



Team Effort...Democratic First Ward Council Candidate Mark Kuehn is pictured second from right with, from left: George Kattak, Assistant Campaign Treasurer; Democratic First Ward Councilman Carl Salisbury, Campaign Treasurer and Former Westfield Mayor Tom Jardim, Campaign Manager. Mr. Kuehn will face Republican Sal Caruana on the November ballot.

Former Westfield Mayor To Head Kuehn Campaign

WESTFIELD - Westfield Town Council Candidate Mark Kuehn has announced his Campaign Committee for his upcoming November race in the First Ward. Westfield's First Ward (of four), with Carl Salisbury and Peter Echausse as current Council Members, is in the northwest quadrant - from Mountain Avenue up to Mountainside and from E. Broad to N. Chestnut to North Ave. west to Scotch Plains.

Mr. Kuehn (pronounced Keen) announced that former Westfield Mayor Tom Jardim will be his Campaign Manager, current First Ward Councilman Carl Salisbury will be his Campaign Treasurer, and First Ward resident, recent School Board candidate and CPA George Kattak will be his Assistant Campaign Treasurer.

"I am very pleased to have the support of Tom, Carl and George, three fine individuals and First Ward residents who have put in many hours to improve Westfield's town government. They have served well on behalf of all residents of Westfield," Mr. Kuehn said. "I fully expect to receive useful and valuable insights from the knowledge they have gained during their years of experience with this wonderful community."

Mr. Kuehn, who is running for the first time for the Town Council, lives on Embree Crescent with his wife, Margaret, raised in Westfield, and his two children, age 8 and 12, who attend Franklin and Roosevelt schools. Mr. Kuehn, a business lawyer with the Westfield law firm of Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook, is involved with the

Westfield YMCA's Y's Men's Club, sponsor of the annual December Elm Street Tree Sale and the annual Westfield children's Halloween Parade; the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross; the Westfield Chamber of Commerce; and the Westfield Rotary.

"During the next several months until Election Day, I intend to walk around the First Ward and talk with residents about what's on their minds, and how we can work together to preserve and improve the all-around quality of the Ward and the Town. In fact, I welcome First Ward residents to walk with me, and also to assist with my campaign."

"My love for this Town is deep, and that is why I have committed myself to help make Westfield's municipal government even more responsive to the needs and concerns of its residents," Mr. Kuehn said. "I applaud the work of Tom and Carl, as well as the full current Town Council, yet it is my strong belief that we can, and must, do better going forward. I look forward to working closely with all the members of the Council in a community-oriented, non-partisan fashion, as I believe this is truly the only way we can work together to improve our Town."

To discuss his campaign or any issues of concern to residents, Mr. Kuehn can be reached by e-mail at mkuehn@lindabury.com or by telephone at 908-301-5642.

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Bagger Bill to Restrict Smoking In Public Places

AREA -- Legislation that would give municipalities the authority to enact ordinances to prohibit smoking in certain public places was approved today by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Sponsored by Senator Richard Bagger (R-21), the measure provides statutory authority for a municipal governing body, local board of health or regional health commission to enact an ordinance to prohibit smoking inside certain public places.

"According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), secondhand smoke kills thousands of nonsmoking adults each year.

Secondhand smoke also contains over 4,000 substances, more than 40 of which are known or suspected to cause cancer in both humans and animals," said Senator Bagger.

"Protecting the safety, health and well-being of New Jersey's residents is a top priority for any official who represents the public. This legislation is designed to give local government the authority to impose more stringent restrictions on smoking in public places."

Under the terms of the bill, SCS for S-1210 and S-444, local governing bodies would have the authority to ban smoking the following places: health care facilities and physicians' office waiting rooms; elementary and secondary schools, institutions of higher education and professional training schools; enclosed places of employment; enclosed retail food and marketing stores; enclosed areas open to the public in theaters, gymnasiums, libraries, museums, concert halls, auditoriums, or other similar private facilities (excluding race track facilities, casinos, facilities used for boxing or wrestling, sporting event facilities and establishments providing ambulatory recreation); government buildings; or restaurants.

In addition, the measure would also allow a local governing body to prohibit smoking in three areas that are currently excluded from regula-

tion under state law. Those are structurally enclosed locations of private sector employment in which 50 or fewer persons are employed; enclosed retail and food marketing stores in which the selling area open to the public is 4,000 square feet or less; and bars.

"Smoking is a choice. However, when a person is smoking in a small, indoor public place, the people around him or her are forced to inhale secondhand smoke. They are not given a choice," said Senator Bagger. "This legislation would allow local residents to decide if anything should be done about smoking in public places in their community."

The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services would compile information regarding municipal ordinances that are enacted periodically report its findings to the Governor and Legislature.

"It would be beneficial for the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services and the Legislature to see how local governments move forward on imposing new restrictions for smoking in public places. We will be able to get a greater sense of how New Jerseyans feel about smoking in public areas and then based on this information, the Legislature can take additional action on a statewide level," added Senator Bagger.

Bagger To Speak At RVRC Meeting

WESTFIELD State Sen. Richard Bagger will address the May 20 public meeting of the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition at 8:15 a.m. in the Town of Westfield Municipal Building located at 425 East Broad St. A question-and-answer session will follow the senator's presentation. He will discuss his views on public transit in New Jersey, including the current fiscal crisis at NJ Transit and the state budget.

For more information, contact Kenneth Wedeen of RVRC at (908) 231-7000 ext. 7239.



HONORED HEROES...Blue Mass awardees May 4 in Mountainside are pictured, left to right: Capt. Daniel Kelly, Art Cooke, Deputy Grand Knight Chris Beck, Grand Knight Howard Saunders, Det. Sandra Chambers, Capt. Karl Kleber, Sgt. Scot Worswick. Not shown is John Hoopingarner.

Local Heroes Honored By Knights of Columbus

MOUNTAINSIDE - On Saturday, May 4, Westfield and Mountainside; police, firefighters and EMS personnel were honored by the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside.

The award recipients included Captain Daniel Kelly, Westfield Fire Department; Art Cooke, Westfield Rescue Squad; Detective Sandra Chambers, Westfield Police Department; Captain Karl Kelber, Mountainside Fire Department; Sergeant Scot Worswick, Mountainside Police Department, and John Hoopingarner, Mountainside Rescue Squad.

Deputy Chris Beck said the Mass was held to honor those men and women who, either by profession or as volunteers, "are heroes for doing what they do in Westfield and Mountainside."

After the events of September 11,

the Knights of Columbus established the Heroes Fund and presented the families of those uniformed personnel who perished with a check for \$3,000.

Mr. Beck said, "We want to honor our local heroes, and we hope that this will become an annual event."

Japanese Group Visit Downtown Westfield

WESTFIELD - A group from Japan visited Westfield on May 13 to conduct research interviews on downtown revitalization. The group consisted of revitalization experts and urban planners. Westfield was one of nine cities nationally to be visited based on recommendation by the National Main Street Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Main Street New Jersey.

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