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Mayor McDermott Updates Council on Redevelopment

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At Tuesday evening's meeting of the Westfield Town Council, Mayor Gregory McDermott updated the governing body on the progress with the redevelopment process in regards to the parking decks at South Avenue and Prospect and Elm Streets.

He stated that the town has met with representatives from NJ Transit to "let them know we're serious" about the project. He said that it was a positive meeting.

The mayor added that he also met with representatives from the Westfield Planning Board to open the lines of communications and hear

their concerns.

He also stated that the issue of the proposed height of the structure "is definitely going to be addressed" and that developer Robert Powell has ideas for lowering it.

The mayor added that the first set of plans should be brought to the town by the end of the month.

The council also approved a resolution to move forward with a Phase II environmental study of the South Avenue and Prospect and Elm Street parking lots. The Phase I study, which is a history of the sites, was recently completed.

The town will also be soliciting proposals from companies for bond counsel and construction management and oversight.

A few residents raised questions during the open session regarding the Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), as well as the bonding issues.

Resident John Devitt questioned the council as to whether they entered into the redevelopment process to avoid having a referendum on the issue.

Several council members said that they were not aware that the redevelopment law excludes the use of the use of a referendum.

Larry Graf, a resident of Bayberry Lane, brought up the topic of the proposed artificial turf field at the conservation center. He questioned if the process would follow the regu-

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School Bus Service Worries MS Parents

By BETSEY BURGDOFF
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Tuesday's meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education was highlighted by public complaints about the school bus service, by announcement of the formation of a search committee to replace resigning Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gerard Schaller and by remarks on the status of the Beechwood School construction.

No mention was made of when Beechwood School will be opened.

The search to replace resigning Principal M. Priscilla Church and Dr. Schaller was discussed. Mr. Goggi acknowledged that a search committee will be formed and will be comprised of faculty, parents, and the Board.

"The final decision rests with the BOE, but there will be parents and faculty on the search committee," Vice President Sally Rivieccio added.

School Board President Peter Goggi reported that progress is being made at Beechwood School.

Board member MaryBeth Schauberg stated, "The site looks well underway. The school looks so much better from outside just having removed most of the stuff from the front of the building."

When the floor was opened to public participation, emotions ran high as frustrated parents voiced their concern over the poor performance of the Vogel Bus Company. Several parents stated that since the first day of school, there have been major problems with missed or late pick-ups and drop-offs, as well as overcrowding on the majority of the routes.

Vogel provides service for Mountainside students to Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, Deerfield School in Mountainside, Union County Vocational-Technical High School in Scotch Plains and the Union County

Magnet High School in Scotch Plains. The public expressed their frustration with the poor service on many of these routes.

Mountainside resident Toni Baseil said that she had to drive her child to school four out of the 10 scheduled times because the bus did not arrive. She further expressed her concern over the size of the bus stating, "The bus is meant to accommodate 20 kindergartners, not high school children."

Others contended that this leads to children having to sit in the aisle or stand because of the lack of seating. Parents were also concerned that seatbelts on the buses are difficult to use due to the design.

Principal Church added, "I have inspected the buses. Kids are on small buses which are not suitable for high school children."

Mr. Goggi stated, "This is the first I have heard of this problem. I will be following up on this tomorrow."

He added, "The beginning of the year is always full of adjustments with the issue being service versus cost, and trying to balance both."

He urged parents to keep logs of missed or late pick-ups so that he is fully aware of the extent of the problem.

School system Business Administrator Paul Vizzuso said that he will contact the head of Vogel to discuss the problems, and if the issues cannot be resolved, the board will look at other options.

In another matter, Mr. Goggi reminded the public that students, as well as parents acting on their child's behalf, have the right to opt out of sexual education classes. A letter confirming this was sent to parents before the curriculum was started.

At the beginning of the board meeting, a presentation was made

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Conditional Site Plan Approved For S. Ave. Indian Restaurant

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
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For the third month in a row, homeowners Bruce and Edna Ashforth have requested that their application for a minor-subdivision of their property at 1249 Prospect Street be postponed until the next month's meeting.

