Prevention of leachate, relative to the alternatives, is very cheap.

Water is Life! Tell your public servants to stop the demolition until higher standards of testing and protecting health, air, and drinking water and recreational waters are enforced:

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Garwood’s Petro Development Needs
EPA Radiological Testing

Dear Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr. The people in your district need your help. The demolition of Garwood’s pervasively contaminated Petro/ Casale site has begun. Weeks and months of diligent research and letter writing from concerned residents have generated little to no results.

As per the attached article in last week’s *Westfield Leader*, the site was formerly the location of secret atomic weapons experiments with uranium. The site should not be disturbed until comprehensive site-wide testing rules out residual radiological waste or locates it and removes it within an enclosed work setting.

The demolition is expected to last at least three months. Garwood’s single K-8 public school property and Hartman Playground are located a few yards from the site. My four children, all under the age of 12, attend the school. To get there, we have to walk, bike, or drive past the uncovered toxic work site. Hundreds of other Garwood children do too.

We need you to directly intervene as our representative to suspend activity at the site until testing occurs.

But that’s just the beginning. There are a host of other serious and urgent

Culinary Delights

My wife is such a bad cook. In my house we pray after the meal.

Rodney Dangerfield

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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. Holcad – An ancient Greek merchant ship
2. Torgoch – The red-bellied lake trout
3. Rurigenous – Born in the country
4. Internecine – Deadly to both sides; great slaughter

DEHISCENCE

1. Humiliation; shame; falling from grace
2. In botany, a bursting or splitting open of a seed capsule
3. Discontent
4. Inflammation of a mucous membrane; especially of the auditory canals

DEGRAVATION

1. The act of making heavy
2. Small number; insufficiency
3. A starving or dying of hunger
4. Desperate; wanting

TRIPUDIATION

1. Violating faith or allegiance
2. The act of dancing
3. Being trampled under foot, as in a stampede
4. A governing by three men or coalition of three parties. A triumvirate

THIONIC

1. Containing or derived from sulfur
2. Shaped like the seed of a gourd
3. Artistically suited for show or display
4. Expressing great thanks; formerly used to express thankfulness with surprise

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Letters to the Editor

Gerrymandering Is
Rigging NJ Elections,
Not The Russians

Living in NJ is a challenge, even more so, if you have no ability to influence the legislative process. Gerrymandering has resulted in one-party rule. As Jon Brannick has said in a recent release: “Voters should elect their representatives instead of the other way around, but that is not the way it works in New Jersey.”

Bramnick is proposing that we amend the state constitution to define what a competitive district is and stop manipulation so that a party cannot manufacture election results.

Over the last nine elections, the popular vote in New Jersey has been split nearly 50-50. Yet, gerrymandering has allowed Democrats to pick up 10 seats in the State Assembly in spite of the voters’ desires.

Under Bramnick’s amendments, a competitive district would not favor a political party by more than 10 percent; and, districts will change based on the voter turn out in the election for governor.

This is a great concept and deserves serious consideration by all of us.

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MR. AND MRS. ANDREW PETER CORDEIRO
(She is the former Miss Taylor Rhodes Dickinson)

Andrew P. Cordeiro Marries Miss Taylor R. Dickinson

Mr. Andrew Peter Cordeiro and Miss Taylor Rhodes Dickinson were married on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of April, at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. The couple exchanged vows in a ceremony officiated by the Reverend Mac Brown in the presence of family and friends, using their grandparents' rings.

The groom, 26, is an associate in the investment banking division at Goldman Sachs. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Medicine, Health and Society from Vanderbilt University in 2014. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter G. Cordeiro of Westfield as well as the grandson of Mrs. Donald Cummings, also of Westfield, Dr. Graciela Cordeiro and the late Mr. Donald Cummings, Dr. Pedrito Souza-Cordeiro and Mr. James Inscho.

The bride, 26, is an associate in the Executive Office at Goldman Sachs. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Human and Organizational Development from Vanderbilt University in 2013. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Dickinson of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rhodes, Jr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. George N. Dickinson.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her sister, Ms. Carter Dickinson, and dear friend, Ms. Lauren Williamson, as maids of honor. Her other bridesmaids included Dr. Christina Mitchell and Mrs. Catherine Gabb, the groom's sisters; Miss Julianne Wilson and Miss Sarah Gossett, both high school classmates; as well as Mrs. Helen Nightingale, a college classmate.

The groom was joined by his friend Mr. Phillip John as best man and fellow groomsmen Mr. Kyle Gabb and Dr. Stuart Mitchell, his brothers-in-law; Mr. Myers Dickinson, the bride's brother, as well as Mr. Michael Oster, Mr. Ian Nightingale and Mr. Wil Van Winkle, all close friends.

The reception was held at Lake Winnepesaukah Amusement Park, the bride's fifth-generation family business. The couple traveled to Australia and New Zealand for their honeymoon and are in the process of moving to London.



OUTSTANDING EFFORT...Boy Scout Aidan Sheppard of Troop 72 recently donated \$1,270 worth of Boy Scout Popcorn and Trail Mix to the U.S. military through the help of Martin Wallberg American Legion Post 3. Aidan has been selling popcorn individually as a "single seller" for his Patriot's Path Council since 2015; during those three years he has progressively sold \$3,500-plus, \$5,800-plus and \$6,100-plus amounts, respectively. The \$1,270 was collected through donations from the Westfield community as Aidan sold popcorn door-to-door in 2017. He has been listed in the top five of the top 100 sellers in the Patriot's Path Council the past two years. Pictured, Aidan receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Randy Grizzard, Post 3 Commander.

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Library Events to Feature Adult Craft, Skyscrapers

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library will offer two programs on Wednesday, August 1. These events include a craft for adults at 2 p.m. and a program on "Skyscrapers of New York" at 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

The craft is the creation of a keepsake box, presented by librarian Marsha Bryant. The library will provide a tin box and other decorating supplies for each participant. Using paint, pictures from magazines (participants can bring their own if they have something specific in mind) and mod podge, they can make a keepsake box to hold their smaller precious memories. Box measurements are four-and-three-quarter inches by three-and-three-eighths inches by one-and-a-half inches. Ms. Bryant has been leading classes for novice and experienced crafters for years.

Registration is now available for both Westfield resident cardholders and MURAL patrons. MURAL patrons belong to the 44 libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. Interested persons are encouraged to visit the Westfield Memorial Library website, wmlnj.org, and click on the "About Us" tab to see if their library is a MURAL participant. To register for either program, visit wmlnj.org and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, option 0.

Author, photographer and lecturer Kevin Woyce will present the talk on the New York skyscrapers. He will discuss how and why they were built and show original photographs and images.

Westfield Memorial Library hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The library is closed on Sundays for the summer.

For more information on library programs and services, call (908) 789-4090, visit wmlnj.org and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter, "Library Loop," or stop by the library for a copy of its award-winning, quarterly newsletter, "Take Note."

Habitat For Humanity Is Meeting Topic

SUMMIT AREA — Jeff Farrell, chief executive officer of the Newark branch of Habitat for Humanity, will speak to the Summit Old Guard at its Tuesday, July 31 meeting. Mr. Farrell will discuss the need for the Habitat for Humanity program in general, and more precisely, the two new six-family buildings that are planned for Summit.

Meetings of the Summit Old Guard are held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the New Providence Municipal Building, located at 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence.



LIBRARY CHAMPIONS...The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library has been recognized as Library Champion of the Year by the New Jersey Library Association. Pictured, from left to right, are: Thena Rosahl, Children's Librarian Susan Staub, Larry Hogan, Sally Hogan, Phyllis Brown, Library Board President Ann Minski, Katherine Balch and Friends President Carol Campell.

Fanwood Library Friends Receives Champion Award

FANWOOD — The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library has been named Library Champion of the Year by the New Jersey Library Association. This award is given annually in recognition of an exceptional contribution to a state library, group of libraries or library community.

The Fanwood Friends has been recognized for their efforts toward passage of the Library Construction Bond Act. This law authorizes \$125 million in general obligation bonds to finance capital projects for public libraries.

Fanwood Friends members lobbied state senators and assembly members throughout the state, coordinated with fellow Friends groups, and spearheaded a voter reminder effort.

The Fanwood Memorial Library building project has been in development for several years. The board of trustees describes the plan as the solution to four critical complaints by residents: lack of access to the

lower level by visitors with strollers and wheelchairs; outdated IT (Information Technology) infrastructure; poor HVAC system, and inadequate meeting and event space.

In addition to advocating for their library, the Fanwood Friends raises money through membership drives and book sales. The organization's 2018 goals are to enlist 100 new and renewing members by July and to meet or surpass their 2017 book sale result of \$12,000. Proceeds fund all library programming, including Monday Nights at 7 family concerts and the children's Summer Reading Club activities and crafts.

The Fanwood Memorial Library is located at 5 Forest Road. For more information about library programs and services, visit fanwoodlibrary.org.

Jobonanno & Godsons To Perform In Clark

COUNTY — The Union County Summer Arts Festival concert series will continue at Oak Ridge Park in Clark on Wednesday, August 1, with a performance by Jobonanno & the Godsons.

The remainder of the shows are: August 8, American Rapture; August 15, Brother John Brown Band, and August 22, Dead on Live. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. The park is located at 201 Oak Ridge Road, Clark.



FAMILY LOVE...Kyle Christopher Gabb and Catherine (Cordeiro) Gabb welcome their newborn son, Haven Christopher Gabb.

Cordeiro Family Welcomes Baby Haven Christopher Gabb

Proud grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Peter G. Cordeiro have announced the birth of their first grandchild, Haven Christopher Gabb. Delighted first-time parents Mr. Kyle Christopher Gabb and Mrs. Catherine Cordeiro Gabb, the latter a Westfield native, welcomed the gorgeous baby boy on Sunday, June 24, 2018, at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, California.

Haven weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and measured 21 inches in length at birth.

He is the sixth generation in the family to carry the name Haven, which derives from his maternal grandmother's lineage. Haven also is the first great-grandchild of Mrs. Elaine P. Cummings and the late Donald E. Cummings, also of Westfield.

Gregg F. Clyne Foundation Names Scholarship Honorees

WESTFIELD — The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc. (GFCMF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, recently granted scholarship awards to Cranford High School graduate Grace Markham and Westfield High School graduate Perry Salberg. Both Ms. Markham and Ms. Salberg will attend the University of Delaware in the Fall. Since its inception in 2008, the GFCMF has awarded scholarships to 19 students matriculating at the University of Delaware.

On June 28, Mary Ann and George Clyne hosted a gathering at their home in Westfield for the present and past scholarship recipients. A six-foot sub, donated by Hershey's Deli in Westfield, and pizza was served. "The recipients are always so enthusiastic talking about and sharing their experiences. This annual event is especially helpful to the newly awarded students who are preparing to embark on the next stage of his or her life...college," said the Clynes. "It is wonderful to see them conversing, laughing and enjoying their time together."

Along with the scholarship recipients, Brittany VanSickle (2008), Alexandra Faro (2012), Alexandra Beck (2013), Matthew Cohen (2014), Kayleigh Denner (2015), Marissa Hamp (2015), Andrew Harting-Smith (2015), Brittany Hogan (2016), Erin Readie (2017), Grace Markham (2018) and Perry Salberg (2018), the get-together was attended by board member Patricia Walsh.

Family and friends established the Foundation in 2008 to honor Gregg's memory and his wish to provide educational opportunities for others. Gregg died in August 2006, at the age of 27, after battling a rare form of cancer, adrenal cortical carcinoma, for four years.

Information about The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc. can be found at greggclynefoundation.com. Donations can be mailed to The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc., 567 Lawrence Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090, or made directly on the website.

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BRINGING DOWN THE RUNNING BACK...Union linebacker Drew Ortiz (Westfield, No. 50) brings down Middlesex running back Manny Resto (St. Joseph) as Cranford's Elijah Arroyo, No. 1, closes in at the Snapple Bowl in Woodbridge.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
DO YOU FEEL LUCKY? WELL DO YA?...Union offensive linemen Jordan Barham (Westfield, No. 56), Jawahn Gasque (Roselle Park, No. 78) and Mike Ceceri (Brearley, No. 74) have full intentions of protecting their QB at the Snapple Bowl.

WF — ELLIOTT, McDANIEL, VALL-LLOBERA, ORTIZ, BARHAM; CR — BUDNIK, ARROYO, CARROLL SEE ACTION

Middlesex Downs Union, 22-6, in Annual Snapple Bowl Game

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

Enthusiasm, perhaps a little too much enthusiasm that resulted in a multitude of penalties and two bench-clearing discussions, highlighted the 25th Annual Snapple Bowl Football Classic between the Union County Senior All-Stars and the Middlesex County Senior All-Stars at Priscoe Stadium in Woodbridge on July 19. The Middlesex offense proved to be more effective and quite tricky, while the defense was making big plays all evening, resulting in a 22-6 victory. Union had won the previous two events, 24-14 last year and 13-7 in

2016; however, with the win, Middlesex leads the series, 15-10. All proceeds from the game would go to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Disabilities in Edison. Representing the Westfield Blue Devils on the gridiron were Shea Elliott (linebacker), Adam McDaniel (wide receiver), Jake Vall-Llobera (defensive line & fullback occasionally), Drew Ortiz (linebacker) and Jordan Barham (offensive line). Representing the Cranford Cougars were Elijah Arroyo (defensive back/punt returns), Dylan Budnik (linebacker) and Jack Carroll (offensive line). Al-

though Cooper Heisey (quarterback) and Dwight Laylor (wide receiver) were selected, Scotch Plains-Fanwood brought no players. Mike Magliacano (defensive line) represented Governor Livingston. Elliott, Vall-Llobera, McDaniel, Ortiz and Arroyo were involved in several tackles throughout the game and on certain occasions, Vall-Llobera was used as a battering ram to pick up short yardage on offense. Just before the second half, Elliott expressed, "It has definitely been like a right of passage for Westfield guys who are going to be playing in college. Seeing all these guys growing up, all

these stars coming on and continue to play in the Snapple Bowl with guys we looked up to. It is also a great opportunity to get ready for college. I am going to be playing at the University of Chicago next year, so it's good to get the pads on in the summer and hit a little before I get out there."

"It's an honor being part of this game. Some of these guys we are playing with are the best players from their county. They are talented, we

are talented, so it's always good to get out here and put the pads on before I go to school at New Haven. Mini camp starts the fifth, so I am glad to put the pads on one last time," McDaniel added.

Representing the cheerleading squad for the Blue Devils were Katie Clark and Drew Ferris. Representing Scotch Plains-Fanwood were Gianna Cassara, Tamara Daliquier, Elizabeth DePaola, Ally Vuono and Alexa Zsak.

Union received the opening kickoff and beginning at their own 28 moved the ball to the Middlesex 40 using a series of runs and a screen pass from quarterback Antonio Salcfas (Dayton) to Dylan Camilo (Roselle Park). However, the drive stalled and Middlesex answered with a drive of its own until quarterback Luke Pero's (Colonia) pass was picked off by Haleem Woods (Plainfield) at the

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ADORATO 2 RBI DOUBLE; FILIACI 2 RUNS, LILOIA 2 HITS

Mtnside 8Us Nip Hillsborough In Cal Ripken State Semi, 7-6

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

Opportunities may have come earlier for the Hillsborough Raiders and they did capitalize on them but Mountainside (Green Machine), winners of Pool B, took advantage of their opportunities late in the game to pull off a 7-6, seven-inning come from behind victory in the semifinal round of the Cal Ripken, Jr. 8U State Tournament at Memorial Field in Scotch Plains on July 18. Trailing, 6-1, in the bottom of the fifth inning, the Green Machine cashed in with five runs to knot the score then took advantage of another opportunity to score the winning run in the seventh to advance to the championship to face North Brunswick, winners over Monroe.

The Hillside Raiders, whose only loss in Pool A was to Monroe, consisted of Bryce Hayden, Justin Gregov, Jon Feltre, Jacob Treonze, Jack Pankowski, Andrew Wheeler, Aaron Feath, Bella Ruh, Logan Raab, Daniel

Galfney and Gavin Glazewski. Competing for Mountainside were Addison Adorato, Jacob Minnefor, Matt Filiaci, Mateo Liloia, Tice Hanratty, Mike Donahue, LJ Cantagallo, Noah Hunter, Drew Peris, Alex Pater, Greg Dardinello and Bobby Poth. Mountainside basically went with a new pitcher in every inning, beginning with Filiaci, who also stepped back on the mound in the extra inning (seventh). Hillsborough totaled only five hits but received eight walks, and had two hit batters, while striking out 10 times. Hillsborough also capitalized on some Green Machine errors and swiped several bases to set up their runs.

"We did. The biggest thing is getting people in scoring position and putting the ball in play. We were able to do that for a little while," Hillsborough Coach Frank Raab said.

"At this level, if you look at our pitching, we have strong pitching. Most teams don't score unless they

are doing that [stealing] against us. That's how they got most of their runs. They really didn't hit. Before this game I think we gave up maybe six, seven hits but we have given up four, five runs a game on up because of that," Mountainside Head Coach Steve Filiaci said.

But the Green Machine added some flare to their base stealing, especially in the five-run fifth inning where they inserted three delayed steals.

"We were flat, so we had to do the same thing. Keep the delayed steals going then get the bats going and score some runs," Coach Filiaci explained.

Wheeler tossed the first two innings for Hillsborough and yielded only a single to Donahue, while striking out two and walking no one. Feltre pitched innings three and four and allowed just one run (Filiaci) and a single to LiLoia, while walking no one and striking out three. Feath

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SLIDING UNDER THE TAG...Mountainside's Mike Donahue, No. 13, slides under the tag of Hillsborough second baseman Jack Pankowski for a stolen base in the second inning of the Cal Ripken, Jr. 8U State semifinal game at Memorial Field in Scotch Plains on July 18. Mountainside won, 7-6, then went on to win the state championship.

