

Assemblyman Bramnick Featured in New Yorker

TRENTON – Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21) was recently featured in the “Talk of the Town” section of the *New Yorker* magazine as part of his appearance at the 125th anniversary celebration of the New Jersey Law Journal.

The event, dubbed “A Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts,” was held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Mr. Bramnick has raised over \$1,000,000 on behalf of non-profit

organizations over the past 20 years. He is replacing Robin Leach at the fundraising event for the Jackman Fund for the World Trade Center at the Palace Hotel in New York City today, Thursday, October 9.

He also appears on behalf of the American Red Cross, the Diabetes Foundation of New Jersey, the AIDS Benefit Committee, the New Jersey State Symphony, the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation and the Link Community School.



HIGHLANDER BAND...The Governor Livingston Highlander Band will perform at the annual Pageant of Champions on Sunday, October 12. Pictured, left to right, are: Jason Schickel, Pipe Major; Paul Ebert, Drum Major; and Megan Rocklein, Color Guard Captain.

GL Highlander Band to Host ‘Pageant of Champions’

BERKELEY HEIGHTS – The award-winning Highlander Band of Governor Livingston High School will host the 32nd annual Pageant of Champions on Sunday, October 12. This year's marching band competition and performance will feature as many as 10 high school bands in the Chapter 10 Division of the Tournament of Bands.

The event starts at 1 p.m. at the high school, which is located at 175 Watchung Blvd. in Berkeley Heights. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students.

This year, more than 60 students will participate in the Highlander

Band. The bagpipe is the band's trademark. The Highlanders combine the uniqueness and beauty of bagpipe music with music from horns, woodwinds and drums. The color guard complements the music with choreography that blends the contemporary movement of dance and flags with traditional instruments contributing to the Highlander Band's distinctive look and sound.

For more information about the Highlander Band, the band's schedule, or the Highlander Pageant of Champions, please contact Liz Mammen at (908) 578-0684.

Union County to Receive Federal Housing Grants

WASHINGTON – Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-N.J., announced Tuesday that Union County will receive more than \$8.2 million in federal funding from the Bush Administration to assist low-income families gain affordable housing.

“Each of our communities face unique challenges in ensuring that our neediest families receive the care they deserve, and these important federal grants will help us meet those challenges,” Rep. Ferguson said. “Helping these families move into a home gives them more than just a roof over their heads - its gives them the dignity they deserve.”

Officials from Union County - of which most of the western portion is in the 7th District that Congressman Ferguson represents - will earmark the funds for specific local projects.

The bulk of the county's funding will be distributed from the federal Community Development Block Grant program. The grants help support the costs of rehabilitating affordable housing and promoting economic development to expand job and business opportunities for lower-income families. Although affordable housing has traditionally been the largest single use of the grants, which were first awarded in 1974, the program is also an increasingly important catalyst for economic development activities that expand job and business opportunities for lower income families and neighborhoods.

Union County will also receive funding under the Home Investment Partnerships Program, the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Since 1992, more than 500,000 affordable homes nationwide have been purchased, constructed or rehabilitated. More than 200,000 new homebuyers have received assistance to purchase their first homes through the HOME program.

Specifically, of the \$8.2 million in grants to Union County, \$6.4 million is from the Community Development Block Grant for the county; \$1.5 million is from the HOME Investment Partnership Program for the county; and \$219,000 is an Emergency Shelter Grant.

“These grants do so much good for so many people,” HUD Secretary Mel Martinez said. “This money helps communities do the critical work of stimulating business development and job growth, providing affordable housing and helping our most vulnerable neighbors.”

HUD is the nation's housing agency committed to increasing minority homeownership, creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans, supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic and community development as well as enforces the nation's fair housing laws. More information about HUD and its programs is available at www.hud.gov.

Blood Drive Slated For Next Thursday

WESTFIELD – The Greater Union County Association of Realtors is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, October 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. The mobile blood van will be parked in the Lord & Taylor parking lot in Westfield.

The drive is in conjunction with the Blood Center of New Jersey and is a semi-annual event coordinated by the Realtor Community Service Committee of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors. Blood is available to members of the community should medical need arise.

Reservations to donate can be made by calling Anne Sank at (908) 233-0065, walk-ins are welcome.

