

Westfield Chamber of Commerce Leads Town Into New Millennium

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary association comprised of progressive business and professional men and women, working in unity to build a healthy economy and to improve the quality of life for the Westfield area.

Known as a leading advocate for Westfield area businesses, the Chamber has built a history with the business community for over 50 years.

Membership in the Chamber offers local businesses opportunities for promotion and referral, involvement in the business community, networking with other Chamber members at meetings, and education through several seminars held during the year.

The Chamber's Web site, www.westfieldnj.com/wacc, lists member businesses and may be linked to the individual business's Web site.

This year, the Chamber has collaborated with the Mayor and Town Council on issues such as parking,

the creation of additional parking in the downtown, pedestrian safety, advertising and promotion, and



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beautification efforts. Two street fairs are organized every year in downtown Westfield for

local businesses, charitable organizations and crafters to present their products and services.

The next street fair, Spring Fling, will be held on Sunday, April 30, and then Festfall will be presented on Sunday, September 24, on Elm, Quimby, East Broad and Prospect Streets. Both festivals will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each event

The Westfield Farmers' Market is held at the end of June through the end of October on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 7 p.m. at the South Avenue train station parking lot.

Bringing their "Jersey Fresh" fruits and vegetables, local farmers help provide a festive outdoor market atmosphere.

During the holiday season, "Welcome Home to Westfield" celebrations and promotions are sponsored for shoppers and families.

The Chamber provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among local retail and service businesses and professionals, while administering a continuous schedule of programs and projects.

As a voice of business in the community, the Chamber also monitors local developments and regulation, keeping in regular contact with town officials and local legislators, and continually informing members about issues that may affect them.

The Chamber represents both its individual members and the business community as a whole and acts on their behalf. It builds working relationships between business people and the larger community by working in coalitions with other



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offers arts, crafts, food, family activities and entertainment, attracting over 20,000 visitors to downtown Westfield.

Working with the Downtown Westfield Corporation, the Chamber arranges promotions throughout the year to bring people to Westfield, including "Sweet Sounds Downtown" musical performances, and Westfield Antique and Classic Car Shows.

Photos by David B. Corbin for This Is Westfield depicting a musical band from the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored "Spring Fling" event last April and the Classic Car Show held last year.

Numbers You Need to Know

Emergency	911
Mayor Thomas C. Jardim	301-1905
Westfield Police Department	789-4000
Westfield Fire Department	789-4130
Westfield Rescue Squad	233-2500
Westfield Municipal Building	789-4030
CONTACT We Care - Help Line	232-2880
Rape Crisis Center	233-7273
Domestic Violence	800-572-7233
Public Utilities	800-624-0241
Division of Youth & Family Services	800-792-8610
Narcotics Anonymous	800-992-0401
Child Abuse Control	800-792-8610
Adult Protective Services (Elder Abuse)	800-792-8820
Poison Control	800-764-7661
Addiction Referral Service	800-786-1230
AIDS Hotline	800-624-2377
ALA-The Alcohol Hotline	800-322-5525
Battered Women	355-4357
Consumer Affairs	654-9840
Consumer Protection	800-242-5846
Crime Victims	800-242-0804
Drug Abuse Help Line	800-225-0196
Eating Disorders	800-624-2268
Eye Bank	800-653-9379
Family Crisis Intervention	298-7800
Family Health Line	800-328-3838
Homeless Union County	756-6060
Nar-Anon, Families of Addicts	800-322-5525
Organ Donation	800-528-2971
Psychiatric Crisis Intervention	355-5556
Runaway Crisis Line	800-621-4000
Senior Citizen Information	888-280-8226
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
Substance Abuse Service	527-4837
Victim/Witness Program	527-4596



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