Mountainside Goes on to Win Cal Ripken 8U State Title

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BIG GAIN FOR MIDDLESEX...Middlesex running back Manny Resto (C on helmet – St. Joseph) gets a 13-yard gain on a screen pass from quarterback Paul Coccozziello (St. Joseph) at the Snapple Bowl in Woodbridge on July 19.



NEARLY BREAKING THROUGH...Union running back Andy Martin (Union H.S. No. 2) breaks through the Middlesex defense for a few yards during the Annual Snapple Bowl held at Priscoe Field in Woodbridge on July 19.

Middlesex All-Stars Down Union, 22-6, in Annual Snapple Bowl Game

Union four yard line.

Union had another drive squashed when wide receiver Max Hayford’s (Summit) reception was jarred loose by Devin Lanza (Middlesex HS) and the fumble was recovered by Jevon Davis (Piscataway). Union had another drive just before the end of the first quarter that was thwarted when Salcfas’ pass to Keyshawn Cummings (Rahway) was batted down in the end zone.

Early in the second quarter, Middlesex got possession at its 48 yard line. After a first down, quarterback Paul Coccozziello (St. Joseph) delivered a screen pass to Manny Resto (St. Joseph) good for 13 yards. Middlesex then rumbled to the Union one where Donovan Benoit (Edison) plunged in for the touchdown. Dylan Kriz (South Brunswick) kicked the point after for a 7-0 lead with 9:05 on the clock.

Union’s offense was cut short when Najhir Woods (Piscataway) picked off a pass and returned it to the Union 19. With key tackles by Vall-Llobera and Elliott, Union took over possession at their own three. Unfortunately a bad snap resulted in a safety and a 9-0 lead with 3:19 left in the half. Just

before the half, Union had another drive cut short when Charles Lovett (South Plainfield) picked off a pass at the Middlesex 14.

In the third quarter, Middlesex pulled off a successful fake punt when Pero scampered 20 yards to the Union 25. Two more runs put the ball on the 14 where wide receiver Ahmed Aly (Edison) hauled in Pero’s pass for the touchdown with 11:19 on the clock. The PAT made the score 16-0. Union finally answered with a touchdown with the help of an interference call, a two-yard run by Andy Martin (Union HS) and a three-yard TD reception by Chuck Ifewekwune (Union) with 7:02 on the clock. The two-point conversion run by Salcfas came up a yard short.

Union’s Nicholas Balisage (Roselle) and Temi Adanlawo (Union) recorded a huge sack that set up a fourth-and-17 for Middlesex. From that point onward, emotions tended to elevate. Multiple flags were thrown on a punt return by Union. Participants from both teams swarmed the field for what seemed to be intense discussions. After a calming period, Union eventually had to punt and Middlesex took over at its 19 early in

the fourth quarter. A few plays later, Coccozziello connected with wide receiver Tyler Jack (Perth Amboy) on the right sideline. From there Jack sprinted into the end zone for a 62-yard touchdown with 11:10 remaining for a 22-6 lead.

Union’s woes did not end. A bad snap cost them 16 yards and forced a punt to the Middlesex 34 but the defense managed to hold. Arroyo received the punt at the Union 19 and returned it to the 40 where he was abruptly stopped.

“I was running and out of the corner of my eye, I was seeing one of my own guys coming at me. I was like, ‘Is this dude really going to take me out?’ I avoided the hit then a couple of guys came up. I broke free then Middlesex crowded me and took me down,” Arroyo described.

On his experience playing his last game at the high school level, Arroyo said, “There are a lot of emotions. This is the last time representing Cranford. It would have been nice to win but it was good knowing this was for a good cause. I had fun out here, met a lot of guys I played with during the season. It was a great experience. But next year I will be playing at

Rowan. I report there in two weeks. I can’t wait. I am very excited.”

As the game was about to end, highly emotional behavior reemerged

and the game was stopped by the officials with 1:25 on the clock. No traditional handshakes took place and the Union squad was hastened into

the locker room. No further interviews were permitted.

Union	0	0	6	0	6
Middlesex	0	9	7	6	22

PALMIERI, HEALY 3-FOR-3; BAIK 3 RBI, WILBER 3 HITS

St. George Survives St. ‘Wolf’ Attack in 8-7 St. Bart Victory

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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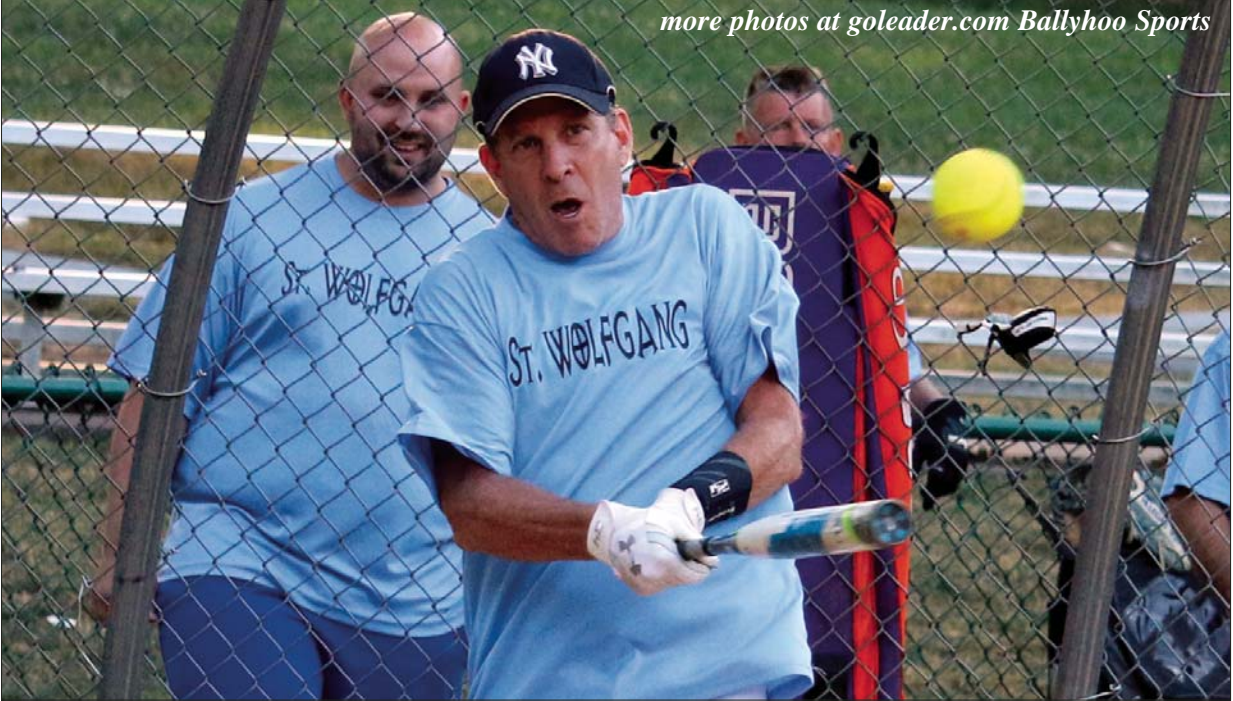
Feeling comfortable with an 8-3 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, the men of St. George may not have suspected that they were being set up for a “Wolf” attack, St. Wolfgang that is, at Brookside Park

in Scotch Plains on July 20, the 49th anniversary of Man’s first landing on the moon. In a flash, the Wolfmen had the tying run on third and the winning run aboard with two outs, but St. George pitcher Ed Fernandez used his wheels to snag a short pop up between home plate and the mound to

salvage an 8-7 triumph.

After the first inning and one-half pitchers Fernandez and Wolfgang’s Howie Bailos were just plain stingy on the mound until the bottom of the seventh inning. But the stinginess really came from the fine defensive

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GOING THE OTHER WAY...St. Wolfgang’s Howie Bialos goes the other way and slaps a single to right in the game against St. George at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on the 49th anniversary of Man’s first landing on the Moon (July 20).



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St. Anthony Nips St. Mike, 7-5, In St. Bart’s Softball League

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

John Deitch delivered three RBI and pitched a complete game to lead St. Anthony past St. Michael, 7-5, in a St. Bart’s Oldtimers Men’s Softball League, Angels Division showdown played on July 19 at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains. The game was an important victory for St. Anthony (8-6-1) as St. Michael came into the game atop the Angels Division with a 9-4-1 record. The win pulled St. An-

Deitch retired Hopler and James Killeen to escape the inning without further damage.

Despite the early fireworks, the game would soon turn into a pitching duel. St. Anthony grabbed the lead in the top of the second after Abram dropped a two-out single over the shortstop’s head. Deitch took it from there, driving home his second run of the game on a triple to the left-centerfield gap.

St. Anthony extended the lead in

though as Hopler got Logan to pop out to short to end the rally. It was the second straight inning that Hopler had escaped from bases-loaded, no-out jam by only allowing a single run.

While Hopler was allowing single runs, Deitch was hanging up goose eggs as St. Michael went scoreless in the second and third innings. St. Michael finally made its move in the fourth inning. Jason Virgil, Stratton and Balestriere led off with back-to-back-to-back singles, loading the bases



GOOD WEEK ON THE DIAMOND...St. Anthony took out league leader St. Michael, 7-5, on July 19 at Brookside Park then defeated St. Sebastian, 13-10, at Farley Field on July 20 in the St. Bart’s Oldtimers Men’s Softball League.

thony to within a dog days of August looming around the bend.

St. Anthony scored three runs in the top half of the first inning against St. Michael’s veteran starter Harold Hopler. Michael DiBella, Michael Abram and Deitch broke through with back-to-back-to-back singles on the first three pitches of the game. Deitch’s single to left scored DiBella for the game’s first run. A sac fly to left by Robert Del Cid scored Abram to make it 2-0. Shawn Yaney doubled to score Deitch for a 3-0 lead.

St. Michael answered right back in the bottom of the inning. Louis Balestriere smacked a one-out triple down the right field line that scored Robert Stratton who had earlier singled. Chris Sarna then launched a two-run inside the park home run that found it’s way to the fence in right-centerfield, tying the game at 3-3.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 18-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (H) IN §106-118 (FENCES AND WALLS) IN ARTICLE VIII (ZONE REGULATIONS) IN CHAPTER 106 (LAND USE) OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD TO AMEND RESTRICTIONS ON FENCES ON CORNER LOTS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood:

SECTION 1. Subsection H in §106-118 (Fences and Walls) in Article VIII (Zone Regulations) in Chapter 106 (Land Use) of the Code of the Borough of Garwood is hereby amended to read as follows:

H. On a corner lot, no fence other than an open or closed fence not more than six feet in height shall be permitted in the side yard closest to the street, that is, beyond the side line of the principal building on a vacant corner lot, no fence other than an open or closed fence not more than six feet in height shall be allowed beyond the permitted building envelope on the side closest to the street. No closed fence or fence in excess of four feet permitted by this § 106-118H on a corner lot shall be erected any closer than three feet to a side yard property line in the side yard closest to the street.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any portion of this ordinance shall be determined to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Union County Planning Board.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 18-19, 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 **24th DAY OF JULY 2018**, and that Ordinance No. 18-19, 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 **14th DAY OF AUGUST 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
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the third. DiBella smacked a two-out, bases-loaded single to left that made it 5-3. Hopler minimized the damage when he got Chris Paterek to ground out to second to end the inning.

St. Anthony continued to add layers onto the lead in the fourth. Coady Brown came through with a one-out, bases-loaded, sacrifice fly that scored Deitch from third to make it 6-3. St. Anthony could only plate one run

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER

Take notice that application has been made to the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control by Wines of France, Inc. holder of a Limited Wholesale License #3401-25-847-001 to transfer the location of its premises from 139 Deer Run, Watchung, New Jersey 07069 to 423 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

The person(s) who hold an interest in this license are:

Alain & Elaine Junguenet, 139 Deer Run, Watchung, New Jersey 07069.

John Junguenet, 12 Black Birch Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control, PO Box 087, 140 East Front Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0087.

Wines of France, Inc.
423 North Avenue West
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

2 T - 7/19/18
& 7/26/18, The Leader Fee: \$49.98

with no outs and flipping the script on Deitch. But Deitch, like Hopler, did his best Houdini impersonation as he escaped a potential big inning, while allowing manageable concessions. Deitch got Sarna to fly out to left, allowing Virgil to score from third. Hopler delivered a sac fly to center, scoring another run and pulling St. Michael to within one run at 6-5. With the tying and go-ahead runs on base, Deitch got Pete Chemlidin to line out to center for the final out of the inning.

Deitch and Hopler battled it out over the next two innings with neither team able to score. St. Anthony got an insurance run in the seventh when Deitch got his third RBI of the game on a ground out to second which scored a run.

St. Michael went into the bottom of the seventh, down 7-5, and got the tying run to the plate after a Kevin Caggiano leadoff single. Virgil stepped into the batter’s box and grounded back to Deitch, who calmly turned and fired to second base, nailing the lead runner. The relay throw to first for a double play was high and Virgil turned and headed for second where he was thrown out for a double play. The call was controversial, but it stood and Deitch got Stratton to pop up to first base to end the game.

St. Anthony	311	100	1	7
St. Michael	130	200	0	5



GOOD GRIEF! DOUBLE TROUBLE...The Charlie Brown’s squad took a double header from the Diva’s in a Scotch Plains Men’s Softball League match-up at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 18.

SIMO GOES 4-FOR-4 IN GAME 1; WARGO WHACKS HOMER

Charlie Brown’s Doubles Up Divas in Sc. Pl. Softball Action

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

Charlie Browns swept a pair of games from Divas, capturing the first, 19-4, before coming from behind to win the second, 19-11, in a Scotch Plains Men’s Softball League double-header played on July 18 at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains. Charlie Brown’s

improved to 10-3 on the season, solidifying their hold on second place, while the Divas fell to 5-7 on the year.

Charlie Brown’s jumped out to a 9-0 lead over the first three innings in Game 1 and never looked back. Andre Prokopovich provided an RBI triple to the base of the centerfield fence in the top of the second inning to give

Charlie Brown’s a 2-0 lead. Josh Decker had an RBI double in the inning and Rob Rowland contributed an RBI single.

The Charlie Brown’s offense exploited the gap in right centerfield all game long against Diva’s starter Nacho Cornacchia. It was Cornacchia

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Mtside 8Us Nip Hillsborough in Ripken Semi

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pitched innings five and six, and Pankowski was on the mound in the seventh.

Hillsborough scored twice in the top of the first inning. Hayden tapped a leadoff single past third, stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch that was followed by a throwing error that allowed him to score. In the meantime, Filiaci struck out the next two batters then walked Treonze. Pankowski drew a walk but the ball escaped the catcher as Treonze curled around to third. Pankowski headed for second causing another throwing error, which allowed Treonze to score.

Fine defensive plays by

drew an RBI walk. Feath gave Hillsborough a 6-1 lead with a two-run double into right field.

But the Green Machine answered with their big five-run shout out. Cantagallo and Hunter both walked and Adorato pounded a key two-run double to centerfield. Minnefor added an RBI groundout. After Filiaci reached base safely, he added his magic of delayed steals. LiLoia lashed an RBI single to right and also pulled off a delayed steal. Hanratty lofted a fly to right that was dropped, allowing LiLoia to tie the score.

“Adonato, LiLoia, Filiaci from the districts until now, they have been

catcher also gunned down a runner attempting to steal to prevent Mountainside from scoring in the sixth. Filiaci came back to the mound in the seventh and after fanning the first batter, walked the next two. Hanratty stepped to the mound in relief, struck out a batter then walked the next to load the bases but Donahue at third snagged a wicked line drive to silence the threat.

“What we did is Filiaci started but you can bring him back in. As soon as he walked two guys, we were pulling him out for somebody else. That’s the one thing about this team. Deep pitching,” Coach Filiaci said.



SCORING THE WINNING RUN...Mountainside’s Jacob Minnefor, No. 7, scores the winning run against Hillsborough in the bottom of the seventh inning to advance the Green Machine to the Cal Ripken 8U State Championship Game.

Mountainside kept Hillsborough from scoring in the third and fourth innings. In the Green Machine fourth, Filiaci reached first safely and LiLoia singled past short. Filiaci stole third and scored on a wild pitch, narrowing the margin to 2-1.

The fifth inning proved to change the complexion of the game. Hillsborough’s Galfney reached on an error and Hayden walked. Galfney was forced out on Gregov’s grounder. Feltre’s grounder to first was fielded but dropped due to a collision loading the bases. Treonze got an RBI after being hit by a pitch then Pankowski

pounding the ball. They have been awesome. Tonight, all the other kids came through too when it comes to pitching and defense. Even when our pitching was off a little bit, we were able to pick each other up,” Coach Filiaci expressed.

In the sixth, Filiaci, now behind the plate, gunned down a runner attempting to steal second to prevent any Hillsborough scoring.

“He worked so hard and he’s got a strong arm. That was a big throw to get the guy at second. That was awesome,” Coach Filiaci expressed.

Interestingly, the Hillsborough

The Mountainside seventh began with a groundout to second. Minnefor drew a walk and sprinted to second when the ball was dropped then advanced to third on a wild pitch. Filiaci and LiLoia were intentionally walked then Minnefor scored the winning run on a passed ball.

“We pitched well. One inning, a couple of errors cost us the game. But they came out, they hit the ball, they fielded the ball. They gave it their best and we came up a little short but we will be back next year,” Coach Raab predicted.