Recent Home Sales

- Westfield – week of September 15**
 Andres and Margarita Decoral to Candant Mobility Financial Corporation, 1021 Wyandotte Trail, \$1,051,000.
 Candant Mobility Financial Corporation to Nicholas and Catherine Sumas, 1021 Wyandotte Trail, \$1,051,000.
 Charles and Carol Baum to Peter Bourke, 811 Cedar Terrace, \$1,136,000.
 Michael and Arlene Lampert to Paul and Hilari Pugliese, 301 John Street, \$449,000.
 David and Jody Doele to Robert and Jill Pierce, 539 Dudley Court, \$590,000.
 Daniel and Kathryn Shabel to John and Cristina Cooke, 428 Mountain Avenue, \$442,000.
 Karleen Burns to Alan and Jennifer Rabinowitz, 911 Kimball Avenue, East, \$1,375,000.
 William and Margaret Rankin to Charles Ostroff, 766 Oak Avenue, \$460,000.
 Michael and Cynthia Kalen to Scott and Stacey Gordon, 215 Linden Avenue, \$1,136,000.
 Karl and Christel Schmidt to Thomas and Jean Morgan, 601 Arlington Avenue, \$970,000.
 Florence Martin to Patricia Webber, 260 Prospect Street, \$550,000.
 Stanley and Karen Wasserman to Vaughn Buntain, 832 Shadowlawn Drive, \$631,000.
 Rosalba Romanello to Ralph and Jane Eboli, Jr., 515 Trinity Place, \$287,000.
 David and Jennifer Beke to Richard Cadigan and Lan Hoang, 538 Westfield

- Avenue, \$609,000.
 Norma Stark to Martin and Jennifer Shober, 620 Salter Place, \$833,000.
 Robert and Joanne Longaker, II to J. Michael Snizek and Arlene O'Reilly, 210 Wells Street, \$715,000.
 Stephen and Meagan Shindle to William Degarcia, 1472 East Broad Street, \$410,040.
 Hermine Brug to Carl and Beverly Figueroa, 620 Ripley Place, \$216,300.
 George Romeo to Paul and Erica Lorusso, 119 Grove Street, East, \$250,000.
 Edward and Robin Lynn Belford to Mary Patrick and Nat and Kelly Bender, 107 Park Street, \$330,000.
 Paul and Mindy Buckley to Allen Nemeth, 525 Grove Street, West, \$512,000.
 Johanna Kennedy to John and Silvana Collins, 940 Beverly Drive, \$349,900.
 Peter and Carol Nahaczewski to John Diiorio, 1111 Boulevard, \$653,000.
 Adam and Tania Jaffe to Frank and Elyce Rivera, 419 Cayuga Way, \$589,250.
 Tom and Holly Mellis to Craig and Lisa O'Connor, 632 Kensington Drive, \$445,000.
 Richard and Marion Stump to Jean Genievich, 2 Faulkner Drive, \$355,000.
 Alan and Stephanie Silber, Jr. to Meilin and Yall Zhang, 1722 Nevada Street, \$485,000.
 Christopher and Michelle Guidi to Louis and Lynn Diakogiannakis, 245 Maryland Street, \$350,000.
 Anna and Arnett Rieck to Lloyd Grossman, 1803 Boynton Avenue, \$340,000.



Hye-Young Choi
 #1 Realtor in the Westfield Office 1994-2002
 NJAR Circle of Excellence Sales Award Gold: 1987-2001, Platinum: 2002
 Visit me at my website: www.Realtor.com
 www.coldwellbankermoves.com/hye-young.choi
 email: hye-young@att.net
 Contact Hye-Young Choi Today for the Perfect Home!



530 Alden Ave., Westfield . . . Classic center hall Colonial in “The Gardens”. 9 Room, 5 Bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half Baths. New custom Kitchen with granite counters, handcrafted cabinets, subzero, 6 burner Viking Stove. Grand size Living Room with fireplace and French doors to brick patio. 3rd floor Teen/Au Pair Suite, spacious Rec Room, CAC, 4 zone Hot Water Baseboard and Steam Heat, 2 Car Garage and fenced rear yard. \$850,000 WSF2357



300 North Euclid Ave., Westfield . . . Quality renovated, charming 4 BR home across from Mindowaskin PK. Custom features: updated Kitchen, vaulted ceiling, skylight + rec light. All new 2 1/2 Baths, newer oak trim windows, refinished Hardwood flrs, beautiful natural woodwork, high ceilings, box beam in Living Room, Formal Dining Room. Great Location to town and transportation. \$725,000 WSF2932



Scotch Plains . . . Newly listed spacious, sunny Colonial, 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 BTHS, LR, FDR, EIK w/ large pantry + sliders to DK. FR w/ frpl, HWD FLRS, CAC, fenced yard. Easy walk to town and transportation. New maintenance free exterior. \$359,900 WSF2951

Westfield Office
 209 Central Avenue
 908-233-5555, ext. 169
 Direct Line: 908-301-2015



Congratulations

STARS OF Excellence

Barbara (Bobbee) Mulvey
 Sales Associate

“Bobbee is committed to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and service and is consistently a high achiever.”
 -stated Michael Scott, Manager

Some people think just any real estate company will do.
 Others expect more.