The application, which was first presented to the Westfield Planning Board in July, was originally scheduled to resume at the August meeting, was then rescheduled for September, and is now planned for Thursday, October 9.

A decision regarding that appeal was carried from the July meeting due to the late hour and testimony needed from an environmental expert.

According to the July testimony given from the applicant's Engineer, Andrew Birtok of Harbor Consultants in Cranford, because there are wetlands in the first proposed subdivided lot a 50-foot buffer zone would be installed, which is required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

He noted that the dimensions of the buffer zone would change at different places of the property, narrowing at some points to 25 feet and widening at other places to 75 feet. This, Mr. Birtok, stated was "an acceptable practice" as he understood

the rules of the DEP.

He added that as long as the land was compensated at another point it was acceptable to go less than the 50-foot buffer. This he explained in what he did by widening the buffer zone to 75 feet at the other end.

Many Planning Board members, including Robert Newell, as well as Martin Robbins, had questions about the proposed buffer zone and noted that a decision would be hard to make regarding the application without an environmental expert.

In other business, the board granted a conditional site plan approval for a property at 321 South Avenue, which had been used as retail space to be now used as a restaurant.

According to testimony given by the applicant, Balwinder Singh, he and his restaurant partner, Anokh Chand, plan to open a restaurant, serving Indian cuisine, that will be open six days a week from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner. The restaurant will be closed on Mondays.

The applicant's Attorney, James Flynn, stated that the two men have been running two other restaurants successfully in Sayerville for six years and two years respectfully.

Mr. Robbins asked the applicants about the lunch crowd, noting that he saw a potential problem at lunch

with regard to parking. The applicants stated that, based on the two current businesses that they had, they saw the restaurant as concentrating more on dinner noting their Sayerville locations do 90 percent of their business in the evening.

In addition, the architect for the project, Jennifer Wenson of Wenson and Associates in Rahway, noted that there are some on street parking available as well as spaces in the parking lot to the rear of the building.

Also testifying on behalf of the applicants was Robert Destefanis,

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Patrick Connor for The Westfield Leader

DECONTAMINATION...A Westfield fireman prepares to decontaminate patients who arrived in Westfield during the mock disaster drill on Saturday.

Westfield BOE Discusses Results Of Community Survey at Meeting

By ED COONEY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Board of Education presented the results of its 2003 Community Survey at its Tuesday night meeting. Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley presented the results from a prepared statement, accompanied by a Powerpoint slideshow presentation.

The following is a summary of his presentation.

In May of this year, the Westfield school district distributed 2,396 surveys randomly to members of three different groups, including parents of students in the district, registered voters and parents of pre-school students.

The school district received 1,351 completed surveys. The majority of

those who responded are parents who have a child attending school in Westfield.

The survey dealt with a broad range of topics. The data was broken down into various subgroups that provided the board with an idea of what is on the minds of Westfield residents.

"It's almost overwhelming," commented Dr. Foley.

When asked what issues should be prioritized within the school budget, the survey results showed 54 percent of respondents thought decreasing class sizes should be one of the district's top priorities.

Ongoing training for teachers was cited as the second priority, listed by 44 percent of respondents. Technology integration in the classroom was third, with 39 percent.

Building maintenance ranked fourth, followed by the offering of electives at Westfield High School (WHS); additional guidance counselors for the district's students; promoting the visual and performing arts, and providing elementary-level students with foreign language instruction, respectively.

In the budget-related section of the survey, the most varied responses dealt with the school district's fields and athletic programs.

The results showed 6 percent of respondents from the registered voter category felt this should be a concern of the highest priority, while 20 percent of respondents with students in the school system felt it should be a top priority.

Similar results were found regarding expansion of the school district's athletic programs. Only 5 percent of respondents from the registered voter list felt as though the district's ath-

letic programs should be of highest priority.