In the championship game against North Brunswick, the Green Machine was more than ready to earn a 12-2, five-inning triumph and a trip to the Middle Atlantic Regional Tournament.

Hillsborough	200	040	0	6
Mountainside	000	150	1	7

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER CONSTRUCTION

Horvath Towers V is planning on constructing a communications tower in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Horvath Towers V has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission for an Antenna Structure Registration utilizing Form 854 with a filing number of A1107879. The tower is located with an approximate address of 1985 US 22, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076. Coordinates of the location are 40° 39' 25.9" N, 074° 24' 01.4" W. The project will consist of the construction of a 105 foot tall monopole tower plus appurtenances. The ground space will be developed with a fenced in compound measuring 50 feet x 158 feet. The tower will not be lit. Interested persons can review this application by going to: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 file number of A1107879. Persons who may have environmental concerns about this structure are able to raise such concerns by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. The Federal Communication Commission strongly encourages interested parties to file a Request for Environmental Review. Interested persons can file a Request for Environmental Review at www.fcc.gov/asr/ environmentalrequest. If you would rather mail in a paper copy you can do so to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.
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GETTING HOME ON TIME...St. George veteran Erik Hastrup scores the second run of the game in the first inning before St. Wolfgang catcher Dennis Reilly scoops the ball at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 20.

St. George Survives St. ‘Wolf’ Attack; Win 8-7

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performances of their teammates.

St. Wolfgang benefited heavily from the efforts of shortstop Dave Eckert, who made several impressive running snags. His most impressive catch came in the sixth inning when he sprinted into mid-leftfield to backhand a difficult popup off the bat of Erik Hastrup. Eckert then added two more slick snags in the seventh, one in shallow left and the other in shallow center.

But the Wolfmen also received other fine performances from right-centerfielder Jon Villegas, who galloped forward to rob Jerry Russo of a hit, and left-centerfielder Brian Weber, whose running grab robbed Jeff Friedlander of his potential second hit. Mike McKenna used his blazing speed to chase down Hastrup’s liner to left then right fielder Brian Healy made a sliding snare of Chris San Juan’s low liner.

St. George shortstop Russo denied Eckert of a hit when he absorbed his lined steamer in the fifth inning. He also made Ryan Peters shake his head when he corralled his sharp grounder and converted it to a putout in the second inning. Josh Baik, however, made the first super grab of the evening when he hauled in Weber’s lined shot in right field in the first inning. First baseman Bill Scheiner made it interesting in the fifth inning when Eckert’s liner lodged into his glove then popped out but his relaxed but accurate reflexes allowed him to quickly make the grab.

Only two extra base hits were recorded in the game and both were delivered by the Wolfmen, a double from Daryl Palmieri, who went 3-for-3 with a run scored, and an RBI triple from Villegas, who also scored once. Wolfman Healy also went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Dennis Reilly went 2-for-2 with a walk and a run scored. John Veglia (run scored) and Peters both singled twice and had an RBI.

Andy Wilber led St. George with three singles and an RBI. Fernandez had two singles and two RBI. Baik rapped a two-run single and an RBI sacrifice fly and scored once. San

Juan rapped an RBI single, was intentionally walked and scored twice. Paul Bifani singled twice and scored once. Although being robbed twice, Hastrup had an RBI sac fly, singled and scored once. Scheiner singled twice and scored once.

St. George seized a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Bifani slapped a leadoff single to right, Hastrup lined a single to left and San Juan was intentionally walked. Baik lofted an RBI sac fly to center, Wilber looped an RBI single over second and Fernandez added an RBI groundout to second.

The score quickly knotted, 3-3, in the Wolfgang first. Palmieri legged out a looping double to shallow right-center. Villegas whacked his RBI triple to deep right, Bialos slashed an RBI single to right and Healy drilled an RBI single to center.

St. George plated five runs in the second to take an 8-3 lead. Don Rinaldi reached base on an error, Scheiner wiggled a single past short and Friedlander curled a single over first to load the bases. Hastrup lined an RBI sac fly to right, San Juan jolted an RBI single to right-center and Baik bashed a two-run single to left. Wilber singled and Fernandez poked an RBI single to left.

From that point onward until the bottom of the seventh inning, both teams’ bats went into slumber mode due to the effective pitching of Fernandez and Bialos and the impres-

sive fielding of their defenses.

The nearly fairytale seventh inning arrived and the Wolfmen began to huff and puff in order to bring St. George’s house down. Healy plopped a one-out single over second, Bobby McGuinness whizzed a single down the third baseline and Reilly walked to load the bases. Veglia dribbled an RBI single over second and Joe Tilocca drew and RBI free pass. Eckert’s RBI sac fly scored Reilly and Peters hopped an RBI single past third to make the score, 8-7, with runners on first and third. Frank Apocella stepped to the plate and got under the pitch causing a short but dangerous infield popup but Fernandez sprinted forward and corralled it for the final out.

Having won four of their past six games, the victory placed St. George one half game behind the league leaders St. Francis and St. Michael. St. George upped its record to 9-5, while St. Francis, who won five of its last six games, improved to 9-4-1, just a few percentage points ahead of St. Michael, who had lost four of its past six games slipping to 10-5-1. Meanwhile St. Wolfgang slipped to fifth place with a 7-7 record behind St. Anthony at 9-6-1. The three teams vying for the cellar are St. Joseph and St. Vincent both at 4-10 and St. Sebastian just a nip ahead at 4-9-1.

St. George	350	000	0	8
St. Wolfgang	300	000	4	7

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed submissions will be received by the Township Clerk, or designated representative for the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 11:00 am prevailing time, at which time they will be opened and read in Room 108, Municipal Building, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 for the following:

2017 MUNICIPAL PAVING PROGRAM, PHASE 2

Submission packages may be obtained at the Township Clerk’s Office, (908) 709-7210, during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or by downloading the documents on the Township’s website: <https://www.cranfordnj.org/bids>. Registration on the Township’s website is required.

The Township Committee reserves the right to reject any or all submissions due to any defects or waive informalities and accept any submissions that in their judgment will be in the best interest of the Township. The Township Committee shall award the contract or reject all submissions no later than 60 day from receipt of same.

Respondents are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127 and N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. By authorization of the Township Committee, of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey.

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 7/26/18, The Leader Fee: \$35.70

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Mountainside Green Machine Wins Cal Ripken, Jr. 8U State Crown

The Mountainside 8U baseball team defeated North Brunswick, 12-2, in five innings to capture the Cal Ripken, Jr. 8U State Championship at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 19. The information below was given by coach Andrew Adorato.

The top of the Mountainside order was hitting and hitting the ball hard. Addison Adornato and Jacob Minnefor each scored four runs, driven in by Matt Filiaci, Mateo Liloia and Tice Hanratty. Michael Donahue and CJ Cantagallo provided timely sacrifices to produce runs.

Mountainside pitchers were also on the mark. They threw a lot of strikes that were tough to hit and combined for 11 strikeouts. The Green Machine mixed their pitches and threw different speeds throughout the game. Filiaci recorded two K’s, Cantagallo three K’s, Liloia three K’s and Addison Adornato three K’s.

When North Brunswick hit, the Mountainside fielders made the plays. Centerfielder Noah Hunter caught a fly ball and threw out a player going first to third.

Mountainside advanced to the Mid Atlantic Regional Tournament held in

Queensbury NY, the event can be followed on marbaberuth.org. Mountainside’s first game was to be on July 24 against Fishkill, NY. Then on July 25 they will play a double header. The early game would be against Maryland and the late game would be Queensbury. The final pool game would be today, Thursday, July 26, against Hilltop, Pa. The playoffs are slated for this Friday with the Championship being on Saturday, July 28.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 18th day of July, 2018 the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following action:

Application PBA-17-00004 CONTINUED TO AUGUST 1, 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
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READY TO HAMMER THE BALL...Deegan Roofing slugger Tom Baldowski prepares to take a mighty cut in the stunning loss to Contact Lens & Vision.

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

50+ A DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Deegan Roofing	14	4	
Joe Max Telecom	12	6	
Phenomenal Boyz	10	7	
Linwood Inn	9	8	

50+ B DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Roselle American Legion	15	3	
Riverside Inn	12	6	
Contact Lens & Vision	11	6	
Cranford VFW	9	9	
Garwood Metal	7	11	
Advanced Financial	5	12	

50+ C DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Linda's Driftwood Bar	8	9	
AJ Jersey	6	13	
Bad Brains	3	13	
Conair	1	15	

Linwood Inn 20, Phenomenal Boyz 15

The Linwood Tap House defeated the Phenomenal Boyz out scoring them by seven runs over the last three innings. The Tap Men's offensive attack was led by the bats of Steve Lerner, Joe Sarica, Jim Sydlo, Glenn Anderson (4-for-4), Joe Menza, Shawn Smith, Slope Rzewuski, Jeff Villani and Josh Moore.

Deegan Roofing 22, Riverside Inn 3

Deegan went up 10-0 after two innings with great pitching and defense from Peter Appolito. Scott Mugele blasted two 3-run HR's and finished the night 4-for-4 at the plate. Kevin Spellman, Kevin Woodring and Steve Barba also had a perfect night at the plate for the Roofers. Paul New-

PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12
AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE SUNNY ACRES AS A CRANFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT

WHEREAS the Cranford Historic Preservation Board ("HPAB") has been charged by the Township of Cranford (the "Township") to identify historic sites, districts and landmarks within the Township and to recommend the designation as local historic sites; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2018, HPAB presented a nomination report with regard to Sunny Acres, a district bordered by Raritan Road, Oraton Drive, and the Rahway River; and including Mohawk and Algonquin Drives, Oneida, Mohican, and Iroquois Places, and Iroquois, Cherokee, and Raritan Roads, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, after notice to the public and personal notice to the owners of properties in the district, HPAB held a public hearing on May 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing on May 30, 2018, HPAB unanimously recommended that the Township Committee designate Sunny Acres as a local historic district; and

WHEREAS, HPAB tendered its nomination report to the Cranford Township Committee under cover of a letter dated June 2, 2018.

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

Section 1.

(1) For the reasons set forth in HPAB's nomination report dated June 2, 2018, the district defined therein and known as Sunny Acres, is hereby designated a Local Historic District.

(2) The Planning Board list and map the aforementioned District in the Master Plan.

(3) The designation of this district shall be noted on all records maintained by the Township Tax Assessor and the Township Clerk.

(4) Notice of this designation shall be made public by publication in the official newspaper of the Township and by distribution to all municipal agencies reviewing development applications and permits.

(5) A letter of designation shall be sent to the owners of record of the properties in the district.

Section 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of the Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 3. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES. Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication and as provided by law.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

Patricia Donahue
Municipal Clerk
1 T - 7/26/18, The Leader Fee: \$80.58

ton, Paul McClung and James Massarelli had RBI for Riversiders. Dennis Maluchnik had two hits.

JoeMax Telecom 31, Linda's Driftwood 2, 20

Driftwood came out hitting on all cylinders scoring seven in the first and many more in the second and third but JoeMax prevailed in the end thanks to Dave Eckert hitting for the cycle plus an additional home run. Mike McKenna added a 5-for-5 game for Telecom. Home runs from Bob Pells, Willie Shumate and Larry McClain led the Linda's attack.

Advanced 23, Garwood Metal 8

Advanced Financial took an early lead and tacked on nearly every inning. Chris Jones stood out with at homer and 6 RBI. Jerry Isolda (5 RBI), Dave Grandmaison (5 RBI), John Rachko and Neil Granstrand (4 RBI) all had five hits each.

Roselle American Legion 19, Contact Lens and Vision 0

Dave Wayman and Hector Munoz each recorded two hits and several outstanding defensive plays to preserve the whitewash for winning pitcher Rich Vella, who added two hits of his own to the attack. Offensively the Legion was led by Joe Caliguari, Gene Antonucci, Ed Rodriguez, Bill Buteau and Ed Kushner.

AJ Jersey 23, Conair 3

For AJ, Bernie Buniak had an outstanding pitching performance also contributing five hits on the night. In support of Buniak, Al Dente had five hits, including a home run with 7 RBI, Greg Hobson four hits, Mike Rosenberg reached base four times (HR), Chuck Serafin (2 doubles) and Joe Killburg (3B) both added three hits. Pat Ferro also had three hits and played stellar defense at second.

Cranford VFW 22, Bad Brains 12

Dave Pringle hit a booming two-run homer to spark Cranford to victory over Bad Brains. John Fiore, Bob Ghiretti and Frank Verducci added three hits each for The VFW. Too many errors and poor decisions on the bases cramped Bad Brains despite a well-pitched game from Jose Cortes. The offense was led by Mike Ju with four hits, Diego Elliot with a homer, double and two singles, while Joe Scarfuto and Adam Buchsbaum added three hits each. Vinnie Cordaro, Keith Johnson and Cortes all chipped in with two hits.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
RESOLUTION 18-07-129**

CONTRACTOR: T & M Associates, Eleven Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748.

NATURE OF SERVICE: To provide engineering pre-design, design, bidding and construction phases for the North Avenue paving project.

DURATION: Period ending December 31, 2018.

AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$30,350.00

A copy of this resolution and contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the Municipal Clerk's office.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 7/26/18, The Times Fee: \$18.87

PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOROUGH OF GARWOOD
PLANNING BOARD**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT AND THE ADOPTION OF A HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a meeting of the Planning Board of the Borough of Garwood to be held on August 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall, located at 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, a public hearing, with public comments, if any, will be held on the proposed adoption, by the Planning Board, of an amendment to Borough's Master Plan by means of the adoption of the proposed amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan prepared by Jill Hartmann, P.P. These amendments address the planning requirements of the New Jersey Superior Court and the applicable rules and regulations of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing for the Borough of Garwood to meet its affordable housing obligation. Documents relating to this hearing, including the proposed Master Plan Amendment, that is, the amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, will be on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk, located at Borough Hall, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, and available for review during normal business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at least 10 days prior to the public hearing.

After the public hearing, the Planning Board may adopt the amendments described in this Notice.

Adele Lewis,
Secretary
1 T - 7/26/18, The Leader Fee: \$7.74

Union County Senior 60+ Softball League Standings:

60+ A DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Yogi's Boys	14	4	
American Legion	12	5	
Liberty Lighting Group	12	6	
Kilkenny House	11	7	
Awnings Galore	8	11	

60+ B DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Cranford VFW	10	7	
Avengers	7	10	
Creative Industries Too	2	14	
DeBellis Associates	2	14	

Liberty Lighting Group 8, DeBellis Associates 7

LLG found just enough offense to secure the win over team DeBellis. Leading the way for Liberty were Lou Balestriere, who stroked three singles in three at-bats, and Willie Jackson, who was just a HR shy of the cycle. After tying the game in the previous inning, Liberty's Rick Lindemann crushed a one-out double to left in the 7th. In his first game back off the DL, Jeff Maglietta stepped to the plate, and with two outs, ripped a pitch deep to center scoring Lindemann for the walk-off victory. Howard Walker led the DeBellis boys with three hits (3B) followed by Dave McFall and Rich Grossberg with two hits apiece.

Kilkenny House 8, Cranford VFW 7

Kilkenny squeezed out the victory in the bottom of the 7th on a base hit by Bill Hillyer with the bases loaded, just after the potential winning run was thrown out at the plate the play before. Kilkenny hitting was led by Bill Vanderstreet (4-for-4) and Don Montefusco (3 hits) and the pitching of Rich Kovach, who allowed only five hits. Cranford VFW was led by Bill Early and Charlie Wischusen, who both had triples, and Gary Schaller, who doubled. Tom Rutkowski pitched well for Cranford and their defense came up with some fine plays.

Avengers 23, Creative Too 15

The Avengers defeated Creative Too in a slugfest at Linden Memorial Field. For the Avengers, Steve Falco, Joe Brown (HR) and Richie Krov were 3-for-3. Anthony Abbaleo, Geno Raisley, Robert Hoffman, Steve Landau, Ron Horinko and Dave Goodman added two hits apiece to the Avengers' 25 hit attack. The Avengers defense was lead by Geno Raisley's solid play at third base.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
MAKING CONTACT...Contact Lens & Vision veteran Kerry Gelb makes good contact in the victorious game over Deegan Roofing at Rahway River Park.

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 July 24, 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 August 14, 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. 18-18

TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$302,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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 grant appropriated in this multipurpose bond ordinance are as follows:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Resurfacing of the following roads in the Borough as the 2018 Road Improvement Project (including drainage, sidewalk, curb and driveway apron improvements, where necessary):

Anchor Place (from North Avenue to Second Avenue)
Oak Street (from North Avenue to Second Avenue)
Spruce Avenue (from Maple Street to the Westfield border)

Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Borough Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the above list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads 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	\$295,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$216,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,765
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 75,235
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Undertaking of storm sewer improvements at the 400 block of Union Avenue.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 7,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 335
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 6,665
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$302,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$216,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,100
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 81,900

Section 20 Costs: \$36,000
Average Useful Life: 10.40 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: \$112.20

Yogi's Boys 16, Awnings 7

Yogi's Boys has hit their predictable pennant stretch stride with a key A Division victory at Linden Memorial Field. Every player on Yogi's Boys had at least two hits, led by Steve Ferro with three.

Yogi's Boys 18, Liberty 14

Yogi's Boys extended their stretch drive A Division lead by pounding out 28 hits. Perfect at the plate for The Boys were Dana Kimmel (4H, 4R), Joe Massimino (3H, 3R, 2HR, 7 RBI's) and Steve Ferro (3H). Also contributing to the offense were Tom Straniero (3H, 3R) and Anthony Santorelli (3H). For Liberty, Tom MacDermant, Lou Balestriere (2B) and Willie Jackson were all 4-for-4. Don Miller (3B) and Harry Semple (2B) kept the pressure on with 3 hits each.