Westfield Office
 209 Central Avenue
 908-233-5555
 908-301-2027 (direct line)
 www.ColdwellBankerMoves.com

Coldwell Banker Mortgage: (Toll Free) 1-888-317-5416
 Concierge™ Service: 1-800-353-9949

©2003 Coldwell Banker Corporation. Coldwell Banker® is a registered trademark of the Coldwell Banker Corporation. An Equal Opportunity Company. Equal Housing Opportunity. ©2003 NRT, Incorporated

IN THE GARDENS OF WESTFIELD

Radiating traditional charm, this exquisite 6BRM, 3.5BTH Center Hall Dutch Colonial reveals lovely artistic touches. A serene ambiance is crafted w/HWD FLRS, wainscoting, moldings & embellished archways. The elegant front-to-back LIV RM & banquet sized formal DIN RM w/frame molding compose marvelous entertaining spaces while the FAM RM, well-equipped Eat-in KIT & bsmt recreation rm accommodate your family activities. A delightful 3rd Flr w/2 BRMS & bath complements your living space. Enhancing this outstanding home is a prestigious “Gardens” location, close to schools and parks. Presented for \$1,150,000.

For an appointment call:

Joyce Taylor, Sales Associate
 NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club 1977 - 2002
 (908) 233-6417, Direct Dial

Westfield Office • 600 North Avenue, West • (908) 233-0065

Scotch Plains Recreation Events

Youth Basketball Leagues (3rd-8th): This is a separate instructional league for boys and girls. The leagues will be determined by the registrations. No requests for team placement will be honored. Girls will play on Thursdays and boys will play on Tuesdays. Games and practices will be scheduled in township school facilities. Volunteer Coaches needed. Coaches must attend the Rutgers Safety Clinic on October 22. Registration: \$40
Maracas Cuentos: Interactive parent/child program based on children's books, creative learning tools and songs in Spanish. 4-week program for Pre-K early elementary students. \$75 pp includes all materials. Mondays Nov. 17-Dec. 8 from 3:45-4:30 or Tuesdays Nov. 18-Dec. 9 from 10:45-11:30. Classes will be held at the Towne House.
Mother/Daughter Create a Page: Create a page from your personal lives. Bring 10-20 photos of your own and learn to create a beautiful everlasting treasure. Held on Saturday, October 11, from 10-12:30 p.m. at Scotch Hills. \$20 per pair. Register by October 3.
Conquer the Chaos: No more

“Mom I forgot my lunch.” Or Dad, I have to be at practice in five minutes!” Imagine a day when everything runs smoothly and everyone in the family can find what they need when they need it! It can happen! Bring your kids and join Jamie Novak, a long time professional Organizer for this one night, entertaining and interactive workshop. Jamie has been a recurring guest on CN8, WCTC, and News 12.
 Date: Thursday, October 16, at Scotch Hills Country Club. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$20.
Create-A-Page (adults): Class will focus on Halloween/Fall Harvest themes. Organize your pictures (bring 10-20 of your own photos relating to this theme or similar events if possible) and create a page for your album. Held on Saturday, October 18, at Scotch Hills from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee \$20 per person. Register by October 11.
Photo Album Power Layout: This session focuses on organizing a stack of pictures and introducing Power Layout to complete an album in a day. Includes all supplies. Held on Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Scotch Hills. Fee \$50. Register by October 17.

See it all on the Web! www.goleader.com

An open front porch welcomes you to this delightful sun-drenched Westfield Colonial that captures your heart. The interior boasts luminous HWD FLRS, an arched entry & molding. The cordial LIV RM w/wood-burning fireplace is joined by a formal DIN RM w/a corner cabinet An airy Kitchen opens onto a deck & fenced yard. On the 2nd flr you'll love the brand new bath and nicely sized brms. Many recent updates including central air conditioning, a marvelous location, close to all schools & town, mingle to enhance the allure of this lovely home. Presented for \$449,900. For additional details or to view this home call...

Susan Dinan, Sales Associate
 (908) 518-5286, Direct Dial
 NJAR Circle of Excellence, 1995-98, 2000-02

Westfield Office • 600 North Avenue, West • (908) 233-0065