By comparison, 16 percent of parents whose children have been out of the school system for a maximum of five years considered this one of their highest priority issues.

In regards to the school budget process, 16 percent of respondents said they monitor it "very closely," while 52 percent claim to follow it "somewhat closely." Most respondents (55 percent) felt the recent school district budgets have been "about right," and 70 percent felt they have been kept reasonably informed about the 2003-2004 school budget.

The next section of the survey asked respondents to rank their satisfaction with individual schools within the Westfield Public School district.

All nine schools in the district received favorable (Excellent, Very Good, or Good) responses, above 90 percent. Wilson Elementary School received the most "Excellent" responses, with 61 percent, and Edison Intermediate School received the least Excellent responses, with 18 percent.

The next section of the survey asked parents to evaluate specific areas of interest regarding the school(s) their children attend. Parents of WHS students provided a number of unfavorable responses to the question concerning discipline.

Superintendent Foley acknowledged their concerns, saying, "At the high school level, discipline is a bigger factor. I hear reports of suspensions, either in school or out of school, every week from the high school."

Security at all of the district's schools was also a major concern among parents of Westfield students, according to the survey. Thirty-seven percent of parents with students at WHS responded unfavorably, with intermediate schools and elementary schools drawing unfavorable responses of 27 percent and 20 percent, respectively.

Parents of students at McKinley Elementary School in particular have high security concerns. "Clearly, this is something we want to take a closer look at," said Dr. Foley.

The survey then allowed the respondents to rate the programs, as well as the teachers and administration, in the Westfield school district. Almost all surveyed categories received favorable responses, with the exception of noted dissatisfaction with the level of technological integration across the district.

Additionally, respondents displayed a lack of satisfaction with the

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Additions Must Be Scaled Back, Says WF BOA

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
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Because the Westfield Board of Adjustment stated at their monthly meeting last Thursday evening that some homeowners needed to "scale-down" their applications, approximately 25 percent asked for an extension that would put them on the October 20 agenda.

Out of 15 cases on the agenda, four asked to be carried over so that plans could be re-submitted and one has withdrawn their application.

Applicants John and Francesca Cafaro of 422 Downer Street sought permission to extend their kitchen by eight feet. According to the Land Use Ordinance, the maximum allowable coverage for their property is 20 percent. Presently, the coverage is 28 percent and the applicants propose that it be extended to 30.2 percent. In addition the maximum allowable floor area ratio allowable is 40 percent, while at present it covers 40.7 percent and 42.8 percent are proposed.

It was noted that the applicants had been granted two previous variances for additions in 1985 and in 1990.

Board of Adjustment Chairman Vince Wilt told the applicants, "if we grant you these variances you will have 50 percent more coverage than is allowed."

Applicants Dan and Lori Duffy of 531 Colonial Avenue sought permission to build a one-story porch that would have a front-yard setback of 51 feet and six inches to the curb and 32 feet to the property line. Currently, the home sits at 59 feet and six inches to the curb and 40 feet to the property line.

However, the Westfield ordinance states that homes in this zone are required to have a front yard depth of 65 feet and three inches to the curb. Mr. Wilt noted that the porch would be "too close to the street."

Applicant Michelle Pierce of 731 St. Marks Avenue asked to erect a two-story addition in the rear of her home that would put the rear yard set back at 28 feet and 4 inches while the ordinance requires 35 feet. The maximum building coverage allowable for that lot is 20 percent, while the applicant was proposing 20.38 percent.

Board members stated that the addition needed to come down at least eight inches.

Applicant Roseanne Vassallo of 307 Canterbury Lane asked permission from the board to erect an addition that would cover 22.4 percent of the lot, while the zoning ordinance states that 20 percent is permissible.

In other business, Richard and Crystal Brinkman of 1163 Lawrence Avenue were told by Board of Adjustment Attorney, Vince Loughlin, that they must come back because it is noted that while they are seeking a variance to construct a conservatory to their home on 1163 Lawrence Avenue, the current square footage of the newly constructed home is over by 500 square feet.