Awnings 17, Creative Too 10

Awnings finally got the offense humming and broke a 4-game slide with a 17-10 victory over Creative Industries Too at Linden Memorial Field. AG was paced by Gary Cutler, Danny Mendoza, Rick Dempsey (3 RBI), Bob Lorincz, Ray Meigs and John Campanella who all had three hits. Rich Polinitza added four RBI in the victory.

American Legion 28, Avengers 17

American Legion stayed hot on the tail of A Division leading Yogi's Boys with an 28-17 offensive explosion at Linden Memorial Field. For the Legion, Ed Kushner (triple), Jimmy Caravano and Johnny Symczak each had four hits. Gene Antonucci (HR), Johnny Amato, Glenn Sysco, Walt Serafyn (2 triples) each added three hits in the Legion victory. For The Avengers, Bill Moore, Anthony Abbaleo, Moe Fernandez and Ron Horinko were 3-for-3. Leo Diguilio (HR), Steve Falco, Geno Raisley, Robert Hoffman and Dave Goodman contributed two hits apiece.

Kilkenny House 11, DeBellis 7

Kilkenny House relied on the steady pitching of George Brokaw and a stingy defense. The Kilkenny offense was led by Bob D'Meo who was 3-for-3. For DeBellis, Jorge Barca led the way with three hits. "Brooklyn" Bruce Billotti, Art Martines and Dennis Wilckens had two hits each.



David B. Corbin (July 2016 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
OUT AT THE PLATE...Westfield White pitcher Noah Fischer puts the tag on Summit's Joe Fagan in the second inning of the New Providence Gold League semifinal at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 26, 2016. Westfield won 9-7.

D. Blair Corbin's

Raiders

Cougars

Walk Down Memory Lane



David B. Corbin (July 2014 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WILD ACTION AT THIRD...Two Berkeley Heights girls get hung up at third base as Westfield 12U catcher Erica Lawrence and third baseman Caitlin Clancy attempt to figure out who to tag. Westfield won, 5-1, for the title on July 28, 2014.

From the archives of *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

July 26, 2016: Ten-run rule seemed to be on the horizon after the top-seeded Westfield White 11Us gushed to an 8-0 lead after two innings but the fourth-seeded Summit Gold refused to quit and made it a contest in the second round of the New Providence Gold League playoffs at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. The Hilltoppers showed their character and skipped across the plate five times in the third inning and added another in the fourth before the Blue Devils regained their composure to pull out a 9-7 victory and to advance to the championship game.

Leo Mangiamale held an effective war club with a hard RBI double to left in the second inning and a key RBI single to right in the fifth to go with his walk and run scored in the first. Brett Fischer scored on all three of his plate appearances, which included scoring the ninth run off Mangiamale's single. Owen Callahan rapped a two-run double and scored once. Anthony Buoscio walked twice and scored both times.

July 27, 2016: Sixth-seeded Charlie Brown's did not hide under its Linus blanket for six innings but needed it in the final three innings as third-seeded Chico's bailed themselves out with five more insurance runs during that rest period to earn a 20-13 victory in the first round of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division playoffs at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains. Chico's, comprised mostly of somewhat recent SPF Raider baseball players, pelted Charlie Brown's with 28 hits, which included six doubles and three triples. Two of those triples came off the bat of former Raider baseball standout James D' Angelo, who finished with a team-leading five RBI.

Jack Poillon led Chico's with five hits, while scoring four times and added a pair of RBI. John Murphy laid down the law with four hits, including a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Stan Lorenz rapped four singles and scored twice. Chris Lettieri lashed an RBI double and a pair of RBI singles, while scoring three times. Morgan Ellman tripled, doubled, singled, scored four times and had two RBI. Brad Alleman doubled twice with an RBI and singled.

Charlie Brown's leadoff hitter Kyle Berwick, a Sigma Pi frat brother, was

on fire and lit up the field with a triple, a double, a single, three RBI and four runs scored.

July 25, 2014: Brother against brother on the mound once again, but there was absolutely no sympathy for younger brother John Chupko of St. Anthony as older brother Frank Chupko's St. Joseph team pelted him with power in every inning, especially the fourth, to cruise to a 22-7, five-inning victory in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Farley Field in Scotch Plains.

Kevin Spellman spellbound John Chupko with a colossal two-run home run and a two-run double to go with his other double, while scoring twice. Jerry Russo blasted a solo homer, an RBI triple and an RBI sacrifice fly, while scoring three times. Lou Balestriere belted a two-run double, an RBI sac fly and a single, while scoring twice. Nash Warfield whacked an RBI double, singled and scored twice.

July 28, 2014: Sign of things to come? Maybe! Westfield Black finally found the Achilles Heel in the bottom of the sixth inning to earn a 5-1 victory over Berkeley Heights for the Parkway Invitational Softball League 12U championship at the Westfield High School JV Field. Erica Lawrence stepped up to the plate and launched a long shot over the centerfielder's head, resulting in a grand slam home run and a 5-0 Westfield lead in the bottom of the sixth inning.

July 26, 2012: Zany plays, followed by the thunder and darkness from impending severe weather halted the New Providence Green League upper bracket championship game between the Westfield Blue 12-year-old baseball team and the Springfield Minutemen in the top of the fifth inning at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. The remainder of the game was played the next day, but at the time of the postponement, Westfield held a 6-4 lead. However, Springfield tied the game in the fifth, but Westfield regained the lead, 7-6, and held on to claim the title.

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



David B. Corbin (July 2014 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times
VILIANTEFFORT...St. Anthony third baseman Charlie Baier, left, after making a great stop of a hard smash, literally crawls back to third in an attempt to get the force out on St. Joseph's Don Rinaldo but comes up an inch short on July 25, 2014.

WESTFIELD
Wednesday, July 11, a business located on the 100 block of Central Avenue reported being the victim of a theft. An unknown suspect came into the business and removed \$2,200 worth of property.
Thursday, July 12, Danny Burke, 32, of Edison was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Central Avenue and Frazee Court. Burke was processed and released to a responsible party.
Thursday, July 12, Juwann Johnson, 23, of Plainfield was arrested on a no-bail warrant from the Somerset County Sheriff's Office pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at West South Avenue and Downer Street. Johnson was processed and turned over to the Somerset County Sheriff's Office.
Thursday, July 12, Gerkenz Senesca, 28, of Roselle was arrested on an outstanding traffic warrant from Westfield Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,688. Senesca was processed and further investigation revealed additional traffic warrants from the courts of Newark, in the amount of \$300, and Roselle, in the amount of \$250. Senesca was unable to post bail and turned over to the Union County jail.
Friday, July 13, a business on the 200 block of Elmer Street reported the theft of the company's delivery bike between 1 p.m. and 1:28 p.m. that day. The bike is described as a black-colored, three-wheel bicycle with a rear cargo basket and a red flag.
Friday, July 13, Louis V. Concepcion, 29, of South Amboy was arrested on charges of possession of heroin, possession of suboxone, possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The arrest occurred subsequent to a motor vehicle stop and investigation on the 200 block of East North Avenue. He was released without incident with a summons.
Friday, July 13, a Kenilworth resident reported having a wallet stolen from a business on the 100 block of Central Avenue between 10 a.m. and noon that day.
Saturday, July 14, Ruben D. Delgado, 44, of Cranford was arrested on two outstanding warrants out of Hillside Municipal Court. They included a traffic warrant in the amount of \$500 and a criminal warrant for \$350. Delgado was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of East South Avenue and Cacciola Place. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released with having posted the full bail amount.
Sunday, July 15, Luis Sevilla, 28, of Plainfield was arrested on two outstanding traffic warrants, out of Piscataway Municipal Court, in the amount of \$728, and Tinton Falls Municipal Court, in the amount of \$501. Sevilla was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on West North

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Avenue near Charles Street. He was transported to police headquarters and released after posting requisite bail.
Tuesday, July 17, an employee of a business located on the 800 block of West South Avenue reported a burglary at the business. An unknown suspect forced entry into the establishment and rummaged through part of the business. It was unknown at the time the burglary was reported if anything was taken from the business. The incident occurred between 2:50 a.m. and 2:58 a.m.
SCOTCH PLAINS
Monday, July 16, a resident of Ramapo Way reported the theft of several bicycles, which were taken from the victim's front yard. The theft occurred at approximately 10 a.m.
Wednesday, July 18, a resident of Jacobs Lane reported the theft of the front license plate from their vehicle. It is unknown when the theft occurred. The plate has been entered as stolen.
Wednesday, July 18, a resident of Martine Avenue reported a theft. The victim received a postal delivery and noticed the box was damaged. The victim stated that a Prada purse, valued at \$1,000, was missing.
Wednesday, July 18, Quame Dobbs, 28, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Scotch Plains. Dobbs was processed and transported to the Union County jail.
Thursday, July 19, Jason B. Beene, 41, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving under the influence during a suspicious-vehicle investigation. Beene was transported to police headquarters and processed.
Friday, July 20, a resident of Hidden Meadow Drive reported an incident of fraud. Someone accessed the victim's bank account information without their permission. The case is under investigation.
Saturday, July 21, Nicholas A. Ferreira, 27, of Edison was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a hypodermic needle during a suspicious-person investigation. Ferreira was transported to police headquarters and processed.
Sunday, July 22, Jordan Jones, 23, of Dunellen and Karl Williams, 21, of Scotch Plains were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Both arrests were the result of a suspicious-person investigation. They were transported to police headquarters and processed.
FANWOOD
Saturday, July 7, a resident of the 100 block of La Grande Avenue reported that an unknown person removed a bicycle from his driveway. The theft occurred between 4 and 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 12, Archie Murphy, 50, of Plainfield was arrested on an active warrant out of Fanwood after

charged with possession of suspected crack cocaine located inside the vehicle. She was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, she was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving with a suspended license, maintenance of lamps and failure to inspect her vehicle.
Wednesday, July 11, Ibn Thurston, 30, of Newark was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue East and Arlington Road for unclear plates. Following an investigation at the scene, Thurston was charged for suspected heroin located inside the vehicle. Thurston was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for unclear plates, tinted windows and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.
Wednesday, July 11, Alioune Gueye, 19, of East Orange was arrested and charged with distribution of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue East and the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for unclear plates. Following an investigation at the scene, Gueye, a passenger in the vehicle, was charged for suspected marijuana located on his person. He was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, he was issued a motor vehicle summons for failure to wear a seatbelt.
Thursday, July 12, Ashton Lofton, 22, of Hillside was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on Centennial Avenue near Hayes Street for tinted windows. Lofton was processed and provided with a Municipal Court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for tinted windows and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.
Friday, July 13, Damian Januszcak, 31, and Bartosz Syrek, 28, both of Linden, were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on Raritan Road for a seatbelt and inspection violation. Following an investigation at the scene, Januszcak and Syrek, both passengers in the vehicle, were charged for suspected crack cocaine located inside the vehicle. They were both processed and provided with state Superior Court appearance dates. In addition, the driver was issued motor vehicle summonses for being an unlicensed driver, maintenance of lamps, open container and a seatbelt violation.
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF PENDING
BOND ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE 18-11-S
The Bond Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood, New Jersey, held on July 16, 2018. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, in said Borough on August 6, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Bond Ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.
Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 7/26/18, The Times Fee: \$21.93

CLASSIFIEDS
FREE BUNK BED
Legacy Classic dark brown bunk bed available for free. Lightly worn. Email jdencker@yahoo.com
FOR RENT
MOUNTAINSIDE \$1850/mo. 2 BR/1BA on 1st floor of 2 family house. Heat, water and garage. No realtor fee. Call Frank (908) 230-4285
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HOUSE & LOCATION
1639 McKinley Ave, Rutland Town, VT. 12 room modern Victorian, 10 acres, dead end road, privacy. Priced to sell at \$655,000. Save 3%. Call (802) 775-6961
GLENDAL FRUIT FARMS LLC
GLENDAL FRUIT FARMS LLC, Waterport, NY needs 18 temporary workers 8/1/2018 to 11/15/2018, work tools, supplies, equipment provided without cost to worker. Housing will be available without cost to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the work day. Transportation reimbursement and subsistence is provided upon completion of 15 days or 50% of the work contract. Work is guaranteed for 3/4 of the workdays during the contract period, \$12.38 per hr or applicable piece rate. Applicants to apply contact (866) 466-9757 for your nearest State Workforce Agency office or apply for the job at the nearest local office of the SWA Job order # 1211343. PICK APPLES FOR FRESH MARKET AND OR PROCESSING, PRODUCTIVITY MUST BE AT LEAST 5 BINS PER DAY FOR FRESH MARKET APPLES AND 6 BINS PER DAY FOR PROCESS APPLES. WORKERS MUST BE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO PICK FRUIT, MOST OF WHICH IS DONE FROM LADDERS WITH LOWER BRANCHES BEING PICKED FROM GROUND. PICKED FRUIT IS PLACED IN A PLASTIC FRAMED CANVAS COVERED PICKING BUCKET WITH CANVAS STRAPS THAT GOES OVER HEAD AND RESTS ON SHOULDERS. WHEN FILLED, BUCKET WEIGHS UP TO 40 LBS. AND IS EMPTIED INTO BULK BINS WITH A CAPACITY EQUAL TO 201 & 118 BUSHELS. WORKERS ARE REQUIRED TO HANDLE LADDERS UP TO 24 FEET LONG, WEIGHING ABOUT TWO LBS. PER FOOT. WORKERS MAY BE INSTRUCTED TO SELECTIVELY PICK MATURE FRUIT ACCORDING TO SIZE, COLOR AND OTHER USDA GRADE STANDARDS. TRIM FRUIT TREES, AND/OR FIX BOXES. 3 MONTHS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED IN WORK LISTED.
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

DRIVERS WANTED
Drive customers to airport, train station or wherever they need to go. Be on call in the comfort of your own home. Hours flexible. Must live local to Westfield & Scotch Plains. Perfect for recently retired. Call (908) 418-3312
GARAGE SALE - MUST SELL!
Westfield Garage Sale
603 Hillcrest Ave, Westfield
Bikes, electronics, furniture, lamps, tools, file cabinet, air hockey table top, sports equipment and more, too much to list. **Saturday, July 28th, 9am to 3pm**
Everything must go!

FARMWORKERS NEEDED
24 temp farm workers needed 8/27/18 – 11/15/18. Workers will perform various tasks associated with planting, pruning, thinning and harvesting crops according to supervisor's instructions. Workers will have extensive periods of sitting, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, repetitive movement, frequent stopping and lifting up to 75 lbs. Must have 3 months verifiable experience operating 50+ HP Farm Equipment & affirmative verifiable job references. 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 AEWR. Raise/bonus at employer discretion. EOE. Worksite in Orleans & Monroe Co NY. Report or send a resume to nearest local NJ One Stop Career Center office or call 908-412-7980 & reference Job #NY-1260024. RM Zingler Farms-Kendall, NY

FARMWORKERS NEEDED
34 temp farm workers needed 9/3/18-11/25/18. Workers will perform various tasks associated with cultivating & harvesting employers crops according to supervisor's instructions. Must have 3 months verifiable experience hand harvesting fruit on a commercial farm & affirmative verifiable job references. Guaranteed at least 3/4 of contract hours but hours will vary according to weather and crop conditions. Hours may exceed 40 hours. Tools, supplies, equipment provided at no cost. Housing provided for non-commuting workers at no cost. Random drug testing at employer's expense. Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract or earlier, if appropriate. EOE. \$12.83/hr, applicable piece rates depending on crop activity or current applicable AEWR. Raise/bonus at employer discretion. Worksite in Orleans & Monroe Co. NY. Report or send a resume to nearest local NJ One Stop Career Center office or call 908-412-7980 & reference Job #NY1261035. Kalir Enterprises-Brockport, NY



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Westfield: 07/02/18
Sonia W. and Gary L. Kaye to Michelle Diantonio, 22 Bates Way, \$805,000.
Terrance M. and Sue Ann O'Rourke to Zhixian Zhang, 911 Central Avenue, \$441,000.
Brenda Berkebile to Elshiekh Enterprises, LLC, 110 Dickerson Drive, \$550,000.
J. Gabriel Properties to Jonathan D. Weinstein and Marianne Strazza, 38 Faulkner Drive, \$1,425,000.
Estate Of Hanoria G. Sutter to Marie-Laure Hoffmann, 34 Cowperthwaite Place, \$425,000.
Christopher A. and Jamie B. Schepher to Lori Bennett, 652 Maye Street, \$545,000.
Sacha and Jamie Lee Kljestan to Anthony and Zlata Shutman, 730 Austin Street, \$1,245,000.
Brian J. and Elizabeth A. Taylor to Keith and Laura Lodge, 731 First Street, \$635,000.
Daniel and Lindsey Gross to John and Katherine Cunningham, 512 South Chestnut Street, \$635,000.
Louis F. Arcuri to Frank and Roseann Dei Re, 32 Normandy Drive, \$675,000.
Robert M. and Susan A. Baum to Brett J. Stone and Marisa G. Pollack, 18 Genesee Trail, \$725,000.

Andrew M. and Amanda K. Gilberti, 28 Shady Lane, \$525,000.
Leonard J. Farmer and Andrea S. Taylor to 233 S Martine LLC, 233 South Martine Avenue, \$200,000.
Scotch Plains: 12/22/18
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Robert and Jessica Gonzalez, 521 Cicilia Place, \$200,000.
Federal National Mortgage Association to Fanwood Properties LLC, 550 Willow Avenue, \$165,000.
Vilma B. Smith and Judith M. Smith to Vivek Laldas, 314 Willow Avenue, \$374,900.
Fannie Mae to Community Asset Preservation Corporation, 344 Myrtle Avenue, \$250,000.
Perks Real Estate LLC to Juan Carlos Bonilla Alvarez and Colleen Bonilla, 381 Stout Avenue, \$400,000.
R-Iaione Companies Inc to Luke D. and Alissa R. Tarby, 1989 Church Avenue, \$790,000.
Todd S. and Jennie T. Darrow to Nadine Lundy, 1996 Church Avenue, \$425,000.
Estate of Alice Jodziewicz to Christopher Donald Millar, 2066 Nicholl Avenue, \$380,000.
Kathleen Quigley to Richard and Lucilla Montalvo, 2257 Evergreen Avenue, \$515,000.
Santosh Nair and Nita Rawtani to Pratik Bhangunde and Sneha Savalg, 805 Donato Circle, \$399,000.
Mark and Irene S. Faber to Elvis P. and Olga M. Huynh, 2620 Deer Path, \$612,900.
Cecil M. Gabbett III to Timothy E. and Sara L. Loesch, 328 Fawn Ridge Drive, \$460,000.
Beverly Pilato to Ephraim and Crystal A. Pierre, 307 Roberts Lane, \$442,500.
Marcene Anderson to Amit Rathod and Purvi Singhania, 2539 Smith Street, \$465,000.
Jean K. Farnworth to DJO Properties LLC, 2208 Old Farm Road, \$400,000.
2566 Assoc LLC to MJJ Holdings LLC, 2566 Plainfield Avenue, \$650,000.
Josephans Heather Negley to Todd and Amanda Moser, 2265 Woodland Terrace, \$687,000.
Elizabeth A Hoffman to Jessica Marsh, 795 Westfield Road, \$500,000.
Mohamed and Dina M. Elmeliyeg to Andrew and Alexandra Damon, 1118 Jefferson Avenue, \$715,000.
Beverly Fiedler to Robert Root,

1290 White Oak Road, \$300,000.
Mary Diplock to Kirk B. and Lynn M. Rider, 41 Fieldcrest Drive, \$712,500.
Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2004 to Mark Forman and Warren Waters, 2090 West Broad Street, \$373,900.
Estate of Paulette Katz to Needle-Point Homes LLC, 2087 Arrowwood Drive, \$540,000.
Toll, NJ, LP to Jerome and Teri M. Sherman, 801 Tillinghast Turn, \$991,489.
Toll, NJ, LP to James M. and Judy Ann O'Brien, 804 Tillinghast Turn, \$1,212,300.
Marissa Basile to Thomas J. and Christina J. Bellaro, 1622 Ramapo Way, \$647,000.
Gregory L. and Carol A. Downs to Joshua M. and Lindsay B. Nahum, 1709 Ramapo Way, \$634,000.
Denis and Pamela Brooks to Needle-Point Homes LLC, 1670 Cooper Road, \$450,000.
1700 Cooper Road LLC to Gregory and Catalina Pacifico, 1700 Cooper Road, \$1,459,900.
Thomas and Alison Feil to David N. and Leslie R. Weinroth, 27 Traveler Way, \$669,000.
Julia Curtis to Vivek K. Sharma and Prachi A. Marathe, 16 Eastham Court, \$362,500.
Rafael Garcia to Cheryl Tully, 1003 Cellar Avenue, \$245,000.
Jason L. and Merrill A. Englehardt to Mark and Elizabeth Ackland, 23 Treeview Circle, \$730,000.

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James F. Carden, 88, Family Man, Pilot, Veteran, Habitat Volunteer

James Francis Carden, known to friends as both “Jim” and “Daddy Jim,” passed away on Friday, July 20, 2018, at the age of 88 years, after a prolonged struggle with pulmonary and cardiac illness.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, and longtime resident of Westfield, N.J., Jim graduated from Chaney High School in 1948 and briefly attended Youngstown University before joining the United States Air Force, where he became a fighter pilot in the 319th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, flying F-94B all-weather fighter planes in Korea. Returning to the United States, he flew F-94C fighters in the 26th Air Defense Wing, where he scored a world record in air-to-air rocketry target competition. After leaving the Air Force, Jim became a commercial airline pilot, flying for United, Northeast, Trans Caribbean, and finally as a captain for American Airlines.

Jim was passionate about flying, but his main love was his wife and family. He was a loyal friend and helpful neighbor. Home renovations and improvements were second nature to Jim, and he loved working on projects in his home and the homes of his three chil-

dren, as well as friends. After retirement in 1990, Jim became active in Habitat for Humanity, using his handyman skills for the benefit of others. He enjoyed traveling the world with his family, but always found time to travel back to his family roots and relations in Ohio, where he will now be laid to rest in the Old Home Cemetery.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Rosella (Ro); his children, Cathy (Rob) Shaffer, Jamie Carden-Leventhal and Jimmer (Lisa) Carden; his four grandchildren, PJ and Lydia Leventhal and Miles and Aidan Carden; his brother, John (Donna) Carden of Boardman, Ohio, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation and a celebration of Jim’s life will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 27, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, N.J., with a brief memorial service at 6:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Jim Carden can be made to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plainfield and Middlesex County, New Jersey: <http://www.habitatgpmc.org/>; (888) 557-6032.



James F. Carden

Local Residents Are Among Pan-Mass Challenge Riders

AREA — During the weekend of August 4 and 5, Jonathan Gellman and Reid Prichett of Westfield and James Chitty and Joseph Hesson of Scotch Plains will cycle up to 192 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) with the goal of topping last year’s record-breaking gift and raising \$52 million for critical cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

During PMC weekend, more than 6,300 cyclists from 43 states and 10 countries will gather in Massachusetts to participate in the PMC. Riders include everyone from seasoned triathletes to weekend warriors and range in age from 13 to 85. Many ride to honor a family member or friend lost to, or being treated for, cancer, and over 900 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients themselves, and considered Living Proof® of the PMC mission.

Designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fund-raising ability, the PMC offers 12 different routes, varying in mileage and difficulty, that pass through 46 towns across the Commonwealth, with starting lines in Sturbridge, Wellesley and Bourne. Cyclists are required to raise between \$600 and \$8,000, depending on the chosen route, although the average cyclist raises more than \$7,000.

Volunteers, spectators, donors and sponsors also are part of the camaraderie on ride weekend, all working

together in hopes of one day eradicating cancer.

“After surpassing our goal and raising \$51 million for Dana-Farber last year, we are excited to keep the momentum going as we approach our 39th PMC ride weekend,” said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. “We are continuously humbled by the dedication and generosity of our riders, volunteers, donors, sponsors and community members – it’s thanks to them that the PMC is able to make such an immense impact on the fight against cancer. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable ride weekend and can’t wait to see you all out on the road.”

The PMC donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to Dana-Farber through its fund-raising arm, the Jimmy Fund, and is the institute’s largest single contributor, raising more than 53 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue. In 2017, the PMC gave a record gift of \$51 million to Dana-Farber, bringing its 38-year contribution to a total of more than \$598 million since its inception in 1980.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation® and New Balance®. To make a financial contribution to a rider or become a virtual rider, visit pnc.org or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Interested persons can connect with #PanMass2018 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Obituaries

Dr. Thelma G. Warshaw, Served Westfield Community For 54 Years

Dr. Thelma Warshaw, a noted dermatologist, died Saturday, May 26, 2018. She practiced medicine on East Broad Street in Westfield from 1958 to 2012, serving generations of residents. She broke ground for all women in medicine and inspired many young women and men to become doctors. She was a leader in the community, gave numerous public lectures on skin care, and participated in many free clinics and skin cancer screenings. Dr. Warshaw was a member of Temple Emanu-El for over 60 years.

She was married to Irving Laifer of Tiffany Drugs in Westfield, who predeceased her in 1998. Dr. Warshaw is

survived by her daughters, Audrey Opland of Sudbury, Mass., and Jean Warshaw of New York City, and her grandchildren, Adam Kern and Claire Michel.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 27, 2018, at Menorah Chapels at Millburn.

A memorial service will be held at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, N.J., on Sunday, August 5, at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions in Dr. Warshaw’s honor are greatly appreciated. There were many causes and institutions she passionately supported in her lifetime, and contributions may be made to NJOP at NJOP.org or to any other just cause.



Thelma Warshaw Laifer

Frances C. Brader, 94, Was Longtime Local Realtor

Frances C. Brader (née Brown), 94, of Mountainside, passed away on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

Fran, an avid gardener, was a longtime resident of Westfield. She had been a member of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield. Fran also had been a realtor for many years with Weichert Realty in Westfield.

Fran was the beloved wife of the late Donald W. Brader, Sr., and the beloved

mother of the late Donald W. Brader, Jr. and Margaret J. Brader. She is survived by two daughters, Mary C. Brader and Donna F. Harkness; five grandchildren, Mark Monroy, Kristine Moody, James R. Monroy (Deirdre), Sarah Harkness and John Kittleson, and eight great-grandchildren.

Frances’ visitation was held on Friday, July 20, at Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, Westfield, where her funeral service took place on Saturday, July 21. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

To offer condolences, please go to grayfuneralhomes.com.



Frances C. Brader

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 18-13-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on July 16, 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 280, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Borough Code relating to Article 14, Off Street Parking, Parking Permits.

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on August 6, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
Fee: \$21.93

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD AMENDMENT

The Township of Cranford has amended a Contract Award to provide Planning Services to the Township of Cranford. The Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposal for Planning Services through a fair and open process in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and Resolution No. 2018-256 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED TO: Harbor Consultants, Inc., 320 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016

SERVICE: Planning Services
FEE: Not to Exceed \$35,000.00
DATE: July 17, 2018

Patricia Donahue
Municipal Clerk
Fee: \$21.42

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD AMENDMENT

The Township of Cranford has amended a Contract Award to provide Affordable Housing Legal Services to the Township of Cranford. The Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposal for Affordable Housing Legal Services through a fair and open process in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and Resolution No. 2018-242 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED TO: Jeffrey R. Surenien and Associates, LLC, 707 Union Avenue, Suite 301, Brielle, New Jersey 08730

SERVICE: Affordable Housing Legal Services
FEE: Not to Exceed \$25,500.00
DATE: July 17, 2018

Patricia Donahue
Municipal Clerk
Fee: \$22.95

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In Loving Memory Of Betty Jean Short Fitterer

Betty Jean Short Fitterer, daughter of Thomas and Hazel Gulick, died on November 14, 2017 on Cape Cod, Mass. Betty was born, lived and was married in Falmouth, Ky. She will be remembered for her sweet kindness, her smile, her thoughtfulness, her style, and her appreciation of both hearing and saying “a funny,” as she called the quick quip. She deeply loved her home and garden, her friends, her family, and her cats.

There were many truths in Betty’s life: always have a novel and crossword puzzle in progress; only feed shrimp to cats; salt goes with everything; meals are to be a still life as well as delicious; cashmere sweaters are to be worn every day in layers; bridge is a game of easy strategy; and rugs are to be hooked with wool dyed on top of the stove in 1700’s colours.

Betty married Hazen L. Short on December 11, 1949. They loved to dance. They started their family in Kansas City, where Hazen worked for P&G, then by way of Cincinnati, Ohio, moved to Westfield, N.J., in 1961, where Betty was a long-time volunteer for the Westfield Service League as well as the Children’s Country Home, in addition to other organizations. When Hazen suffered a stroke in

1977, Betty cared for him for ten years with patience and love.

After Hazen’s death, Betty realized their plan to live on Cape Cod, and moved to Barnstable, Mass., where she made her home an anchor for her family. She later married the kind, retired Wall Street bondsman and golfer, John C. Fitterer, Jr. of Westfield, N.J., in 1996, who died in 2008.

In Betty’s advanced stages of Alzheimer’s, at her memory care home, she went into her friends’ rooms and folded their clothes or dusted the nurses’ station with a napkin, helping others to the end.

Betty is survived by a daughter, Amy L. Archer; a son, Douglas H. Short, and his wife, Christina R. Short; two grandchildren, Maxandra E. Kramer and Thomas L. Short, and her Kentucky cousins, Bob Gulick and Doris Kemp, and her BFF of over 50 years, Barbara Brown.

A service was held in memory of Betty at Woodhead Funeral Home in Falmouth, Ky., on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. For the online guestbook, please visit www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

July 26, 2018

Probitas Verus Honos

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2017 AUDIT REPORT OF TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBER 31, 2017	DECEMBER 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$23,451,749.04	\$17,593,341.10
Taxes, Assessments, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable	838,789.46	938,064.64
Property Acquired for Taxes	3,765,400.00	3,765,400.00
Accounts Receivable	1,939,908.24	3,755,780.57
Fixed Capital	5,297,928.34	5,297,928.34
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	1,670,000.00	1,670,000.00
Deferred Charges:		
General Capital	66,062,162.82	66,653,198.89
To Revenue of Succeeding Years	63,839.05	848,073.00
General Fixed Assets	<u>77,766,159.12</u>	<u>75,245,964.38</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$180,855,936.07	\$175,767,750.92

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES		
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$60,377,673.36	\$44,105,299.08
Improvement Authorizations	10,036,232.24	28,183,133.38
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	16,148,929.78	10,817,810.04
Amortization of Debt for Fixed Capital		
Acquired or Authorized	5,608,928.34	5,532,277.34
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	4,734,941.70	4,760,323.72
Fund Balances	6,183,071.53	7,122,942.98
Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>77,766,159.12</u>	<u>75,245,964.38</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES **\$180,855,936.07** **\$175,767,750.92**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

	YEAR 2017	YEAR 2016
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local Property		
Tax Levies	11,859,978.99	11,763,085.35
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	839,179.58	1,173,429.73
Collection of Current Tax Levy	<u>101,676,287.79</u>	<u>92,297,441.79</u>
TOTAL INCOME	117,375,446.36	106,733,956.87

EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	36,429,873.49	33,377,635.27
County Taxes	22,783,759.97	19,829,861.74
Local School Taxes	55,466,136.00	50,411,243.00
Other Expenditures	<u>410,820.35</u>	<u>396,042.22</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	115,090,589.81	104,014,782.23

Excess in Revenue	2,284,856.55	2,719,174.64
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance:		
Expenditures Included Above Which are Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year		848,073.00
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	2,284,856.55	3,567,247.64
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>6,675,945.33</u>	<u>4,054,401.76</u>
	8,960,801.88	7,621,649.40

Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	3,000,000.00	1,500,000.00
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$5,960,801.88</u>	<u>\$6,121,649.40</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE-SWIM POOL UTILITY FUND

	YEAR 2017	YEAR 2016
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$28,013.00	\$46,118.00
Collection of Membership Fees	1,208,272.00	1,272,478.65
Miscellaneous	437,091.25	451,592.39
Miscellaneous-From Other Than Pool Receipts	<u>12,936.70</u>	<u>61,311.49</u>
TOTAL INCOME	1,686,312.95	1,831,500.53

EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	1,580,801.00	1,574,378.00
Capital Outlay		25,000.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	92,851.00	70,314.39
Municipal Debt Service	76,500.00	76,500.00
Anticipated in Current Budget		

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,750,152.00	1,746,192.39
Excess in Revenue		85,308.14
Deficit in Revenue	(63,839.05)	
Operating Deficit to be Raised in Budget of Succeeding Year	<u>63,839.05</u>	

Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		85,308.14
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>148,585.29</u>	<u>164,395.15</u>
	148,585.29	249,703.29
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	28,013.00	46,118.00
Surplus-Anticipated Revenue Current Fund	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$85,572.29</u>	<u>\$148,585.29</u>

RECOMMENDATION

That the Pool and Board of Health departments turn over receipts to the Treasurer within 48 hours of receipt as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.

A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the Township of Cranford 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 Township Clerk in the Township of Cranford.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Township of Cranford, 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 Township Clerk’s office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Such Audit was adopted by resolution of certification by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 on July 17, 2018.

Patricia Donahue, Municipal Clerk
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Fee: \$199.92



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS...Students in Carol DelConte’s fifth-grade 21st Century Skills class at Lincoln School in Garwood were challenged with the task of being entrepreneurial philanthropists. They brainstormed and researched ways to donate their time, talents and resources to help others. Working individually and in small groups, they created and implemented philanthropic plans from start to finish. They donated to organizations and individuals in their community, all the while exploring how they could make a positive difference in other people’s lives. Some of the groups that benefited from their efforts were St. Jude Children’s Hospital, animal rescue shelters and Newark Beth Israel Hospital.

POPCORN

“Ant-Man and the Wasp”
Going Molecular
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One Popcorn, Poor — Two Popcorns, Fair — Three Popcorns, Good — Four Popcorns, Excellent

By Michael S. Goldberger
film critic

Y’know how in organic chemistry they show you a molecular construction and then ask you to identify it from another angle? Well, I can’t do that, which is why I’m a film critic and not a dermatologist. And it’s worked out pretty well, except until now, when I’m faced with trying to explain the pseudo-scientific ins and outs of director Peyton Reed’s “Ant-Man and the Wasp.” You see, a good deal of this adventure yarn is concerned with rescuing Michelle Pfeiffer’s Janet Van Dyne a.k.a. Wasp from the Quantum Realm, and I have absolutely no idea where that is.

I only know that whether it is to the left, right, up, down or somewhere sideways, it is very, very small...like subatomic small. Forget about how the lady got stuck there for now. It’s part of the multifarious prongs of minutiae, pun embarrassingly attempted, that will unravel in the form of a screenplay probably obscure enough for Marvel Comics stalwarts, but way too convoluted for someone who had originally planned to delve no further than skin deep.