Mr. Loughlin noted that the home, which was built in 1997, was a sub-division that was approved by the Planning Board. He added that the home may have been built before a zoning law went into effect allowing only 4,000 square feet; currently 4,500 exists.

He suggested that the homeowners have a survey done and contact their closing attorney from the February 1998 sale of the home.

In other business, applicants John Kuhn and Rita Steinberger of 655 Maple Street, who were asked in July by board members to scale down their two-story addition, have withdrawn their application.

Finally, the board granted permission for three additions, two porches, a three-season sunroom, alterations on a single-family home, a dormer and to replace an existing garage.

The next Board of Adjustment meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m.

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Benjamin B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader
GOVERNOR MCGREEVEY VISITS WESTFIELD...On Tuesday Governor James McGreevey visited Westfield High School to note progress in the construction project. He is pictured in the newly completed wing speaking to Robert Brewster's science class.

CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK



TRENTON COMES TO WESTFIELD...State Senator Tom Kean Jr. (R-21), left, and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21), center, stopped in during Governor James McGreevey's visit to Westfield High School on Tuesday.

School Bus Service Worries Parents in Mountainside

by Elaine Nestel, Supervisor of Special Services. She explained the monitoring system for special education classes and procedures of the state Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs.

The system allows districts to self-assess their special education programs with the expectation of identifying strengths and weaknesses.

Mrs. Nestel said that she feels the self-assessment will be beneficial because "it will allow us to identify weaknesses within the program ourselves, before we are cited for them."

The program is designed to identify systemic problems rather than individual ones. Mrs. Nestel will form

a Steering Committee comprised of the superintendent, Director of Special Services, parents, special education teachers, regular education teachers, child study team members and board members.

The team will help with data collection and analysis — the goal being complete compliance with state guidelines. The focus will be on inappropriate or missing policy or procedures, as well as inappropriate application of policy and procedures. On-site monitoring by the state will be done every six years.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Mountainside Board of Education is set for Tuesday, September 23, at 8 p.m.

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lar planning board procedure. According to Town Attorney Robert Cockren, the town is exempt from the Land Use ordinance, but that it could be referred to the planning board for review.

Mr. Graf raised concerns over traffic, and the high number of accidents on Lamberts Mill Road, as well as environmental issues. He suggested that other locations be looked at for the turf field, and stated that he thinks it is premature to be meeting with residents from Scotch Plains. He also added that there was a previous lawsuit by Scotch Plains residents over the use of the land.

Mayor McDermott responded that the council had raised similar concerns at their last meeting and has asked the Recreation Commission to look at other locations. He said that the council is unsure that they want to put a "gem of a field in the middle of a dump."

In other business, Amel Vogel of Hyslip Avenue spoke to the council on about a proposed luxury condominium development on Prospect Street. James Ward is proposing the

project, he noted, adding that he will be making a case to change the land use code.

Mr. Vogel stated that these condominiums will be for seniors and will fill a "serious void." He asked that the council have an open mind for this project.

Mayor McDermott thanked the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Westfield Fire Department and the Westfield Police Department for their work during the mock disaster drill last Saturday. He stated that the drill allowed the town to see their strengths and weaknesses so that they can be prepared for emergencies.

In other business, the council approved a resolution to award the contract for the Tamaques Pond dredging. The project will begin on Monday, September 22.

There was also a presentation made to the town of an original watercolor by Patricia Brentano Bramnick of the September 11th memorial park.

The painting will be hung in the mayor's office.



TO THE RESCUE...Rescue squads from around the area, including Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside attended the mock disaster drill in Westfield on Saturday to test their skills.

WF BOE Discusses Results Of Community-Wide Survey

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principal and administrators at WHS.

Survey results also showed that 60 percent of parents with children at WHS think that excessive pressure to succeed is being placed on their children.

"Some stress is just a part of life, and a part of high school," said Dr. Foley. "but we don't want it to come to the point where it's something dysfunctional."