But being a fair sort of guy, who I think would have accepted all health insurances, Medicare and, Psst, even no money if you’re real poor, but don’t let it get around, I’ll take the aficionados’ word for it that there’s some scientific basis to all the gobbledygook here glorified. However, conversely quite intolerant if films expect me to learn an entire, franchise-dedicated libretto in order to understand what in tarnation is going on, I’ve taken to just letting such misbegoss wash over me. And then, if entertained nonetheless, I recommend it to my fellow Great Unwashed.

In this case, I offer no breakthrough opportunity for those who wouldn’t see something like this in a million years, if blessed with such longevity. However, for those most assuredly uninterested but who might be pressed into duty as accompanying parents or grandparents, there is consolation in the humorously self-conscious patter co-title character Paul Rudd spreads across the scenario. Likeable in a winningly self-effacing way, Mr. Rudd, who gets the Anthony Perkins award for thus far not aging during his entire career, is a charming entity unto himself.

Plus, if you allot some cred for impressive casting in the form of big name actors who, while nice to see, add nothing to the movie as a whole, Michael Douglas is Mom Wasp’s genius hubby, Dr. Hank Pym, and Laurence Fishburne is his former colleague, Dr. Bill Foster.

And, if still seeking rationalization to tout “Ant-Man and the Wasp,” there’s the domestic angle as Mr. Rudd’s Scott Lang/Ant-Man, divorced from his wife, tries to be the perfect dad to his idolizing, precocious daughter, Cassie (Ryder Fortson).

But if not a Marvel devotee, be warned: There is hardly a paragraph of dialogue that doesn’t include the word quantum. It’s quantum this and quantum that, delivered in a Hula Hoop craze fervor, and inevitably causing me, despite all avowals, to burn my brain synapses in painful contemplation.

Still, despite the hifalutin techno jargon that only professors at MIT and kids under 17 grok, it’s basically comic book sci-fi meets traditional action flick, replete with a despicably appropriate villain for these fragile times. You’ve doubtless seen real life versions of black marketer Sonny Burch on the nightly news. They’re either awaiting trial, tantalizing justice seekers with whether or not they will flip in the cause of saving our democracy, or holding court on talk shows where they revel in their “nah, nah, can’t catch me” chutzpah.

In this fictional mirror, Burch, played to a snarky turn by Walton Goggins, sells Hope Van Dyne/Wasp (Evangeline Lilly), daughter of Dr. Pym and Ant-Man’s on again off again love interest, a part necessary for that trek to the Quantum Realm. But when these good, smart people display their creative adaptation of the gizmo for its humanitarian purpose, the double-dealing brigand spots an illegal way to profit from it, which, to the criminal mind, is always more preferable than an honest transaction.

Hence, my short critique of this movie: It’s good versus evil. I should have put that at the top of the column, huh?

My haughty detractions aside, and soberly considering that you take good over evil wherever you can find it these days, whether in the form of polite fellow motorists, welcoming servers at coffee shops, politicians who actually have your interests at heart, or movie plots, I kind of get it. Plus, it’s all so very colorful...so much so that I think if I were 11 the sign at the entranceway to my basement sanctuary might read “Welcome to the Quantum Realm” instead of the current “Brooks Was Here.” That granted, only zealots need go buggy over “Ant-Man and the Wasp.”

...“Ant-Man and the Wasp,” rated PG-13, is a Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures release directed by Peyton Reed and stars Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly and Michael Douglas. Running time: 118 minutes.

Trailside’s Wednesday Matinee Series Continues

COUNTY -- The Trailside Nature and Science Center on Wednesday, August 1, will present “Outragehiss Pets,” a unique and educational live animal show, which offers the opportunity to meet amazing creatures from all over the world. The program is certain to spark the curiosity of the audience as it offers surprising facts about each animal.

On Wednesday, August 8, the center will offer “Purely Fun With Mr. Fish,” which uses magnetism, light, air, optical illusions, condensation and mental confusion to teach audiences to do magic.

The final show of the season, on

Wednesday, August 15, will be “Spin Pop Boom.” Audiences can defy gravity in this energetic and spectacular show. Didgeridoo tubes, foaming hands and steaming chemical reactions introduce children to the exciting world of chemistry.

For more information about the Wednesday Matinee series or other upcoming programs and special events, call (908) 789-3670 or visit ucnj.org/trailside.

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CDC to Feature Hispanic Theatre Festival

CRANFORD — Spanish-language theatre is alive and well in New Jersey. For the second straight year, the CDC Theatre in Cranford will feature its Hispanic Theatre Festival, its Festival de Teatro Hispanico, for four performances Thursday, July 26, through Saturday, July 28.

Despite a large and vibrant Hispanic population of 1.2 million in the state, the creators of this event recognized that there are no Spanish-language plays being performed on an ongoing basis that cater to that community in central New Jersey. Last summer, the CDC Theatre, the longest continuously-producing community theatre in New Jersey, bridged that gap by mounting the premiere Hispanic Theatre Festival.

The play being showcased this season is *Bar Manolo*, a full-length comedy by European playwright Jean-Pierre Martinez. Directed by CDC Theatre member Joel Redmount, the story unfolds in a friendly, comfortable bar that happens to be across from a cemetery. The bar owner, Manolo, relies on a steady stream of customers looking for a little respite from the activities across the street. This particular afternoon features the interplay of two philosophical funeral workers, a professor who may or may not be having an affair with one of his students, a flooded basement, a damaged coffin, a misplaced cell phone, a lost lottery ticket, a waitress frustrated with her bad luck with online dating, a befuddled old lady and a host of other characters, all of whom Manolo greets with a friendly smile and an offer of watered-down cognac.

The cast will feature Robert Asencio of Elizabeth, Paula Carrerio of

Millburn, Merari Cortes of Edison, Milagros Cortes of Linden, Flora Cadillo of Union, Willy Illas of Perth Amboy, Norma Melendez of Montclair, Lili Rebelo of Cranford and Jose A. Rivera of Union.

Performances will take place at the CDC Theatre, located at 78 Winans Avenue, Cranford, on Thursday, July 26, Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28, all at 8 p.m., with a matinee performance on July 28 at 2 p.m. Knowing it would not truly be a festival without appropriate music and food, the producers of the event are looking to provide complimentary refreshments on opening night, in the spirit of the evening. CDC Theatre looks forward to exploring the richness of la cultura Latina, as reflected in plays that mirror the pride, the drama and comedy of the human experience, as showcased through a Spanish-language lens.

Tickets will be available for purchase through the website, cdctheatre.org, or available at the box office prior to each performance.

Jewish Story And Crafts Hour

CLARK – The Union County Torah Center will present a Jewish Story and Crafts Hour on Wednesday, August 1, at 5 p.m., at Barnes & Noble, located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. Children will listen to a story, learn about good character traits, and do a related arts and crafts project. There is no fee for this program.

Reservations are preferred, but not required. For more information or to reserve a spot, call (908) 789-5252, e-mail info@torahcenter.org or register online at torahcenter.org.

TASO Plans Free Concert At PCW This Sunday

WESTFIELD — The August Symphony Orchestra (TASO) announced its annual free concert will be held on Sunday, July 29, at 3 p.m., at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, under the baton of conductor Michael Avagliano. The program features the passionate energy of Brahms’ First Symphony, Haydn’s popular trumpet concerto in E flat major with guest soloist Andrew Filippone, and select pieces by Mendelssohn and Strauss.

Haydn’s radiant concerto in E flat major is the most famous trumpet concerto and possibly Haydn’s most popular concerto. The spirited piece is chock full of sparkling humor, dramatic surprises and harmonic detours, while showcasing the expressive artistry of both the soloist and trumpet. Mr. Filippone is principal trumpeter for the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra and teaches trumpet at Drew University.

Brahms Symphony 1 in C Minor is a complex piece with passionate energy. It is widely regarded as one of the greatest symphonies of the Austro-German tradition. In this, his first symphony, Brahms pays homage to Beethoven with a majestic theme, heard in the strings, that closely resembles the “Ode to Joy” melody from Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony.

The charming Strauss Serenade for Winds is thoroughly pleasing for its special fluctuation from calm moments such as the simple, sweet beginning to

moments of great intensity.

“Strauss was still a teenager when he wrote the Serenade, and I think that youthful exuberance shows in the piece,” said Mr. Avagliano.

Mendelssohn’s Overture in C Major is both energetic and dramatic. It is the composer’s first large piece for wind instruments; prior to that he had only written for strings or piano.

This year marks the third season the orchestra will be conducted by Mr. Avagliano, who has served as music director of the Central Jersey Symphony since 2008, and was recently appointed music director of the Summit Symphony. He is on the faculty of Drew University as conductor of the Drew Chamber Orchestra and violin professor. As a violinist, Mr. Avagliano has appeared with the New Jersey Symphony, the Singapore Symphony, the Strauss Symphony of America, and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and is an active performer in the New York area.

“Maestro Avagliano brings a wealth of talent and expertise to The August Symphony Orchestra,” stated Robert Whiteley, president of TASO. “We are honored to have him lead our orchestra and maintain our high standard of quality performance of musical works.”

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ALL’S WELL...Helena (Noelle Fair) pursues the reluctant Bertram (Joey Santia) in marriage in the Hudson Shakespeare Company’s production of *All’s Well That Ends Well*, to be presented on Monday at the Cranford Public Library.

All’s Well That Ends Well Due at Cranford Library

CRANFORD – *All’s Well That Ends Well* will be presented by the Hudson Shakespeare Company (HSC) on Monday at the Cranford Public Library. It is directed by Jon Ciccarelli, with fight choreography by Dispatch Combat Collective.

Set in France and Italy, *All’s Well That Ends Well* is a story of one-sided romance, based on a tale from Boccaccio’s *The Decameron*.

Helena (Noelle Fair), the orphaned daughter of a well-known doctor, is under the protection of the widowed Countess of Rossillion (Sharon DeWitte Caccibauda) after her father’s death.

In love with Bertram (Joey Santia), the countess’ son, Helena follows him to court, where she cures the sick French king (Aurelio Kogan) of a fatal illness. In exchange for curing the king, Helena asks for Bertram’s hand in marriage. The king rewards Helena by granting the marriage.

However, Bertram resists the marriage, rejecting her in court.

When forced by the king to marry her, he refuses to sleep with her and, accompanied by the braggart Parolles

(Ryan Knight), leaves for the Italian wars.

HSC’s production asks the viewer to look at both the good and ill spun within the yarn of the story of its two main characters, Bertram and Helena.

“In most productions of this show, Helena is painted a wronged victim. She is rejected by Bertram in a very public, cruel, and embarrassing way,” said Mr. Ciccarelli, the show’s director, “but her response and subsequent plot to this rejection can be seen as deceitful, and even questionable. She befriends another woman and they trick him into sleeping with Helena, thus getting her pregnant and fulfilling Bertram’s conditions. Conversely, many productions paint Bertram out as a spoiled royal brat who treats Helena poorly, but let’s not forget, he was forced into a marriage that he had no say so in.”

The free performance will take place on Monday, July 30, at 7 p.m., at the Cranford Public Library, located at 224 Walnut Avenue, Cranford.

For more information, visit hudsonshakespeare.com.

Cheney of Scotch Plains To Perform in Circus

SCOTCH PLAINS — Sean Cheney of Scotch Plains is one of six students and alumni who will be working backstage in the Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre (MSMT) circus production “TAL: Beyond Imagination.” The all-age show runs Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28, in the studio theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance.

MSMT is teaming up with the Atlas Circus Company to present “TAL: Beyond Imagination,” a world-premiere modern circus production, with a message that will resonate with children and adults alike, according to Shantell Cruz, who plays the title character.

In addition to six students and alumni working behind the scenes, a cast of 10 performers clown, act and perform aerial acrobatics throughout the show. All of them are veterans of Muhlenberg’s dance and theater programs.

“‘TAL’ is a magical show, entirely full of fun,” Ms. Cruz said. “It’s about someone who rediscovers her passions and finds the courage to follow her dreams.”

“It was taking the concept of having too many ideas, too many images, and kind of melding them together,” said

Noah Dach, the show’s creator and director. “How do you do that? In a dream. A dream doesn’t exactly make sense, but makes complete sense. It’s where different images can mesh together and become something new.”

“TAL” is the latest work from Atlas Circus Company, a Muhlenberg-born contemporary circus ensemble currently making waves in New York City. The company works with talented performers, designers and other creative artists to reinvent the circus and challenge audience expectations, Mr. Dach said.

Atlas has produced several other modern circus pieces — most recently “The Optimist,” presented this spring at The People’s Improv Theatre in New York City. *The New York Post* has called the company “the new Ringling Brothers.”

“TAL: Beyond Imagination” plays Friday, July 27, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, July 28, at 10 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased at muhlenberg.edu/smt or (484) 664-3333. Performances are in the Studio Theatre in the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance, Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew Street, Allentown.

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ONE IF BY BOAT...Amsterdam's canals, which are not very wide, can be crossed by any number of small bridges and run alongside buildings containing well-maintained shops and apartments.

Amsterdam, a City You'll Want to Visit Again and Again

By FRED T. ROSSI
Specially Written for the Summer Travel Series

I'm amazed at how many people, who have traveled throughout Europe, tell me they have yet to visit Amsterdam, the picturesque capital city of the Netherlands that has climbed to the top of my list of favorite places. It is a place that's more like a village of more than 800,000 residents than a big and bustling metropolis.

I've visited Amsterdam several times in recent years, and every time I board the airplane to fly back home, I'm already planning my next trip to one of Europe's more unique and safe cities. There are no bad neighborhoods in Amsterdam, although I avoid the vicinity of the central train sta-

tion, usually crowded with tourists, tour buses, fast food joints and the occasional hustler. But once you're out of that immediate area, you can truly enjoy a city that feels architecturally as if you were dropped into a life-size replica of a village out of "Hansel and Gretel."

The city center, or Centrum, is made up of a series of lovely 17th-century canals arranged in concentric U-shaped belts. The canals, which are not very wide, can be crossed by any number of small bridges and run alongside buildings containing well-maintained shops and apartments. You'll see interesting-looking canal boats, home to some of the locals, docked permanently along the sides of some of the wider canals. Singel is

the innermost canal, having first served as a moat around medieval Amsterdam from 1480 until 1585. One of the wider canals, the Zwanenburgwal, also is one of the most beautiful, with the painter Rembrandt and the philosopher Spinoza having lived alongside it.

One can easily spend days walking along the canals, taking photos, stopping in a café along the way or sitting on a bench and enjoying the calm and serenity. Amsterdam is not a noisy city; in fact, the most prevalent sound might just be the tinkling of the bell from one of the hundreds of thousands of bicycles that pretty much everyone — young and old — rides. In fact, that's the first thing you need to become acclimated to when you

arrive. Bicycles are everywhere in Amsterdam and it's important to be aware of the bike lanes, lest you hear a bell signaling you to move over.

Be sure to also pay attention to Amsterdam's unique architecture. First, notice how narrow many of the buildings are. Back in the 16th century, when many were built, Amsterdam houses were taxed based on their width, which caused residents to build narrow and tall. The city's narrowest house is a mere six feet wide and 15 feet deep, with one room per floor!

You'll also notice many of the older buildings lean forward towards the street. I first figured this was due to the settling of the building itself, but I learned from a waiter one night that until the start of the 19th century, construction regulations stated that all houses needed to lean forward. In medieval times, the buildings had an upper floor larger than the size of the floor below. Its main advantage is that when it rains, the water doesn't enter into the floor below. It also allowed a bigger upper floor, without taking too much space in the street.

Most of the houses in Amsterdam were not only used for living, they were also used to store goods since Amsterdam was — and still is — a major port city. So, goods were often stored in the attics of merchants' canal houses, with the goods hoisted up from the street using a hook on the beam sticking out at the top floor. A leaning facade meant it was less likely that the goods would hit the wall or break a window. Look up today and you'll see numerous buildings with hooks sticking from the top floor.

There's plenty to see in Amsterdam besides the canals and the architecture, though. There are parks galore, all within walking distance of the city's center. Vondelpark and Westerpark are two of my favorites. The Amsterdam Zoo, which also includes a wonderful aquarium and butterfly garden besides the array of animals, shouldn't be missed. The tour of the Anne Frank House was one of the more sobering experiences I've had. The cramped quarters where the young Jewish wartime diarist and her family hid from Nazi persecution



TWO-WHEELING...Bicycles are everywhere in Amsterdam, and it is important to be aware of the bike lanes, lest you hear a bell signaling you to move over.

is well-preserved and very jarring. There are a number of great museums, including the Rijksmuseum, home to the largest collection of classical Dutch art, the Van Gogh Museum and the Rembrandt House Museum, where the famed painter lived and painted for nearly 20 years.

The writer John Green said, "Some tourists think Amsterdam is a city of sin, but in truth, it is a city of freedom. And in freedom, most people find sin." Any perceived sins in wonderful Amsterdam may just be in the eye of the beholder, like the low-key red-light district and

the unobtrusive coffee shops that sell things other than coffee.

If you have time to spare, there are also places outside of Amsterdam that are worth a day trip, including Haarlem to the west, Utrecht to the south, and, to the northeast, Giethoorn, a beautiful little town with no roads and only canals.

Amsterdam is my favorite place on Earth these days, and every time I visit, my affection for the "Venice of the North" grows and deepens. If you haven't yet been there, go. As soon as possible!

Junior Production Brings It In New Adaptation of Musical

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

RAHWAY – The all-junior cast brought it last Friday night in the debut of *Bring It On, Jr.: The Musical* held at Union County Performing Arts Center's Hamilton Stage, located at 360 Hamilton Street. The show will run through this Sunday, July 29.

The entertaining, for-all-ages storyline follows popular high-school cheer captain Campbell (Charlotte MacMurray), whose superficial social exterior is cracked when she is redistricted to another school district. Devoid of her perceived superior social status, Campbell soon discerns what matters most when she forges new friendships at her new school, Jackson High School. Campbell finds her place, but not without the growing pains of change.

When Campbell discovers Jackson has a dance team, not a cheerleading team, she alongside her new friends at Jackson turn Jackson's dance team into a cheerleading squad. Soon they begin competing at cheerleading nationals, and battle Campbell's former school's cheer team and now rival, Truman High School.

Truman cheer captain Eva (Annika Helgeson), Campbell's once protégé before the unexpected redistricting, is now Campbell's foil. Eva is equally as domineering, narcissistic and shallow as Campbell once was, and has found her way to cheer captain through manipulation. Eva must keep Truman's cheer team on top by defeating Jackson's cheer team at nationals.

Ms. Helgeson as Eva provided comedic relief through her believable delivery as a social climber who will

stop at nothing.

Ms. MacMurray was tasked with a tough role, having to display a variety of emotions within scenes as her character is continuously evolving socially. Ms. MacMurray did nothing to disappoint, while tasking a tremendous theatrical responsibility.

The uplifting performance with comedic punches, dance routines and solos keeps the audience's attention throughout the 90-minute runtime.



BRING IT: Pictured, left to right, are: Alessandra Gialanella of Scotch Plains, Maya Levitt of Westfield and Eve Harrison of Fanwood, who all had a part in *Bring It On, Jr.: The Musical*.

Director and choreographer Lindsay Maron, of the production company Pixie Dust Players, a theatre company solely for children and teenagers, did an extraordinary job at creating a seamless production. Beginning in March, Ms. Maron edited

the production script, adapting *Bring It On: The Musical* into a pilot production for an all-junior cast. If age means nothing in production talent, Ms. Maron and her cast exemplify just that.

The cast performed 13 songs, with each song setting the theme for each essential scene. The song list was selected with precision, coupled with an energy-filled performance. The song choices allow for those who have graduated high school decades ago to remember what it was like to feel like an outcast when they were forced into an unknown social setting.

The dance routines, filled with gymnastic moves and acrobatics, were impressive for even those not familiar with the gymnastic community and the cheer community.

Actress Maya Levitt, of Westfield, portrayed an excellent transition character, Bridget, rising from an unnoticeable at Truman to immediately being well received at Jackson. Bridget, who also was redistricted to Jackson, was not in Campbell's social circle at Truman, but now acts as Campbell's social ambassador at Jackson.

Danielle (Najah Hetsberger), Nautica (Alexis Goode), La Cienega (Andrew Au) and Randall (Ellis Gage) were portrayed as mature and independent characters with a confident and self-assured performance.

The production will continue Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, July 29, at 2 p.m. The cast will alternate with each performance date. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance by calling the ticket box office at (732) 499-8226 or visiting ucpac.org.

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Middlesex Downs Union, 22-6, in Annual Snapple Bowl

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Enthusiasm, perhaps a little too much enthusiasm that resulted in a multitude of penalties and two bench-clearing discussions, highlighted the 25th Annual Snapple Bowl Football Classic between the Union County Senior All-Stars and the Middlesex County Senior All-Stars at Priscoe Stadium in Woodbridge on July 19. The Middlesex offense proved to be more effective and quite tricky, while the defense was making big plays all evening,

resulting in a 22-6 victory.

Union had won the previous two events, 24-14 last year and 13-7 in 2016; however, with the win, Middlesex leads the series, 15-10. All proceeds from the game would go to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Disabilities in Edison.

Representing the Westfield Blue Devils on the gridiron were Shea Elliott (linebacker), Adam McDaniel (wide receiver), Jake Vall-Llobera (defensive line & fullback occasionally), Drew Ortiz

(linebacker) and Jordan Barham (offensive line). Representing the Cranford Cougars were Elijah Arroyo (defensive back/punt returns), Dylan Budnik (linebacker) and Jack Carroll (offensive line). Although Cooper Heisey (quarterback) and Dwight Laylor (wide receiver) were selected, Scotch Plains-Fanwood brought no players. Mike Magliacano (defensive line) represented Governor Livingston.

Elliott, Vall-Llobera, McDaniel, Ortiz and Arroyo were involved in several tackles throughout the game and on certain occasions, Vall-Llobera was used as a battering ram to pick up short yardage on offense.

Just before the second half,

Elliott expressed, "It has definitely been like a right of passage for Westfield guys who are going to be playing in college. Seeing all these guys growing up, all these stars coming on and continue to play in the Snapple Bowl with guys we looked up to. It is also a great opportunity to

get ready for college. I am going to be playing at the University of Chicago next year, so it's good to get the pads on in the summer and hit a little before I get out there."

"It's an honor being part of this game. Some of these guys we are playing with are the best players from their county. They are talented, we are talented, so it's always good to get out here and put the pads on before I go to school at New Haven. Mini camp starts the fifth, so I am glad to put the pads on one last time," McDaniel added.

Representing the cheerleading squad for the Blue Devils were Katie Clark and Drew Ferris. Representing Scotch Plains-Fanwood were Gianna Cassara, Tamara Daliquer, Elizabeth DePaola, Ally

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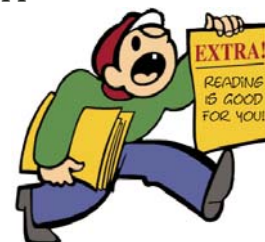
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Middlesex Co. All-Stars Down Union Co. All-Stars in Annual Snapple Bowl, 22-6

Vuono and Alexa Zsak.

Union received the opening kickoff and beginning at their own 28 moved the ball to the Middlesex 40 using a series of runs and a screen pass from quarterback Antonio Salcfas (Dayton) to Dylan Camilo (Roselle Park). However, the drive stalled and Middlesex answered with a drive of its own until quarterback Luke Pero's (Colonia) pass was picked off by Haleem Woods (Plainfield) at the Union four yard line.

Union had another drive squashed when wide receiver Max Hayford's (Summit) reception was jarred loose by Devin Lanza (Middlesex HS) and the fumble was recovered by Jevon Davis (Piscataway). Union had another drive just before the end of the first quarter that was thwarted when Salcfas' pass to Keyshawn Cummings (Rahway) was batted down in the end zone.

Early in the second quarter, Middlesex got possession at its 48 yard line. After a first down, quarterback Paul Coccozziello (St. Joseph) delivered a screen pass to Manny Resto (St. Joseph) good for 13 yards. Middlesex then rumbled to the Union one where Donovan Benoit (Edison) plunged in for the touchdown. Dylan Kriz (South Brunswick) kicked the point after for a 7-0 lead with 9:05 on the clock.

Union's offense was cut short when Najhir Woods (Piscataway) picked off a pass and returned it to the Union 19. With key tackles by Vall-Llobera and Elliott, Union took over possession at their own three. Unfortunately a bad snap resulted in a safety and a 9-0 lead with 3:19 left in the half. Just before the half, Union had another drive cut short when Charles Lovett (South Plainfield) picked off a pass at the Middlesex 14.

In the third quarter, Middlesex

pulled off a successful fake punt when Pero scampered 20 yards to the Union 25. Two more runs put the ball on the 14 where wide receiver Ahmed Aly (Edison) hauled in Pero's pass for the touchdown with 11:19 on the clock. The PAT made the score 16-0. Union finally answered with a touchdown with the help of an interference call, a two-yard run by Andy Martin (Union HS) and a three-yard TD reception by Chuck Ifewekwune (Union) with 7:02 on the clock. The two-point conversion run by Salcfas came up a yard short.

Union's Nicholas Balisage (Roselle) and Temi Adanlawo (Union) recorded a huge sack that set up a fourth-and-17 for Middlesex. From that point onward, emotions tended to elevate. Multiple flags were thrown on a punt return by Union. Participants from both teams swarmed the field for what

seemed to be intense discussions. After a calming period, Union eventually had to punt and Middlesex took over at its 19 early in the fourth quarter. A few plays later, Coccozziello connected with wide receiver Tyler Jack (Perth Amboy) on the right sideline. From there Jack sprinted into the end zone for a 62-yard touchdown with 11:10 remaining for a 22-6 lead.

Union's woes did not end. A bad snap cost them 16 yards and forced a punt to the Middlesex 34 but the defense managed to hold. Arroyo received the punt at the Union 19 and returned it to the 40 where he was abruptly stopped.

"I was running and out of the corner of my eye, I was seeing one of my own guys coming at me. I was like, 'Is this dude really going to take me out?' I avoided the hit then a couple of guys came up. I broke free then

Middlesex crowded me and took me down," Arroyo described.

On his experience playing his last game at the high school level, Arroyo said, "There are a lot of emotions. This is the last time representing Cranford. It would have been nice to win but it was good knowing this was for a good cause. I had fun out here, met a lot of guys I played with during the season. It was a great experience. But next year I will be playing at Rowan. I report there in two weeks. I can't wait. I am very excited."

As the game was about to end, highly emotional behavior re-emerged and the game was stopped by the officials with 1:25 on the clock. No traditional handshakes took place and the Union squad was hastened into the locker room. No further interviews were permitted.

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Middlesex Co. All-Stars Down Union Co. All-Stars in Annual Snapple Bowl, 22-6





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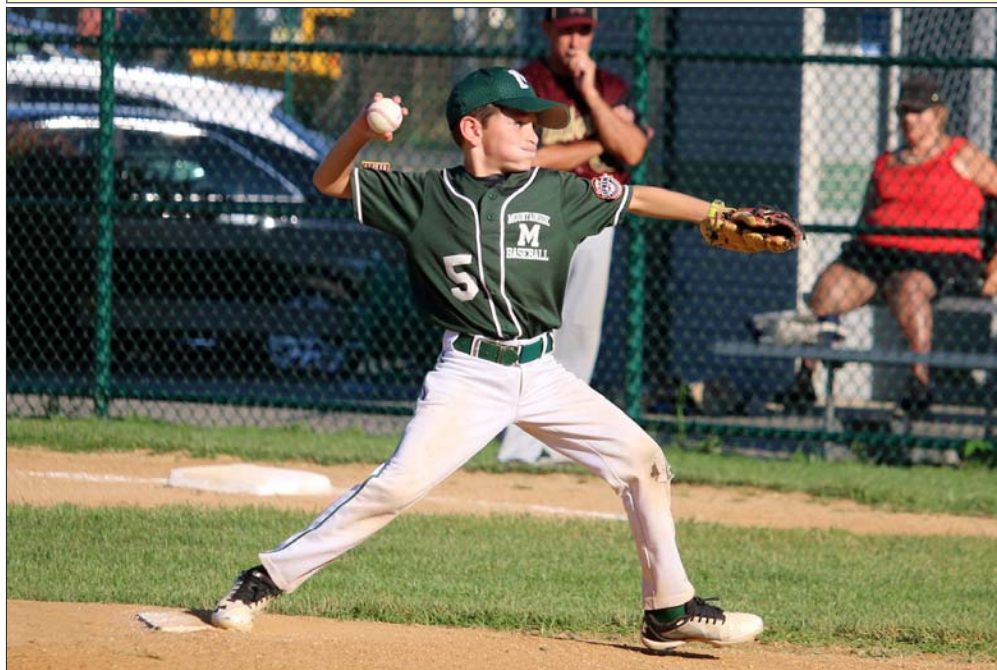
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St. George Survives 'Wolf' Attack to Nip St. Wolfgang, 8-7, in St. Bart's League





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Hartz Says Construction of Apts. Could Occur Over Seven Years

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — The planning board held its second hearing last Wednesday on Hartz Mountain Industries' proposed development at 750 Walnut Avenue that calls for 905 rental units.

At last week's hearing, Hartz Mountain Industries' land use and development director and assistant general counsel, James Rhatican, introduced testimony from commercial real estate expert James McDonough and professional architecture testimony from Bruce E. Englebaugh, a professional architect with Minno & Wasko Architects and Planners.

Mr. Englebaugh stated that the proposed development would total 905 units spread amongst five separate buildings. The development's proposed construction would occur in two separate phases. The total parking spaces proposed after both construction phases are completed is 1,723, stated Mr. Englebaugh.

Construction is proposed to occur over seven years, stated Mr. Rhatican. He said the construction decision was made based on what is most "palatable" for the township.

"If (your) intention would be to make it palatable to the town, there would not be two phases. Is that something Hartz would consider?" questioned Mayor Thomas Hannen, Jr.

Mayor Hannen, speaking as to what is "palatable" for the township, said perhaps a density less than 30 units per acre would be "palatable," with Hartz choosing just one construction phase versus both phases in their entirety.

Mr. Rhatican said he did not understand the question, and perceived the questions as being

whether both phases of construction could happen simultaneously versus over seven years.

The five buildings' architectural layouts were presented under the titles Building A, Building B, Building C, Building D and Building E. Amongst the five buildings, the bedroom mix would include 380 one-bedroom market-rate units and 386 two-bedroom market-rate units, stated Mr. Englebaugh.

Amongst the five buildings, the proposed affordable bedroom mix includes 28 one-bedroom units, 82 two-bedroom units and 29 three-bedroom units, he said.

Hartz Mountain will not develop any three-bedroom market-rate units, stated Mr. Englebaugh. He said, currently, three-bedroom market-rate units are not desired or sought after by possible tenants as much as one-bedroom and two-bedroom units.

As per court-ordered affordable housing rules, a specific percentage of units must have three bedrooms, stated Mr. Englebaugh.

He said "Phase One" would include the construction of Buildings A and B. There would be 247 total units (both market-rate and affordable units) in Building A and 186 total units in Building B.

Buildings A and B are proposed to have 210 one-bedroom market-rate units and 155 two-bedroom market-rate units, stated Mr. Englebaugh. Both buildings are proposed to have 14 one-bedroom affordable units, 40 two-bedroom affordable units and 14 three-bedroom affordable units.

Phase Two would include Buildings C, D and E, totaling 472 units developed amongst the three buildings, stated Mr.

Englebaugh. Buildings A, B and C are each designed at four stories in height, he said.

Buildings C, D and E are proposed to have 170 one-bedroom market-rate units and 231 two-bedroom market-rate units, with an affordable bedroom mix of 14 one-bedroom units, 42 two-bedroom units and 15 three-bedroom units, stated Mr. Englebaugh.

He said there would be a total of 1,278 spaces in an enclosed parking deck and 445 surface spaces.

Mr. Englebaugh said the Building A garage is proposed to have 468 spaces. The Building B garage is proposed for 170 spaces.

Planning board member Christopher Chapman said the architect was charged with the task to design something that "complements the town."

"Which ways does this (the development) complement the town?" Mr. Chapman questioned Mr. Englebaugh.

Mr. Englebaugh said the development would generate tax revenue, which would be beneficial to the township, and stated that the development would be "nice looking."

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Garwood Council Discusses Hartman Park Project

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO
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GARWOOD — Borough council members on Tuesday discussed two possible capital projects and one existing financial agreement, including a Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant further benefiting Hartman Park, Garwood's financial agreement with the Fanwood Department of Public Works regarding street sweeping, and repainting the Center Street railroad underpass.

Councilman Marc Lazarow stated that the recreation trust fund grant will assist the borough in purchasing equipment for two picnic areas with umbrella-shaded tables. Additionally, the grant money will be used to acquire equipment to install a new "functioning water fountain," he said.

The existing water fountain at Hartman Park is unusable or no longer servicing residents, Mr. Lazarow said. He said the project's estimated cost would be somewhere in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range depending on a final cost quote.

The grant is structured to be "matching," meaning the borough is responsible for matching whatever amount is granted by the county, stated Mr. Lazarow. He said the borough would have to allot between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to "match" half the payment of the total project cost.

"This grant application does not commit us to spending the money, but gives us the financial freedom to make informed choices that would have less financial impact on our taxpayers," said Mr. Lazarow.

Councilwoman Ileen Cuccaro said she was concerned with the Hartman Park revitalization project's total cost. Ms. Cuccaro said more money was being spent after the park was "now brand

new."

"Now you want to spend more money," said Councilwoman Cuccaro, suggesting she was blindsided by the additional work materializing in regards to the Hartman Park revitalization.

Councilman Richard McCormack said he was unsure why "shade" was now being discussed for "the first time." Mr. McCormack said he had to question the project's timeline, how certain aspects were prioritized and its impact on total project cost. The annual matching grant process allows the borough's recreational expenditures to be subsidized incrementally over several years, stated Mr. Lazarow.

Councilman Lazarow said Union County granted the borough \$80,000 within the past year to revitalize Hartman Park. That grant money is being utilized to fund new equipment purchases, landscaping improvements and the basketball court's restoration, stated Mr. Lazarow. The borough received \$25,000 in grant money with no matching clause and \$55,000 in "matching grants," he said.

Thus far, the borough has paid or budgeted \$55,000 (separate from grant money received) for the Hartman Park revitalization project. Mr. Lazarow said the grant to assist in picnic table purchases and water fountains would be considered a separate project.

Councilwoman Sara Todisco said in previous years the borough has not applied for matching grants pertaining to recreation expenditures. She said the borough did not have a vision for how the money would be purchased.

Ms. Todisco said she agrees with seeking additional grants because the money now has a

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School Safety Awareness Discussed by Cranford

By ROBYN ORR-GIOFFRE
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CRANFORD — Student safety and wellness issues were discussed at the Cranford Board of Education (BOE) meeting Monday night.

Superintendent of Schools Scott Rubin, Ed.D., told the board "we are in the process of always refining and enhancing safety protocols and upgrades, certainly for the upcoming school year."