Board of Education President Arlene Gardner added, "I'm not sure it isn't a reflection of pressure from parents showing itself at school."

In addition, *The Westfield Leader* was named as the most highly preferred source of information with 77 percent, followed distantly by Parent-Teacher Organization/Parent-Teacher Association e-mails at 53 percent.

The remainder of the meeting was

spent transacting the normal business of the school board.

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 16, to determine the agenda for the Saturday, November 1 meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.

The plan for the November meeting calls for 50 teachers, administrators and community members to convene in order to discuss new strategies and action plans for the school district. The board's goal is to have a broad-based representation of the community working together on a new Strategic Action Plan.

The board approved new curricula for the school district's gifted education program. The additions include advanced mathematics and an economics unit for seventh-graders.

Emily McDermott Selected For Nat'l Leadership Forum

WESTFIELD - Emily McDermott of Westfield has been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy (NYLF/DID) from Tuesday, October 14, to Sunday, October 19 in Washington, D.C.

Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career related to national security, Emily will join approximately 400 high school juniors and seniors from across the country at the forum.

"By participating in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy,

students like Emily McDermott will develop a keenly educated perspective on the United States' role in global conflict resolution," said Donna Snyder, Executive Director of NYLF.

"While we introduce these young leaders to the masterminds behind our county's international relations communities, students also take part in a series of simulations. The combination of interacting with professionals and other students in this setting ensures that the future of our country is very bright."

Emily is a student at the Union County Magnet High School.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

• Lamar Bundy, 26, and Kelli Carter, 26, both of Westfield, were arrested during a civil disturbance in the 200 block of Cacciola Place. Bundy was charged with two counts of aggravated assault on police, two counts of resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana.

Carter was also charged with two counts of aggravated assault on police, as well as two counts of resisting arrest, plus disorderly conduct and obstruction of administration of law. The suspects were released on bail.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

• Coco Barker-Matara, 21, Crystal Ashburn, 23, and Eboni Van Allen, 21, all of Jersey City, were arrested on Lamberts Mill Road and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. Ashburn was additionally charged with possession of a fraudulent insurance card, while Barker-Matara was also taken into custody on a contempt of court warrant for \$400 from Jersey City. All were subsequently released on their own recognizance.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

• Andrew Regenstein, 18, of Westfield was arrested at South and Central Avenues and charged with being in possession of materials to manufacture fictitious driver's licenses. He was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

• Michael Vera, 25, of Franklin Park was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated at East Broad Street and Gallows Hill Road. He was released on his own recognizance to a responsible party.

• Harjit Bawa, 52, of Manhattan was arrested at North Scotch Plains Avenue and Drake Place and charged with possession of a hypodermic needle, for which he was issued a summons. He was also taken into custody on a contempt of court warrant from the Municipal Court of Westfield, for which he was released on his own recognizance.

A computer check revealed additional contempt of court warrants for Bawa out of Newark, for \$2,750, and Mountainside, for \$100, as well as a no-bail warrant from the Union County Superior Court. He was being held in lieu of bail.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

• Hector Tiban-Criollo, 22, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated after allegedly fleeing the scene of an accident at South and North Scotch Plains Avenues. He was also charged with refusal to submit to a breathalyzer, having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident and

reckless driving. Tiban-Criollo was released on his own recognizance to a responsible party.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

• Matthew Eaton, 20, of Fanwood was arrested in the 1000 block of Central Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was subsequently released to a responsible party.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

• Valerie Blackmon, 53, of Rahway was arrested in the 300 block of North Scotch Plains Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released on his own recognizance to a responsible party.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

• Pietro Tammaro, 35, of Clark was arrested on Central Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released to a responsible party.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

• Peter Zimmerman, 38, of Basking Ridge was arrested on Lawrence Avenue and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of a suspected controlled dangerous substance. He was released on his own recognizance.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

• Michael Dankowski, 20, of Roselle Park, Jamie Herbst, 19, of Colonia, Jennifer Zollo, 20, of Avenel and Cory Spearman, 20, of Hillside were arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana during a traffic stop at South Avenue and Sussex Street.

Dankowski was also charged with hindering apprehension after he allegedly released himself falsely. All four were released on their own recognizance.

• Kelly Marshman, 35, of Jersey City was arrested in the 400 block of East South Avenue and charged with possession with intent to distribute suspected cocaine; possession with intent to distribute suspected cocaine within 500 feet of public housing, and possession of suspected cocaine, suspected marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Marshman, whose motor vehicle was seized, was being held in the Union County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail on these charges, plus \$1,250 on warrants out of Atlantic City.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

• Jennifer Knighton, 30, of Berkeley Heights was arrested at Wells Street and St. Marks Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated. She was released on her own recognizance to a responsible party.

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WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- Dorian Road - downed telephone pole with transformer and wires.
- Woodland Avenue - electrical fire.
- Central Avenue - cooking fire.
- Boulevard - fire alarm malfunction.
- Boulevard - fire alarm malfunction.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- Boulevard - fire alarm malfunction.
- Edgewood Avenue - tree down on power lines.
- Boulevard - fire alarm malfunction.
- Bailey Court - water leak.
- Clark Street - water leak.
- South Avenue, West - trashcan fire.
- Boulevard - fire alarm malfunction.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- Seneca Place - smoke odor in house.
- Central Avenue - medical emergency.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

- Nomahegan Drive - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Standish Avenue - downed power wire.
- Elm Street - fire alarm malfunction.
- Dorian Road - carbon monoxide leak.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

- Birch Avenue - furnace fire.
- Sunset Avenue - house lockout.
- Prospect Street - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Clark Street - electrical fire.
- South Avenue, West - complaint investigation.
- Watching Fork - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Plainfield Fire Headquarters - standby and cover Plainfield.
- Coleman Place - flooded basement.
- Central Avenue - cooking fire.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

- Boulevard - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Clark Street - water leak.
- Prospect Street - fire alarm malfunction.
- Summit Avenue - complaint investigation.
- Linden Avenue - downed wires.
- Hanford Place - downed telephone wire.
- Elm Street - carbon monoxide alarm malfunction.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

- North Chestnut Street - burning odor in neighborhood.
- Grove Street - water leak.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

- Cambridge Road - steam leak.
- Sylvania Place - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Breeze Knoll Drive - fire alarm malfunction.
- Mountain Avenue - fire alarm malfunction.
- Canterbury Lane - electrical fire.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

- Summit Avenue - cooking fire.
- Greenwood in Mountainside.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- Elm Street - fire alarm malfunction.
- First Street - fire alarm malfunction.
- Embree Crescent - burning odor in house.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

- Elmer Street - downed telephone wire.
- North Avenue, East - electrical fire.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- Terminal Avenue in Clark - fire alarm malfunction.
- Summit Avenue - complaint investigation.
- Nelson Place - electrical fire.
- Prospect Street - broken water main.
- West Dudley Avenue - unknown odor in house.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- Boulevard - fire alarm malfunction.
- Glen Avenue - downed cable television wire.
- Boynton Avenue - car fire.
- Grandview Avenue - flooded basement.
- Roger Avenue - downed telephone wire.
- First Street - fire alarm malfunction.
- Faulkner Drive - car fire.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

- Boulevard - low hanging power lines.
- Central Avenue - setup portable stop signs due to power failure.
- Cumberland Street - setup generator for life support due to power failure.
- Trinity Place - carbon monoxide alarm malfunction.
- Bennett Place - cooking fire.
- Waterson Street - setup generator for radio communications due to power failure.
- North Scotch Plains Avenue - setup generator for life support due to power failure.
- Dorian Road - fire alarm malfunction.
- Genese Trail - electrical problem.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

- Central Avenue - cooking fire.
- First Street - fire alarm malfunction.
- Central Avenue - gas odor in building.
- Nancy Way - fire alarm malfunction.
- Myrtle Avenue - smoke in neighborhood.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