This past school year the Office of Emergency Planning and Preparedness was brought into the district to conduct a security audit.

According to Superintendent Rubin, several meetings with all of the safety representatives were held to create "upgrades and enhancements" based on the feedback from the audit for the upcoming school year. He said

many of the enhancements and upgrades will be discussed and finalized at a meeting tonight, July 26, on the implementation of those items.

Furthermore, the safety and wellness meeting will have a focus on which security upgrades will be made public and what items will be implemented "behind the scenes" to "keep our district safe," according to the superintendent.

Superintendent Rubin also spoke about the new position in the district for coordinator of culture and climate. This position has been created in order to provide leadership, programming and professional development to support a safe school environment and a positive school culture.

The person in this role will fo-

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purpose with the "matching" grant function reducing the overall project cost for taxpayers.

Resident Albert Del Conte said he supports the council's decision to complete the Hartman Park project through several steps or granting processes to assist the taxpayers in getting more for their tax dollars. Mr. Del Conte said the recreation grant process was similar to the borough's spending procedure with repaving roads. He said the borough repaves every road eventually, but does not repave them all at once.

The borough has elected to apply for Union County infrastructure matching grants, then determining how many roads would

be paved in a given budget year.

Councilman McCormack said he was implored as a councilman "to have the conversation" about the borough's agreement with Fanwood's Department of Public Works and its street sweeper or street services.

"I repeatedly hear things like 'Rich, when is the street sweeper coming?', 'Why don't we have regular street cleanings?' and 'It seems the quality of street cleanings is not as good as it once was,'" said Mr. McCormack, describing residents' concerns regarding provided street services.

Mr. McCormack said hearing resident concerns and comments such as those aforementioned "upsets me not only as a councilman, but also a resident of this town."

The buildings and grounds committee has discussed repainting the Center Street railroad underpass, stated Mr. Lazarow. He said a quote has not been sought on final project costs to scrape and

paint the Center Street underpass.

Preliminary discussions within the committee have included using Russo II development fees allotted to the borough, stated Mr. Lazarow. The borough will collect \$100,000 in development fees from the Russo II project as one aspect of the financial agreement benefiting the borough, he said.

Mr. McCormack said he does not support spending money before a "check is even cashed."

Mr. Lazarow said the suggestion was made forward looking, not binding, and no money was being spent or bonded until the council votes on desired capital projects.

"The Center Street bridge is a wreck and an embarrassment," said Ms. Todisco, describing the bridge's current condition. She said the bridge's current paint job dates back to 1976.

Mayor Charles Lombardo said the bridge is structurally sound, although graffiti has been a problem.

Hartz Construction

Mayor Hannen wondered why the ingress and egress for the development would be residential streets and neighborhoods perpendicular to the development.

Mr. Englebaugh said he was unaware of traffic intentions and that the question should be directed towards the traffic engineer at the next hearing on Wednesday, August 1.

"It's part of the design you presented. The assumption would be if those roads were not there you would have to redesign (the development)," said Mayor Hannen, after stating the residential neighborhoods are being utilized to support the proposed increased traffic flow from "such a housing density."

Mr. Rhatigan said at May's hearing that Hartz Mountain commercial real estate sales and leasing director Charlie Reese summarized Hartz Mountain's difficulty with finding tenants for the existing office space at the 750 Walnut location.



Courtesy of Sue Lucas

FIRST AID CADETS...Fourteen Cranford First Aid Squad cadets recently entered the New Jersey State Cadet competition and Cranford teams came home with first and third places. The event was hosted by Keyport First Aid Squad, with teams coming from New York and Pennsylvania in addition to New Jersey. Please see a story and more pictures on page 3.



Courtesy of Sue Lucas

THIRD PLACE FINISH...The team of Zack Kornberger, Joseph Lopes and Parth Shah from the Cranford First Aid Squad won third place in the New Jersey State Cadet competition for first aid squads hosted by the Keyport First Aid Squad.

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cus on supporting students' social and emotional learning and promote student safety and wellness.

"We are in the process of interviewing for this position and we'd like to have someone in place obviously for the beginning of the school year," Mr. Rubin told the board.

Board member William Hulse, who heads the Climate Safety Committee, told the board the committee met July 13.

In going to the Parent-Teacher Association meetings during the last school year, Mr. Hulse commented, "We listened to a lot of people, we took their information, and now we're implement-

ing a lot of things."

In other board business, the BOE accepted the resignation of board member Catherine Sheridan. Mrs. Sheridan served on the board for the past year and a half.

The board thanked Mrs. Sheridan for her countless hours of preparation in regards to her multiple duties, her vision and leadership, her attendance and participation at meetings, her diligence and determination and her dedication and service to the students of the Cranford School District.

Board member Maria Loikith commented, "I liked bouncing ideas off her; she has a big heart, she has an open mind at all times.

We're going to miss her."

Additionally, the board approved the appointment of Brian Heineman as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction effective Monday, August 6.

Mr. Heineman was previously the director of curriculum and instruction for the Bernards Township School District.

Kaitlyn Johnston, Christine Tattoli-Rising, Cecilia Churms, Danielle Weinstein, Cynthia Worrell, Kimberly Bennett and Justin Latham were recommended and approved as new hires in the district.

Several appointments were approved by the board, including Barbara Carroll as director of the University Academy, Lisa Hayeck as coordinator of the Science Academy and Kathleen Savage as student advisor to the Science Academy.

Additionally, Ron Hoglund, Jennifer Hilborn and Daphne Morrissey were approved as University Program Advisors, Anthony Rafaniello was approved as coordinator of the Academy of the Performing Arts, and Emily Donahue and David Marconi were approved as student advisors to the Academy of the Performing Arts.

The board accepted the resignations of Katherine Romanchik, Robert Dusak, Alison Bielinski and Justin Bonitatis.

The next board of education meeting will take place on Monday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m.



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS...Students in Carol DelConte's fifth-grade 21st Century Skills class at Lincoln School in Garwood were challenged with the task of being entrepreneurial philanthropists. They brainstormed and researched ways to donate their time, talents and resources to help others. Working individually and in small groups, they created and implemented philanthropic plans from start to finish. They donated to organizations and individuals in their community, all the while exploring how they could make a positive difference in other people's lives. Some of the groups that benefited from their efforts were St. Jude Children's Hospital, animal rescue shelters and Newark Beth Israel Hospital.

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LADY LIBERTY...*The Westfield Leader* visits the Statue of Liberty, while cousins make a visit from Ohio to see family from Cranford.

Local Letters to the Editor

Garwood's Petro Development Needs EPA Radiological Testing

Dear Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr. The people in your district need your help. The demolition of Garwood's pervasively contaminated Petro/ Casale site has begun. Weeks and months of diligent research and letter writing from concerned residents have generated little to no results.

As per the attached article in last week's *Westfield Leader*, the site was formerly the location of

secret atomic weapons experiments with uranium. The site should not be disturbed until comprehensive site-wide testing rules out residual radiological waste or locates it and removes it within an enclosed work setting.

The demolition is expected to last at least three months. Garwood's single K-8 public school property and Hartman

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Playground are located a few yards from the site. My four children, all under the age of 12, attend the school. To get there, we have to walk, bike, or drive past the uncovered toxic work site. Hundreds of other Garwood children do too.

We need you to directly intervene as our representative to suspend activity at the site until testing occurs.

But that's just the beginning. There are a host of other serious and urgent public health and safety concerns that need to be addressed.

Among these are the fact that stormwater and high winds from weather events like those of July 17, 2018, pose real health and safety threats to the region. The high winds send particulate from the piles of uncovered demolition debris and industrial filth

sailing into the surrounding residential communities of Westfield, Garwood, and beyond. Torrential downpours like those of July 17 surge through and soak exposed mounds of debris from the toxic site, sending the resulting industrial tea to nearby storm drains that spill into the Rahway River. The Rahway River is a source of drinking water for the people of Rahway.

In the name of public health and environmental justice, please meet with us — NJ Parents and Families — so we can come up with concrete next steps taken with public health and environmental integrity as the top priority.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Greg Ruggiero
Garwood

Protect Drinking Water From Garwood Contamination Run-Off

Concerned citizens in the region, myself included, are asking public officials to please halt the demolition of the contaminated the Petro/Casale site in Garwood. I urge our citizens to join us and take action to write directly to Senator Thomas Kean Jr., Assemblymembers Jon Bramnick and Nancy Munoz, Governor Phil Murphy, and NJDEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe, to intervene. As I write this there is an uncovered heap of demolition work going on: an uncovered heap that has already publicly been identified as being loaded with decades of toxic materials, from the building construction itself as well as the production, manufacturing and processing that occurred in those buildings since the sites were used for industrial purposes circa 1889.

I am grateful that *The Westfield Leader* published information in the July 19, 2018 edition documenting that the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) was used to cast uranium slugs at the site during WWII. There was certainly waste from the operations, even if only from the machinery that came into contact with the slugs. We don't have documentation of that machinery. In 1989, the Department of Energy (DOE) decided against cleaning up the site, that the "potential for contamination was remote." Is there radioactivity at the site? We still do not know! Radioactivity goes away at a very, very slow rate and is poisonous at very small quantities.

Also as I write this, it is raining hard, and forecasts call for rain

for the next week. Storm drains that surround Petro/Casale on South Ave. and Center St. flow into Garwood Brook, which in turn spills its contents into the Rahway River. According to the Rahway River Watershed Association's website, the Rahway River is the source of drinking water to the people of the city of Rahway. The untreated waters of the Rahway River are also a primary contact recreation area for canoeing, fishing, and water play for children. Aside from the known toxins that we can assume are going into the Rahway River as run-off from the toxic site in Garwood, what about the possible radioactivity that could go into our neighbors' drinking water?

Cleaning up toxins once they are already in householders' water is costly—including drinking, bathing, laundry, lawns, swimming pools, gardens, etc.. The effects of under-treated water on human health is incalculable. Prevention of leachate, relative to the alternatives, is very cheap.

Probitas Verus Honos



MEET AND GREET...Garwood Republicans recently held a meet-and-greet fundraiser. Pictured, from left to right, are: Union County GOP Freeholder candidate Peter Kane of Summit; Ileen Cuccaro, Garwood mayoral candidate and current borough councilwoman, and Union County Freeholder candidate and former Garwood mayor, Patricia Quattrocchi of Clark.

GOP Union County Freeholder Candidates Decry Elizabeth Cronyism

The Union County Freeholders' decision to appoint State Senator and newly-elected Union County Democratic Chairman, Nick Scutari's chief of staff, Ed Oatman, as county manager smelled of corruption from the start. To place a political consultant like Oatman in the role of overseeing 2,800 employees and running the day-to-day operations of the \$500-million county budget suggests cronyism and not meritocracy. Furthermore, eight of the nine members of the Freeholder board endorsed Scutari in his bid to secure the Democratic Chairmanship over Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr. As for the lone dissenter, Freeholder Muhammad Jalloh, he was replaced on this year's ballot by the daughter of a long-time Democratic donor for turning his back on Scutari.

This appointment may be a temporary victory for the Union County Democrat machine, but there are ways to fight back! In Garwood at their April 24 meeting, a bipartisan group of councilpersons, led by Democratic Mayoral candidate

Sara Todisco and Republican Mayoral candidate Ileen Cuccaro, showed their collective concern over Ed Oatman's appointment as county manager. In addition, they sought out a resolution to the county Freeholder Board disapproving of this appointment and pointing out the corruption taking place in Elizabeth. In fact, Garwood Democratic Councilman Marc Lazarow stated he had "major concerns" about Union County and the corruption taking place there and offered his support of a resolution saying as much. It is my hope that the full Garwood Council and other Union County municipalities approve a resolution rebuking Ed Oatman's appointment.

Lastly, I urge all voters, including elected Democrats like Sara Todisco and Colleen Mahr, to get behind the Republican ticket to send a message to Nick Scutari and his cronies that corruption has no place in Union County. If elected, we will appoint a new county manager based on his or her merits. Together, Democrats, Republicans, and unaffiliated voters, we can show that Union County is for all of us and not for the select few!

Please support us. See facebook.com/UCNJGOP2018

Republican Candidates for Union County Freeholder;
Peter Kane
Joe Sarno
Former Councilman of Garwood
Patricia Quattrocchi
Former Mayor of Garwood

Cranford Lib. Trustees To Meet August 9

CRANFORD — The summer meeting of the board of trustees of the Cranford Public Library will be held on Thursday, August 9, at 7 p.m. It will take place at the library, located at 224 Walnut Avenue.

Cranford First Aid Cadets Excel at EMS Competition

CRANFORD - Fourteen Cranford First Aid Squad cadets entered the New Jersey State Cadet competition and Cranford teams came home with first and third places. The event was hosted by Keyport First Aid Squad, with teams coming from New York and Pennsylvania in addition to New Jersey.

The Cranford team of Caitlin Cook, Grace DiGiovanni, Emily Marinucci and Layla Serna won first place with the team of Zack Kornberger, Joseph Lopes and Parth Shah taking third place. Others competing were Emma DeBole, Kristina Kortbaoui, Enya Manning, Jayna Mallon, Dan Gomez, Amanda Hogan and Winona Whelan. Advisors for the teams were Abraham Pritzker, Justin Goncalves, Sue Lucas and Kent Lucas.

Cranford competed in the advanced division, where the three-

to four-person teams were required to have at least one certified EMT. They were judged in three scenarios, including a trauma victim, a cardiac victim and a motor-vehicle collision with entrapped victims.

Advanced teams were judged on patient assessment and proper equipment use – backboard, traction splint, cervical collar, oxygen and nitroglycerin administration, obtaining vital signs, CPR and airway management. The teams worked with fire department crews during in the car crash scenarios with actual vehicles.

The Cranford First Aid Squad cadet program consists of high school members from age 16 to 18, with the intent of them becoming New Jersey certified EMTs. Cranford has the largest cadet program in Union County with over 20 members.



Courtesy of Sue Lucas

EMS CADETS WINNERS... Cranford First Aid Squad cadets team took part in the New Jersey State Cadet competition hosted by the Keyport First Aid Squad. The team of Caitlin Cook, Grace DiGiovanni, Emily Marinucci and Layla Serna won first place, while the team of Zack Kornberger, Joseph Lopes and Parth Shah took third place.

POLICE BLOTTER

CRANFORD

Tuesday, July 10, Katherine Mitchell, 32, of Jersey City was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue East near the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for an expired inspection decal. Following an investigation at the scene, Mitchell was charged with possession of suspected crack cocaine located inside the vehicle. She was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, she was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving with a suspended license, maintenance of lamps and failure to inspect her vehicle.

Wednesday, July 11, Ibn Thurston, 30, of Newark was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue East and Arlington Road for unclear plates. Following an investigation at the scene, Thurston was charged for suspected heroin located inside the vehicle. Thurston was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for unclear plates, tinted windows and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, July 11, Alioune Gueye, 19, of East Orange was arrested and charged with distribution of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue East and the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for unclear plates. Following an investigation at the scene, Gueye, a passenger in the vehicle, was charged for suspected marijuana located on his person. He was

processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, he was issued a motor vehicle summons for failure to wear a seatbelt.

Thursday, July 12, Ashton Lofton, 22, of Hillside was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on Centennial Avenue near Hayes Street for tinted windows. Lofton was processed and provided with a Municipal Court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for tinted windows and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Friday, July 13, Damian Januszcak, 31, and Bartosz Syrek, 28, both of Linden, were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on Raritan Road for a seatbelt and inspection violation. Following an investigation at the scene, Januszcak and Syrek, both passengers in the vehicle, were charged for suspected crack cocaine located inside the vehicle. They were both processed and provided with state Superior Court appearance dates. In addition, the driver was issued motor vehicle summonses for being an unlicensed driver, maintenance of lamps, open container and a seatbelt violation.

All's Well That Ends Well Due at Cranford Library

CRANFORD – *All's Well That Ends Well* will be presented by the Hudson Shakespeare Company (HSC) on Monday at the Cranford Public Library. It is directed by Jon Ciccarelli, with fight choreography by Dispatch Combat Collective.

Set in France and Italy, *All's Well That Ends Well* is a story of one-sided romance, based on a tale from Boccaccio's *The Decameron*.

Helena (Noelle Fair), the orphaned daughter of a well-known doctor, is under the protection of the widowed Countess of Rossillion (Sharon DeWitte Caccibauda) after her father's death.

In love with Bertram (Joey Santia), the countess' son, Helena follows him to court, where she cures the sick French king (Aurelio Kogan) of a fatal illness. In exchange for curing the king, Helena asks for Bertram's hand in marriage. The king rewards Helena by granting the marriage.

However, Bertram resists the marriage, rejecting her in court.

When forced by the king to marry her, he refuses to sleep with her and, accompanied by the brag-

gart Parolles (Ryan Knight), leaves for the Italian wars.

HSC's production asks the viewer to look at both the good and ill spun within the yarn of the story of its two main characters, Bertram and Helena.

"In most productions of this show, Helena is painted a wronged victim. She is rejected by Bertram in a very public, cruel, and embarrassing way," said Mr. Ciccarelli, the show's director, "but her response and subsequent plot to this rejection can be seen as deceitful, and even questionable. She befriends another woman and they trick him into sleeping with Helena, thus getting her pregnant and fulfilling Bertram's conditions. Conversely, many productions paint Bertram out as a spoiled royal brat who treats Helena poorly, but let's not forget, he was forced into a marriage that he had no say so in."

The free performance will take place on Monday, July 30, at 7 p.m., at the Cranford Public Library, located at 224 Walnut Avenue, Cranford.

For more information, visit hudsonshakespeare.com.