- Baker Avenue - electrical fire.
- Nomahegan Drive - cooking fire.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- Woodland Avenue - tree down on wires.
- Boynton Avenue - medical emergency.
- Summit Avenue - downed power wire.
- Golf Edge - water leak.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

- Norman Place - electrical fire.
- Kimball Turn - downed cable television wire.
- Summit Avenue - house lockout.
- Sinclair Place - forcible entry for medical emergency.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

- Springfield Avenue - medical emergency.
- Harding Street - downed telephone and cable television wires.
- Bell Drive - extricate child stuck in a swing.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

- Summit Avenue - complaint investigation.
- Azalea Trail - fire alarm malfunction.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

- Dorian Road - carbon monoxide leak.
- East Broad Street - dumpster fire.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

- Bailey Court - fire alarm malfunction.
- Carleton Road - electrical fire.
- Cory Place - remove bat from house.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

- Mohawk Trail - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Fanwood Avenue - electrical fire.
- Lawrence Avenue - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Nomahegan Drive - cooking fire.
- Westfield Avenue - fire alarm malfunction.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- Grandview Avenue - fire alarm malfunction.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

- Saint Marks Avenue - fire alarm malfunction.
- Saint Marks Avenue - fire alarm malfunction.
- Mountainside Fire Headquarters - standby and cover Mountainside.
- Dorian Road - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Dorian Road - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Midwood Place - gas grill fire.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

- Quimby Street - dumpster fire.
- Fairmont Avenue - fire alarm activated accidentally.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

- East Broad Street - fire alarm malfunction.
- Cardinal Drive - fire alarm malfunction.
- Fairmont Avenue - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Bailey Court - fire alarm malfunction.
- Boulevard - fire alarm malfunction.
- Hyslip Avenue - gas odor in house.
- Minisink Way - fire alarm malfunction.
- Shackamaxon Drive - fire alarm malfunction.
- North Avenue, West - transformer fire.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

- Cumberland Street - medical emergency.
- Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains - structure fire.
- Dorian Road - fire alarm activated accidentally.
- Central Avenue - trashcan fire.
- Lenox Avenue - mulch fire.
- Embree Crescent - unknown odor in house.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

- Springfield Avenue - truck fire.
- East Broad Street - electrical fire.
- South Avenue, East - smoke odor in building.
- Starlite Court - medical emergency.

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- Quimby Street - gas leak.
- North Avenue, West - auto accident with fluid spill.
- Poets Place - cooking fire.
- Vernon Place - house lockout.
- North Avenue, West - cut padlock off gate for police.

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- North Avenue, West - medical emergency.

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who is the current property owner. Mr. Newell questioned Mr. Destefanis with respect to prior approval granted in 2001 regarding the parking lot of the same property. Mr. Destefanis stated that had paved 60 percent of the parking lot for the building when he re-did the enclosure of the building and made some other general improvements.

Planning Board Chairman Jay Boyle asked Mr. Destefanis if he had done the re-striping of parking spaces to which Mr. Destefanis answered "no." However, when asked by Mr. Boyle if he was willing to do so he answered "yes." Mr. Newell told Mr. Destefanis that, although improvements were done the parking lot area, it "was still not up to code." He suggested that improvements be made regarding egress as well as the lighting. Mr. Destefanis reported as far as he knew the lighting in the lot was up to code to which Mr. Newell asked if he could then see a report.

Planning Board member Richard Elbert echoed the sentiments of the condition of parking spaces. Mr. Destefanis also agreed to put in safety bumpers in the lot and noted that it was hard for him to put a lot of money into the property when there was difficulty in renting the store.

It was decided that the applicants would be granted conditional approval for the restaurant pending a Site Plan Review Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 18, at 8 a.m. with Mr. Destefanis outlining what specifically needs to be done in the parking lot. Mr. Destefanis agreed to what the Planning Board referred to as a "Good Faith Negotiation."

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, at 8 p.m.

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